

Deutsch im Köfferchen

Term 2, 2008

Dear Colleagues,

Term 1 was an extremely busy time for the Languages Consultants, German. The main focus of our work has been developing material to support the new Course Prescriptions for the Extension course. This material will be presented at our German Extension workshop in August.

As there are many important dates in the coming weeks, we thought it best to send out an e-News for Term 2, in place of our usual newsletter.

We wish you all a happy and successful term.

Kind regards,
Elisabeth, Penny and Kathrin

Upcoming events for students

Extension HSC day

Date: Friday, 30 May 2008, 9:15am – 2:30pm.

Cost: No charge for 2008.

Venue: Goethe-Institut, 90 Ocean Street, Woollahra.

Guided by teachers, students work in mixed groups to discuss the issues, and practise HSC-style monologue tasks.

Teachers are required to attend and will be allocated an issue to prepare for the day. Students and teachers are asked to bring their own morning tea and lunch (there are no shops nearby).

Register by emailing verenaobi@yahoo.com.au (including school name, name of attending teacher, and student names).

Beginners HSC day

Date: Friday, 6 June 2008, 9:15am – 2:30pm.

Cost: No charge for 2008.

Venue: Goethe-Institut, 90 Ocean Street, Woollahra.

Guided by teachers, students work in mixed groups to develop speaking skills in all topics, then practise an HSC-style conversation.

Teachers are required to attend and will be allocated a topic to prepare for the day. Students and teachers are asked to bring their own morning tea and lunch (there are no shops nearby).

Register your interest to elisabeth.robertson@det.nsw.edu.au (including school name, name of attending teacher, and student names).

German Zoo Days

For Years 7-10.

Friday, 20 June 2008 OR Friday, 27 June 2008.

Learn German in context with a lesson on Australian animals and a walking trail through the zoo. Due to the popularity of these days, please register your interest by emailing elisabeth.robertson@det.nsw.edu.au with school name, year group, student numbers and preferred date. More information will then be sent to you.

ALC Language certificates

German Certificate 1: Tuesday, 5 August 2008

(for students with 80-100 hours of learning)

German Certificate 2: Wednesday, 6 August 2008

(for students with 100-200 hours of learning)

German Certificate 3: Thursday, 7 August 2008

(for students with 200-300 hours of learning)

Registrations close 9 May 2008. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.acer.edu.au/alc/>

JUNG:DE

25 August – 19 September 2008

It has been said that generalising about youth culture in Germany is like “trying to sing any number of songs at the same time”. So what’s the story? With what do young German people choose to engage – politically, emotionally, culturally? What are the trends that are driving German youth? How do they imagine their future? More than an exhibition, “jung:de” is an invitation to explore the differentiated, exciting and inherently contradictory world of German youth. Revealed via images projected onto a number of large screens and a mixture of interactive music, film and internet stations, the exhibition takes us on a trip through a landscape of fashion, dress, rituals, music and language. German youth give voice to their take on everything from reality television and xenophobia to hip-hop and favourite cuddly toys – “jung:de” brings together the threads that create a unique tapestry of the first “After the Wall” generation.

For more information about the exhibition, visit http://www.goethe.de/ins/au/lp/lhr/aus/fia_nsw/en2831565v.htm (enrol through the website – enrolment forms will be added shortly).

A broad array of material accompanying the exhibition is also available online at www.goethe.de/lrn/prj/jgd/deindex.htm

Are you interested in an overview of what the exhibition ‘jung:de’ has to offer? Are you looking for ideas and materials that your students can use before, in and after the exhibition? Then come to one of our introduction sessions. The Professional Development Facilitators of NSW will provide information about the exhibition and provide you with a range of materials and teaching ideas designed to support your visit. Go to <http://www.goethe.de/ins/au/lp/prj/tna/nsw/wks/enindex.htm> for more information.

