

TEACHER ALERT



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A goal properly set is halfway reached
-Zig Ziglar

We've passed the halfway point for 2024! This is a perfect time to reflect on the goals you set way back at the beginning of the year. Are you on track? Have these goals changed? Do you need to adjust them, increase goals in one area and decrease in another?

Don't be too hard on yourself - goals provide us with direction, motivation and purpose. They're a journey not a race. We shouldn't punish ourselves for our detours or missteps, be kind, find clarity and keep going.

Here's a fantastic article on resetting your goals and refocusing mid-year.

[Tips for Resetting Your Goals: Realign and Refocus Mid-Year](#)

HOW'S YOUR YEAR GOING?

Don't forget we are here to help you along your teaching journey. If you need support or have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch: info@speechnz.co.nz

You can also fill out our [online forms](#) and give us feedback following tours so that we can improve our service to you all.

TEACHER COACHING

Grow and develop successful business and teaching practices - no matter where you are in your career with our [Teacher Coaching programme](#). Choose one, two or all of our modules from understanding finances, to marketing basics, IT systems or building a business plan. Held online, the sessions are 1:1 and tailored to *your* desired outcomes. Upskill or learn something new and grow in 2024!



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WELCOME BACK AMY



Amy Atkins is a multidisciplinary artist and event manager. With a passion for live art, puppetry, poetry, and theatre, Amy makes an array of playful work for young people and adults. You can explore Amy's work over on her website amygracelaura.com

Amy is rejoining the Speech New Zealand team for the rest of the year as an Exam Administrator. An Advanced Associate Diploma holder herself, she brings lived experience of Speech New Zealand examinations to her new fixed-term role. Later in the year, she'll be holding two workshops for EPC. One will be on Clowning and how to teach it and the other will be on Sole Trader Best Practices to help you thrive in 2025.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Credit Card payment links now available via your invoice as of 18 July 2024. Credit card fees apply. If you would still like to use direct debit, you can find the information in the invoice details.

A screenshot of a credit card payment interface. On the left, a 'Speech New Zealand TAX INVOICE INV-2456' for 240.00 NZD is shown, due today (Jul 18, 2024). On the right, a payment form prompts the user to enter a code sent to their email, with options to use saved information or send the code to email instead. It also shows fields for card number, expiration, CVC, and country (New Zealand), with a 'Pay 246.96 NZD' button and a note about a 6.96 NZD processing fee.

GRADUATION VOUCHERS

As you will likely be aware, post Covid-19 we offered graduation ceremony vouchers so that our SNZ community could connect in-person and celebrate their success. From August 2024, we will no longer be distributing these vouchers but that does not mean we don't celebrate successes! We will always share success stories on our socials: kelly.gilbride@speechnz.co.nz

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CANTERBURY PRIMARY STUDENTS SET TO SHINE

Speech New Zealand, Rātā Foundation and Canterbury English Speaking Union Trust are proud to launch an enriching ten-week oral language literacy programme for years 5 and 6 students at Pareawa Banks Avenue School running from Wednesday 24 July 2024 to Friday 27 September 2024.

The programme serves as an enriching personal and creative growth opportunity to students that elevates communication skills and helps to build a nation of confident, capable communicators.

"By equipping these tamariki with oral communication skills, we are empowering them all to be a part of our nations voice. We at Speech New Zealand are extremely grateful for the support from Rātā Foundation and Canterbury English Speakers Union Trust to ensure equitable access for the Canterbury community"

-Helena Coulton, Executive Manager of Speech New Zealand

We are really excited to have Speech NZ coming in to work with our Year 5 and 6 students to develop their oral language and communication skills. This in-class program will complement our current literacy teaching, which includes SHARP reading, The Code and Storytelling.

It has been fantastic that the program facilitators have been able to incorporate our school HEART values into their program, along with our current foci, such as narrative writing, visual art, and social skills."

-Jan Thompson, Principal at Pareawa Banks Avenue School

This initiative is made possible with the support of Rātā Foundation and Canterbury English Speaking Union Trust.

These funders understand the power of communication and the vital importance it plays in one's life, from improved social interactions and professional opportunities to positive health and mental wellbeing outcomes.



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REMINDERS FROM CHAIR OF EXAMS,
KAREN AUSTIN

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We hope your teaching year is going well and that you are enjoying teaching our syllabi.

Should you have any topics you want discussed in our online Q&A sessions please contact National Office.

TALKS

Please ensure that candidates use an extempore style of speaking. We are seeing a number of candidates who have obviously memorised talks, often speaking in a very even manner and lacking a connection with the stated audience.

Delivery is vital! Remind students to breathe and to pause for effect.

PROGRAMMES

While it is compulsory for Flexi Speaking and Performing candidates to bring in a programme, it is also helpful if candidates using Speech and Drama or Public Speaking and Oral Communication do the same. The Flexi Programme needs to follow our guideline e.g. Tahi 1 - Informative Talk and topic. If these are not included, it makes it difficult for the examiner and can be upsetting for the candidate.

ORAL COMMUNICATION | AROMATAWAI-Ā-WAHA ME TE MARAUTANGA REO

Poetry can be presented individually, in pairs or as a group.

TIME LIMITS IN FLEXI SPEAKING & PERFORMING

Time limits are not specifically prescribed but we give an approximate time for each task and a total examination time. This varies grade to grade. To ensure you have the correct prescribed time, refer to the [syllabus](#).



