

FMLS Newsletter 2022-5

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## FEBRUARY MARCH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We had a successful start to the scholastic year with the co-operation of the Faculty of Education, University of Malta. Professor Antoinette Camilleri Grima and Dr Jacqueline Żammit covered several topics. 15 teachers from the schools affiliated with the FMLS attended the series of lectures where they could share knowledge and contribute in a reciprocal manner to the pedagogy Maltese Language teaching.

#### **SURVEY**

The new financial year has started and I hope the first semester for your school has been successful. Attached is the usual snap shot survey form ,we send out each year in order to have figures at hand how much the learning of the Maltese Language is in demand by the Maltese Community in Australia. Please coordinators/principals responsible for each school/class fill in the attached excel form and send it back to the FMLS President.

## **FMLS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting is planned to be held on ZOOM on **Tuesday 13 September 2022 at 6.00pm**. Please note this in your diary. The online meeting will save time and expense and we hope that all teachers can attend.

This year, the following positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer on the FMLS Executive, will be declared vacant. We welcome fresh faces on the FMLS Executive committee.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION AFTER AGM

Continued Professional Development (CDP) helps teachers be more effective in their work, stay interested, and most importantly increase their confidence. A great way forward which can be of benefit is when knowledge is shared. We have this opportunity to do so through this FMLS CDP session.

Maltese Language Teachers are encouraged to share a presentation on ZOOM of some work they have collated that will assist other Teachers of Maltese , suitable for either k-18 or adult students . These presentation will be held after the AGM on ZOOM, and should not be more than 4 minutes long. A small gift token will be given to each presenter as an appreciation of their contribution to the CDP.

Submissions of presentations are to be sent to the FMLS Executive Committee for approval a month before the date of the AGM to ensure that the there is no duplication of topics and are relevant to the scope of professional development. These presentations will later be shared with other schools for their resource use. Presenters will be listed with authorship of their presentation. The CDP session will not last more than 1 hour.

# **SCHOOLS SUBSIDY**

A FMLS school subsidy of \$ 400 will be distributed after the AGM to each affiliated FMLS schools that were financial and operational in 2021/2022. In 2022 the FMLS received a Grant subsidy from the Maltese Government. This grant will allow assist affiliated Maltese Language Schools and the FMLS to continue with its work in teaching and promoting the learning of the Maltese Language in Australia

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