

Teacher's Report May 2019 - AGM

When Petr, the president reminded me that it's time to write up another report for yet another AGM, I realised that this is my sixth year of involvement with the Czech School here in Tauranga. It's my privilege to continue teaching, but as you will appreciate having to give up every Sunday can become a bit of a chore ... Luckily Kacka Flekova (the other teacher) has been able to share the load with me ... well at least till she gave birth earlier this year. She is still adjusting to being a mum, but I believe that she will be able to take on her share at some point soon. Meanwhile, whilst kindy numbers have dropped, Aja (one of the kindy teachers) offered that she will be able to cover some of the classes and I wish to thank you for that offer.

Since the start of the year the school is using a new classroom - it's cleaner, warmer (there is a functioning heat pump) and as it is slightly further, thus there is a minimal distraction. I am sad to see some of the old timers leave the Czech school - but I can understand how that no longer fits with their life/ hobbies and I welcomed all the 6 year olds. The dynamics of the classroom have changed and we now have more kids who are talking well and are keen to learn more of the Czech language, history and traditions.

This year we were meant to participate in the 20th Multicultural Festival. Here I wish to say a massive thank you to Ivka, who devised and practiced the great dances with all participants. Due to the atrocious events in Christchurch the festival postponed and unfortunately we couldn't partake on the alternative day. I am certain that we will wish to take part next year.

We are continuing with block learning, where during the whole term we build our vocabulary related to a certain theme. First term was all about holidays in the second one we will concentrate on our body, jobs in the third and nature in the fourth one.

This year start off with a bang and I am hoping it will continue with that great success. Here I wish to thank the committee of the Czech and Slovak Club for their support as I have successfully applied for a grant that will allow me to further my experience and knowledge by attending 2 week course of teaching in Prague at the end of August. I am looking forward to that experience and I hope that I will come back with information I will be able to share with the rest of the teaching team.

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