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SELECTION OF TEXTS

If possible, try to have candidates saying a variety of poems, acting a variety of characterisations and using a variety of books. If the examiner has already heard a poem several times during the day it is quite a challenge to listen to it with a fresh approach!

There is a wealth of online resources if you are looking for fresh authors!

Some starters:

[Poetry](#)
[Children's Bookshop](#)
[Aotearoa Books](#)
[New Zealand Plays](#)



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Consider purchasing one of our many online teacher resources to help with lesson plans. Each is jam packed with comprehensive information, games, exercises, prompts and so much more, all to help spark inspiration and support teachers in their practice.

Visit our [website](#) for more information.



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Little Did You Know: Advice for a Sole Trader

DIGITAL BOOST

Get a daily boost in all things digital and gain access to free online resources and upskilling workshops that will enhance your digital capability. It's entirely free - sign up [here](#) today!

CYBER SMART WEEK

Did you know that about half of New Zealander's experience cyber crime within a six-month period?

Know the risks, protect yourself and your business and secure yourself online with CERT NZ's annual Cyber Smart Week campaign: 21 - 27 October. [Learn more here.](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA PRO TIP

Keep your engagements live on social media!

When you post something on social media, make sure to check the comments section regularly. Respond to comments, like them, acknowledge and engage with your audience.

Social media can be a powerful relationship building tool. It's a two-way street.

SETTING GOALS FOR THE RIGHT REASONS

Do you find you set goals but never quite meet them? This TED Talk explores how to set meaningful goals that inspire, not just yourself, but your team.

In short, when setting goals ask yourself some core key questions:

Why? - Combine your passion with your purpose and develop a clear sense of *why*.

What? - *What* actions are you going to take to achieve your goals and fuel your passion?

How? - *How* will you meet your key results?

Watch the full talk [here](#).



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EPC (EDUCATORS IN PERFORMANCE & COMMUNICATION)

Our events this year so far have been wildly successful and we have received such positive feedback.

You can purchase previous recordings to watch at your own leisure for only \$22.20. Email info@epc.org.nz for a copy or visit our [website](http://www.epc.org.nz).

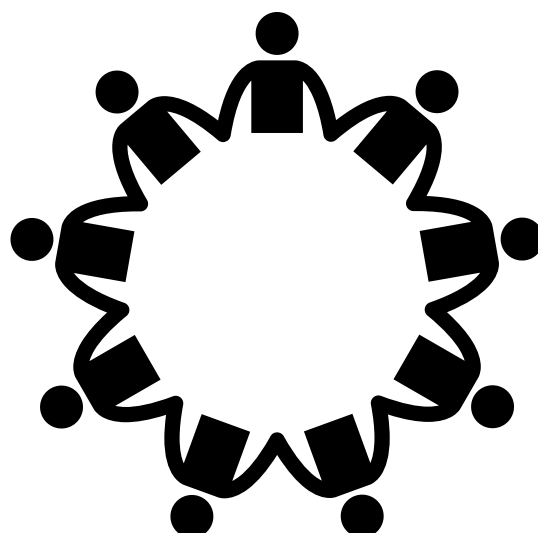
UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



TUE 13 AUG: Nathan McKendry discusses collaborative lighting design and introduces some basic lighting techniques.



WED 4 SEP: Two of the recipients of the 2024 Deirdre Snedden scholarship (Nina Burchett & Georgia Lassen) share where their scholarship took them and what they learnt along the way.



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WED 16 OCT: An interactive workshop on clowning for all experience levels!



WED 27 NOV: We wrap up the year with Amy Atkins sharing her knowledge on sole-trading business practice.

19 February 2025 – Deirdre Sneddon recipients

Rebecca Reed & Emma Barnett, recipients of the Deirdre Sneddon scholarship share how this enhanced their professional practice.

PREVIOUS WORKSHOPS

Keep Speaking Up – Joseph Boon

Joseph discusses the challenges of progressive disability, its effects on communication and how speech therapy can help.

Connect, Develop and Reveal Character – Miranda Harcourt

Dame Miranda Harcourt DNZM shares her insights and expertise on revealing and connecting character through text whilst portraying and enveloping the emotional journey.

BOOK TODAY

To secure your place in any of our upcoming workshops or purchase recordings of previous events, please visit our [website](https://www.epc.org.nz).

JOIN US

For more information on EPC or to register, visit the [EPC website](https://www.epc.org.nz).



GENERAL INFORMATION

2024

WHO DO I CONTACT?

If you have any questions or exciting news, we would love to hear from you!



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Success Stories or media opps
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[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) plus, did you know we have a [private page](#) just for Speech NZ teachers? Join today and connect with your fellow educators.



NATIONAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 9:30am - 2:30pm

Helena Coulton - Executive Manager
Mon | 8.45am - 2.45pm Tue | Thu | Fri |
9.00am - 2.30pm Wed | 6.00am -
3.00pm

Claire Tanner - Exam Manager
Mon | 8.30am - 4.30pm | Wed | 8.30am -
2.30pm | Fri | 10.30am - 4.30pm

Kim Penman - Exam Administrator
Mon - Thu | 9.30am - 2.30pm

Kelly Gilbride - Marketing Coordinator
Mon | Wed | 8.30am - 5.00pm | Fri |
8.00am - 11.30am

Katie Jackson - Office & Accounts
Administrator Amy Atkins
Mon - Fri | 9.30am - 2pm

Amy Atkins - Exam Administrator
Mon & Wed | 9.30am - 2.30pm