



Bi bródúil as do theanga

An Fhuinneog Ghaelach

Cumann Gaeilge na hAstráile

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Beannachtaí na Nollag

A chairde, ba mhaith liom tosú le buíochas a ghabháil don choiste atá ag dul amach. Rinne siad go léir sár obair i rith na bliana. Fáilte roimh an gcoiste nua atá againn anois!

Táim ag súil le bheith ag obair libh ar son na teanga agus é a chur chun cinn anseo san Astráil.

Tá an Daonscoil ar siúl arís i mí Eanáir agus tá spáiseanna fágtha ann fós. Molaim daoibh páirt a ghlacadh ann le bhur gcuid Gaeilge a chleachtadh, agus chun bualadh le daoine atá ar intinn chéanna libhse.

Cheannaíomar ríomhaire nua, clódóir, guthán agus teilgeoir i

mbliana.

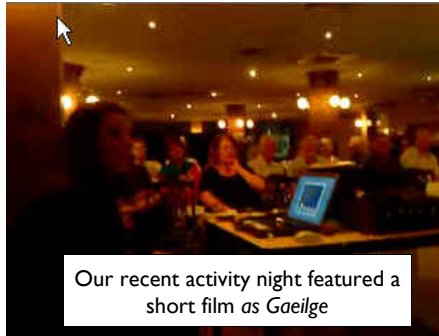
Beidh seans againn níos mó imeachtaí a eagrú, mar shampla oíche scan-náin, agus buíochas le Stuart, oíche Tg4!

Freisin, táimid ar Facebook. Is slí iontach é seo chun a bheith i dteagmháil lena chéile agus imeachtaí a roinnt.

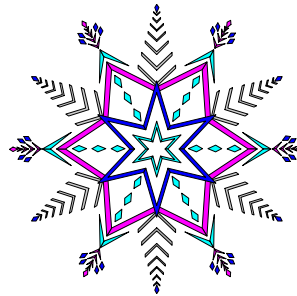
Mar chríoch, ba mhaith liom beannachtaí na Nollag a sheoladh chuigaibh go léir. Beimid an-ghnóthach i rith 2010, bígí cinnte go mbeidh sibh páirteach ann!

Le meas

Karolyne Paron



Our recent activity night featured a short film as Gaeilge



Key Dates for Dec 2009 - Feb 2010

8th Dec	Last class of term 4
15th Dec	Year End Party
3 Jan to 10 Jan	Daonscoil Victoria at Lady Northcote Camp, Bacchus Marsh
2 Feb	Teacher meeting
9 Feb	First class of term 1 for 2010
End Feb	Next issue of <i>An Fhuinneog Ghaelach</i>

Information given here about term dates is for students in Victoria only and Interstate students should check with their local teacher.

www.gaeilgesanastrail.com

Irish Language classes each Tuesday during school terms 7:30 pm in the Celtic Club Melbourne

An Coiste Nua

Iwould like to start by thanking the outgoing committee for all their hard work during the year, and to welcome the new committee. I look forward to working with all of you to help promote our language here in Australia.

Daonscoil 2010 is fast approaching and there are still plenty of places left to fill. I encourage you all to participate if possible, to practice your Irish and also to meet like-minded people.

This year, we bought a new laptop, a printer, a mobile phone and a projector. This means we can now look to organizing movie nights and, thanks to Stuart, possibly a TG4 livestream! We are also on Facebook now which is another great way to communicate with others and to highlight our activities.

Finally, I just want to wish you all a wonderful Christmas. We will have a busy 2010, so make sure you are a part of it all!

Le meas Karolyne Paron

Don't forget our planned visit to the Donegal Gaeltacht in August 2010

Full details available from Deirdre on 0423 080 677



Ag an gCruinniú Ginearálta toghadh seachtar baill nua. Siad na daoine atá ar an gcoiste nua ná:

Uachtarán:	Karolyne McDermott
Leas-Uachtarán:	Teresa Lynn
Rúnaí:	Ruán Walker
Cisteoir:	Gerry Halliday
Ball:	Ailbhe McDaid
Ball:	Chris Mooney
Ball:	Kate Moody
Ball:	Laura Kenny
Ball:	Maurice Scanlon
Iar-Uachtarán:	Deirdre Gillespie

Tá an t-ádh linn go bhfuil Gerry ag leanúint mar Chisteoir, agus go bhfuil Cáit agus Deirdre ar an gCoiste fós, leis an taithí atá acu.

Táimid gnóthach go maith faoi láthair, go háirithe leis an Daonscoil. Bhí mórán den obair déanta againn cheana. Buíochas, a Cháit agus na daoine eile as an mbróisiúr.

