



North Island **Bahá'í Summer School**

Date: 26 - 31 December 2011

Venue: Southwell School - 200 Peachgrove Road, Hamilton

Advancing the Frontiers of Learning

Te Whakakōkiri I ngā Whirinaki Mātauranga

(from page 5 of the House of Justice message, 28 December, 2010)

Programme Overview 2011

	Mon 26 th December	Tue 27 th December	Wed 28 th December	Thurs 29 th December	Fri 30 th December	Sat 31 st December
7.00am				Dawn Prayers (Location: The Library)		
7.00am - 8.15am				Breakfast		
8.25am- 8.50am				Devotions (Location: Auditorium) <i>Note: Parents, please take Children & Junior Youth to their classes when devotions finish at 8.50am, and return in time for the first plenary session at 9.05a.m.</i>		
09.05am - 10.30am	<i>Forces of Our Time</i> Allan Waters	<i>Forces of Our Time</i> Allan Waters	<i>Forces of Our Time</i> Allan Waters	<i>Principles of Bahá'í Governance</i> Dr. Graham Hassall	<i>The Tablet of Ahmad</i> Muna Waters	Clean Up
10.30am - 11.00am				Morning Tea		
11.00am - 12.00pm	<i>Forces of Our Time</i> Allan Waters	<i>Forces of Our Time</i> Allan Waters	<i>The Right of God</i> Allan Waters	<i>The evolving role of the Local Assembly and the Arm of the Learned</i> Michael Vaughan	<i>The Tablet of Ahmad</i> Muna Waters	Clean Up
12.30 - 2.00pm				Lunch		
2.00 - 3.30pm				Workshop Sessions		
3.30pm - 4.00pm				Afternoon Tea		
4.00pm - 5.00 pm				Workshop Sessions		
5.00pm - 6.00pm				Break / Culture Hour: Soccer, Zumba, Kapa Haka, Yoga and Meditation, Bone Carving		
6.00 - 7.15pm				Summer School Photo (5-5.30pm)		
				Dinner		
7.30pm	<i>Friendship</i> Film Evening presented by Ken Zernke	<i>Sounds of the World</i> Cultural Evening	<i>Bahá'ís got talent</i> Entertainment Evening	<i>The Brilliant Stars in Your Eyes</i> Performances by Children & Junior Youth		

Children's classes and workshops also run at these times.

Plenary Talks

This year we are fortunate to have as our guest speakers Allan and Muna Waters, of Australia. Allan and Muna have recently returned from the Bahá'í World Centre, where they served for a number of years and both ran deepenings for the friends there, which were very popular.



Allan's presentation will include an examination of the current global situation and provide a Bahá'í perspective on the unfolding events we are witnessing around the world. Based on an exploration of the widely popular and recently published book *The Forces of our Time* by Mr. Hooper Dunbar, this study of the book's themes will help provide understanding and help make sense of the seemingly chaotic world we live in. Practical suggestions to combat the negativity circling the globe are explored.

The session on *Huqúqu'lláh – The Right of God* will provide a brief historical review of the background of this law and highlight some key aspects of this mighty law of Bahá'u'lláh, including the role it plays in the unfolding of the Faith. The workshop session will be devoted to answering questions about the nature and application of the law.

Muna's presentation on *What Islam Really Teaches* is a basic introduction to Islam and its teachings. Given the rise of 'radical Islam' and the current attitudes towards it, this study will dispel many misconceptions, as well as provide a brief historic review of its birth and significance as the background to our own Faith.

Additionally, Muna will provide an historical background to the revelation of the well-known *Tablet of Ahmad* and explore the significance of this Tablet. This favourite prayer of many believers will take on added meaning and significance when the special relationship between Bahá'u'lláh and Ahmad is discussed.

Blog: http://allanmuna.blogspot.com/2011_03_01_archive.html

Special focus on Bahá'í elections

The Plenary talks on Thursday 29th December, as well as four follow-up afternoon workshops, are focused on the theme of *Bahá'í elections*. These have been organised by Counsellor Alan Wilcox, who has asked Dr Graham Hassall and Auxiliary Board Member Michael Vaughan to speak.

Graham's talk, *Principles of Bahá'í Governance*, provides an overview of the concepts and issues of governance at the national and international level - what happens in the outside world - and how this compares with the Bahá'í approach. Graham will refer to relevant passages from the Bahá'í Writings, as well as the last parts of the 28 Dec message from the House of Justice, which summarises the approach and attitudes that the Administration is built on and the relationships between the individual and the Community. Michael's talk, *The evolving role of the Local Assembly and the Arm of the Learned*, will focus on the vision of the Local Assembly (as set out in the 28 December message) and the evolving role of the Arm of the Learned, as the job description has changed radically over the last decade. His talk will also incorporate some aspects of Bahá'í elections from the March 2007 letter from the House of Justice.

