



President Report, AGM 2015

Dear members and friends of the Club,

I would like to say that this year was the most successful year in our short existence and so we have something to celebrate. It was a very significant year, when we experienced a lot of things for the first time.

For the first time, we received a significant amount of financial support from the MINISTRY of FOREIGN AFFAIRS of the CZECH REPUBLIC, the Bay Trust and MOE NZ that allowed us to work without financial pressure. We attended Czech Schools' International Conference in Melbourne in Australia. For the first time we organized events designed only for adults: movie night in Rialto, which reached a record number of 64 participants and talkshow with Dr. Uzel and Pepa Štross about sex ...

For me, the greatest joy is the opening of the Czech playgroup, 1.2.2015. To see how our community is growing and a possibility to influence our children from an early age with our native language ... that brings me tremendous joy. I find work with pre-schoolers great fun and fulfilling. I'm also excited that Kamila, a pre-school teacher got involved.

We had a total of 9 cultural events, some of which are already traditional, such as St Nicholas, summer camp, Easter, and new actions such as: a night with Andersen, fairy Masque, burning witches..

1. Fairy Masque
2. Movie night
3. Summer Camp
4. A night with Andersen
5. Bonfire
6. Talkshow with Dr. Uzel
7. Easter
8. Multicultural festival
9. Burning of witches

The upcoming year we can once again enjoy the traditional events and new events, such as winter camp Lyžák and puppet theatre. We will attend the first ever Conference of Czech Schools in New Zealand and we will launch our own Web page, which will open another line of communication with you.



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I'm very happy that my vision and passion for the cause is shared, and that new people who joined the Club contribute significantly with their own enthusiasm and abilities, such as Klara, Kamila (L) and Petr F, their support is much appreciated. And of course I ought to mention Jana Benfell and her diligent work as the club accountant, Jana Bennett, and the expanse of secretarial work she has done for the club and Jana Heller, who is quietly writing the club Chronicle.

I am pleased that our actions bring joy to many people and especially children, new friendships are built and that we have created a support in our small Czech -Slovak community. Traditions and language are preserved and passed on to a new generation, and our children can be proud of their cultural heritage.

"It takes a village to raise a child", and we are an absolutely gorgeous village ())

When I decided more than two years ago to set up the Club, it was so I could teach my son czech, I sought advice and experience from Czech Clubs in Wellington and Auckland. I knew I needed a team, I would not start the club otherwise. Two years later, thanks to an awesome team, we operate so well that those I sought advice from are now enquiring how we tick so well. Families are moving to our City, because they want to join us and attend the Czech School ... and kids write essays at schools about what they have experienced at events of our Czech Club. Viva!

It is not just the result of my work, but all of us here, who are working selflessly and we appreciate the work of one another and treat each other with respect. Keep it up!

And finally, remember that this Club is here for you and about you, and therefore, do not be afraid to come to any member of the Committee, if you have any ideas, suggestions or comments.

I wish you all another year of fun and joy

Dana

President