For more information about the exhibition or support material, call 02 8356 8350 or contact Kathrin.Furmanek@sydney.goethe.org

German School Film Festival

Film-making is challenging, stimulating and motivating, and the German School Film Festival is now an annual event. The topic for 2008 is *Verbindungen* (Connections), and how you and/or your students interpret this is up to you! Entries close 7 October 2008. Full details at <http://www.goethe.de/ins/au/lp/prj/gsf/enindex.htm>

Upcoming events for teachers

K-6 Technology workshop

Thursday, 29 May 2008, 3:00pm – 6:00pm.

Curriculum Directorate K-12 (Technology Room, 3a Smalls Rd, Ryde).

Cost: DET \$55.00, non-DET: \$110.00 (incl. GST)

Register online at <http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/prolearn08/>

German Extension workshop

Thursday, 21 August 2008 @ Ryde.

Cost: DET \$110.00, non-DET: \$220.00 (incl. GST).

Introducing the new Course Prescriptions (stories and issues), plus support materials available from Curriculum K-12.

Register online at <http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/prolearn08/>

National Conference for Teachers of German

Germany on Stage, in combination with the *International Year of Languages*, will showcase and explore a variety of methods for teaching German in Australia. The focus will be on elements of drama, role play, theatre and film which can enrich and foster general methods used in the German classroom. The conference will include examples of best practice, *Landeskunde* and papers on research findings.

6-9 July, 2008

Marina Quays International, John Lund Drive, Hope Island, Gold Coast QLD

Teachers: \$380/\$280, Students: \$150/\$100

For more information, email Marina.Shine@sydney.goethe.org or visit <http://www.goethe.de/ins/au/lp/lhr/aus/enindex.htm>

HSC examination dates

Oral examinations:

Beginners	Saturday, 20 September 2008 (9:00am – 4:00pm)
Continuers	Saturday, 13 September 2008 (9:00am – 4:00pm)
Extension	Saturday, 20 September (9:00am – 4:00pm)

Written examinations:

Beginners	Tuesday, 21 October 2008 (2:00pm – 4:40pm)
Continuers	Tuesday, 21 October 2008 (2:00pm – 5:00pm)
Extension	Thursday, 13 November 2008 (2:00pm – 4:00pm)

(from <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>, accessed 5 May 2008)

Information

Antipodeans Abroad: Information evening

An excellent opportunity for your students to find out more about German immersion programs and how they can experience life with a European family, improve their language skills and develop interdependence in a supportive environment.

When: Thursday, 15 May at 6:30pm

Where: Antipodeans Abroad (Suite 303A, 282 Victoria Ave, Chatswood – opposite Chatswood Chase Shopping Centre)

To reserve a place, call 02 9413 1522, or for more information, visit <http://www.antipodeans.com.au/default.asp>

German Saturday School

Do you have students who would like to study German out of school hours? The German Saturday School is a non-profit organisation, which provides a friendly and inexpensive environment in which to learn the German language. The school has locations in Blacktown, Camden, Collaroy Plateau, Miranda and Pymble. For more information, visit: <http://www.germansaturdayschoolsydney.org/index.html>

Ideas for the classroom

Olympic Games

The Olympic Games are almost here, and it might be worth re-visiting the material developed for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, available at: http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/primary/languages/german/assets/pdf/ger_olympics.pdf The official website for the Beijing Olympics can be found at <http://en.beijing2008.cn/> An introduction to the mascots can be found at <http://en.beijing2008.cn/spirit/beijing2008/graphic/n214068254.shtml>

Ebenezer Emu

The Adventures of Ebenezer Q. Emu is a creative activity which encourages students in Early Stage One and Stage One to talk, listen, read, write and use ICT for different purposes. Adventure content may be drawn from any of the KLAs. StoryBuilder is the template for creating a story and including digital pictures and optional sound recordings. The story may be printed or enjoyed on the computer. Text can be created in any language, and the site includes teachers support. For more information, visit: <http://www.cli.nsw.edu.au/ebenezer/index.htm>