Youth and Adult - Workshops (4-5pm)

Tue 27 th December		Wed 28 th December		Thurs 29 th December		Fri 30 th December	
Workshop	Location	Workshop	Location	Workshop	Location	Workshop	Location
<i>Youth Workshop – Q & A on Marriage</i> Laura and Zane Melsom	Library	<i>Youth Workshop - Q&A on A Life of Service</i> Ramin Armangoo	Library	<i>Youth Workshop – Q & A on The Right of God</i> Allan Waters	Library	<i>Youth Workshop – Q & A on Junior Youth</i> Pax Asadi	Library
<i>Tongan Workshop</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Melini Taufalele	Room 18	<i>Tongan Workshop</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Melini Taufalele	Room 18	<i>Voting in Bahá'í elections: What to look for and how to get the best Assembly</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Dr. Shirin Foroughian	Room 18	<i>Tongan Workshop</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Melini Taufalele	Room 18
<i>Persian Workshop</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Esfandiar Nehzad	Room 19	<i>Persian Workshop</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Esfandiar Nehzad	Room 19	<i>Effective consultation</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) TBC	Room 19	<i>Persian Workshop</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Esfandiar Nehzad	Room 19
<i>Teaching the Bahá'í Faith</i> Jeffrey Smith	Room 20	<i>Coherency in the 5 Year Plan</i> Jeffrey Smith	Room 20	<i>Effective management and chairing of meetings</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) TBC	Room 20	<i>The Tablet of Ahmad</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Muna Waters	Room 20
<i>Forces of Our Time</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Allan Waters	Room 21	<i>Forces of Our Time</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Allan Waters	Room 21	<i>Making decisions in accordance with principle</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) TBC	Room 21	<i>Ruhi Book 1 Refresher</i> Ina Angova	Room 21
<i>The spiritual prerequisites of success of all Bahá'í undertakings</i> Margaret Mohammed	Room 22	<i>Introduction to Grade 2 Lesson Plans and Initial preparation to teach these materials</i> Robert and Christina Soderstrom	Room 22	<i>Tongan Workshop</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Melini Taufalele	Room 22		
	Session 2		Room 29				
<i>Biblical prophecies and the Bahá'í Faith</i> Jamie Banks	Room 29	<i>Biblical prophecies and the Bahá'í Faith</i> Jamie Banks	Room 29	<i>Persian Workshop</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Esfandiar Nehzad	Room 29		
<i>Samoan Workshop</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Fa'afou Poliko	Room 30	<i>Samoan Workshop</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) Pesa White	Room 30	<i>Samoan Workshop</i> (follow-up to morning Plenary talks) John Misela	Room 30		

Children and Junior Youth - Morning and Afternoon Workshops

Morning Workshops

Coordinators: Eamon and Zyra Vaughan

Date & Time	Tue 27 th December		Wed 28 th December		Thurs 29 th December		Fri 30 th December	
	9-10.30	10.30-11	9-10.30	10.30-11	9-10.30	10.30-11	9-10.30	10.30-11
3-4	Rebecca M	Morning Tea	Rebecca M	Morning Tea	Rebecca M	Morning Tea	Rebecca M	Morning Tea
	Tom M		Tom M		Tom M		Tom M	
5-6	Tom M		Tom M		Tom M		Tom M	
7-8	Rewa W		Rewa W		Rewa W		Rewa W	
9-10	Anisa T / Lanu T	Morning Tea	Anisa T / Lanu T	Morning Tea	Anisa T / Lanu T	Morning Tea	Anisa T / Lanu T	Morning Tea
	Ato T / Dwayne D		Ato T / Dwayne D		Ato T / Dwayne D		Ato T / Dwayne D	
11-12	Ato T / Dwayne D		Ato T / Dwayne D		Ato T / Dwayne D		Ato T / Dwayne D	
13-14	Nick T		Nick T		Nick T		Nick T	

Afternoon Workshops

Coordinators:

Date & Time	Tue 27 th December		Wed 28 th December		Thurs 29 th December		Fri 30 th December	
	2-3.30	3.30-4	2-3.30	3.30-4	2-3.30	3.30-4	2-3.30	3.30-4
3-4	Soraya and Michael H	Afternoon Tea	Soraya and Michael H	Afternoon Tea	Soraya and Michael H	Afternoon Tea	Maxine S	Afternoon Tea
	Sue H		Sue H		Sue H		Sue H	
5-6	Sue H		Sue H		Sue H		Sue H	
7-8					Fa'afou P / Sauaga P			
9-10	Tavoi T	Afternoon Tea	Tavoi T	Afternoon Tea	Tavoi T	Afternoon Tea	Tavoi T	Afternoon Tea
	Mark H		Mark H		Mark H		Mark H	
11-12	Mark H		Mark H		Mary Z		Mary Z	
13-14	Rebekah S	Afternoon Tea	Rebekah S	Afternoon Tea	Rebekah S	Afternoon Tea	Rebekah S	Afternoon Tea