Tá na n-iarratais Daonscoile ag teacht isteach agus tá súil againn go mbeidh slua mór ann. Sílim gurb é buaic na bliana ná an Daonscoil. Má tá sé ar intinn agat teacht, sheol do iarratas chomh luath agus is féidir le do thoil mar tá an Nollaig beagnach linn.

Cheannaíomar guthán póca. Má tá ceisteanna agat faoin Daonscoil, 'sé an uimhir ghutháin ná : 0405 210 149. Feicfidh mé thú ag an Daonscoil.

Ruán Walker

Rúnaí

TG4

Is féidir breathnú ar cláir TG4 ar an idirlíon – m.sh. "Thar Sáile" daoine ag foghlaim agus ag labhairt Gaeilge ar fud na hEorpa.

www.tg4.ie - brú TG4 Beo agus Cláir Eile

Nuacht Eile

Our website has now been updated with some new links including one that will take you straight to our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=62552736485

Like our website, the Facebook page is open to the general public. It currently has about 30 members including many from overseas. Anyone who already has their own Facebook page can join but note that joining the group on Facebook is not the same as being a member of Cumann Gaeilge na hAstráile.

Facebook is free, but actual Cumann membership requires an annual subscription which entitles you to member benefits including voting rights at our AGM (*reminder, our membership renewals for 2010 are now due and run from January to December. A membership form is included with this issue*)

That said, we see Facebook as a very good medium for promoting things that require more immediate coverage than our website or even this newsletter can provide. On Facebook we are particularly keen to advertise coming events and to promote online discussions using forums. Do you have something to say? Put it in a forum and see what others think. Do you know of a forthcoming event which would be of interest to Irish speakers? Then use our forum to give it a plug!

Survey 2009

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to our survey included with the last issue. We have collated all the results and a full report has now been submitted to our committee. There were a lot of very useful suggestions made in the survey, particularly in response to these three key questions -

- How can we make our classes more interesting?
- How and where can we find teachers?
- How can the different states help each other?

Our committee will be looking at all of your suggestions, *mar sin mar a deirtear, féach ar an spás seo!*

Gaelchultúr has developed online courses, enabling participants to study from home or from the office in their own time.

Online courses include **Accuracy in Irish** and **Irish the Easy Way! – Lower Intermediate level**. You can try a sample unit or register for one of these courses at **www.ranganna.com**

If you require additional information about the language classes, or any of Gaelchultúr's courses, please call **(01) 484 5220** or **1890 252 900** (from within Ireland) Alternatively, you can write to **eolas@gaelchultur.com** or visit **www.gaelchultur.com**

Tá cúrsaí ar líne forbartha ag Gaelchultúr freisin. Tugann na cúrsaí seo deis do na rannpháirtithe staidéar neamhspleách a dhéanamh ar an nGaeilge sa bhaile nó san oifig ina n-am féin.

I measc na gcúrsaí atá againn ar líne, tá **Cruinneas sa Ghaeilge** agus **Gaeilge gan Stró – Meánleibhéal 1**. Is féidir aonad samplach a fheiceáil nó clárú do chúrsa ar **www.ranganna.com**

Tá tuilleadh eolais le fáil faoi na cúrsaí thuas ach glaoch ar an oifig ag **(01) 484 5220** nó **1890 252 900**. Is féidir scríobh chuig **eolas@gaelchultur.com** chomh maith nó cuairt a thabhairt ar **www.gaelchultur.com**

Have you registered yet for Daonscoil? Places are filling fast and an application form is available on our website

www.gaeilgesanastrail.com

Cumann Gaeilge na hAstráile Teo

Éarlámh: Máire Mhic Ghiolla Íosa

IRISH LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

Patron: Mary McAleese, President of Ireland

Cumann Gaeilge na hAstráile, the Irish Language Association of Australia is a non-profit organisation run entirely by volunteer tutors and a voluntary committee of management. Its aim is to promote the Gaelic language as a second language within the Australian community, and to form networks with other cultural, heritage and Gaelic-speaking groups. Formally established back in 1992, the ILAA offers structured weekly language classes to students of all ages, nationalities, and walks of life, across a range of levels — absolute beginners, basic, intermediate, advanced — as well as the opportunity to practice and converse together in a supportive environment.

Members receive a quarterly newsletter; access to the library; and also enjoy weekly singing and informal conversation sessions; as well as participation in social events and residential language schools.

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**Annual Membership Application or notification of change
of address, telephone number, mobile, email.**

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Membership fee is \$30 per annum and due each January. Class fee is \$4 per week.