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Reading, Riting, Rithmatic. That's all?

Being Minister of Education is not an easy path. I recall Hon Merv Wellington getting the stick for announcing that all schools would fly the New Zealand flag. Who could object to that? But some people did.

Now Hon Anne Tolly wants to put full budget support into teaching and measuring primary level children's skill with reading, writing and arithmetic. Who could object to that?

As with all communication, it is not just the words but how they are delivered. "How would you like to …" always makes more friends than "Thou shalt…"

The 3Rs are important. They are the basic blocks upon which we manage our lives. Too many kids slip through school without mastering them. If you've ever lived in a country where you don't speak the local language you'll know the feeling of being helpless, useless and disenfranchised. Frustration can lead to mischief …

But let's not overlook the contribution sport, cooking, gardening, woodwork and drama etc have made to enrich our lives. Peter Jackson, Trelise Cooper and David Tua can hire people to write their letters and count their money.

A well-rounded, modern education is a complex thing.

Brian Morris Principal

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Janice Marriott, author and tutor

Q What's the nicest thing about living in central Wellington?
A The fact I can walk everywhere - and everywhere means into the hills, the bush, the city, to a concert, a cafe, or the beach. Such a variety of good places all within easy reach.

Q Which of your books gave you the most satisfaction to write?
A All writing is satisfying, and I could never choose one book as being more satisfying than another. They are all very different, and all challenging to write, and satisfying to achieve.

Q Do you keep office hours, or work only when you feel inspired?

A I don't have a set routine. Every day is different. I write when I have the time, unless I have a deadline to meet.

Q Who or what influenced you to become a full time writer?
A I think it is my love of story telling and my enjoyment of narrative that made me want to write. I always want to know what's going to happen next.

Q How many books ahead do you plan?
A Just the one.

Q What would you say to encourage a novice writer?
A Just keep writing. Write anything. Write letters to friends. That is a great way to develop fluency and find out what you really want to say. And friends always give you feedback. You are never unpublished if you've posted a letter to a friend.

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Chat To Your Tutor Days, October

This is your opportunity to speak to your personal tutor. The toll-free number 0508 428 983 operates only at the times listed below. Mark your calendar now. Make a list of the questions you want to ask.

Michael Morrissey	Thursday 29th October	10am – 2pm.
David Pardon	Friday 30th October	8:30am – 5:30pm.
Bartha Hill	Monday 2nd November	8am – 6pm.
Robert van de Voort	Tuesday 3rd November	8:30am – 5:30pm.
Dick Ward	Thursday 5th November	9:30am – 1:30pm.
Dick Ward	Friday 6th November	9:30am – 1:30pm.
Angela Pyke	Saturday 7th November	10am – 12 noon.
Janice Marriott	Monday 9th November	9am – 4pm.
Joan Rosier-Jones	Tuesday 10th November	8.30am – 5.30pm.

Call early in the day to avoid the rush at the end.

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Katherine Mansfield Award winner

The winner of the novice category was NZIBS student Karen Phillips, who is tutored by Joan Rosier-Jones who says:

"I am delighted Karen won this award, but not surprised. She has talent. My small part was to suggest she expand a story she wrote for Assignment #3 and submit it to the KM competition. It was a lovely story but too short at 500 words. So I suggested adding some description to enhance the setting and to have a longer lead in to the climax. The rest was up to Karen, and she did it! Congratulations, Karen."

Link to Karen's short story =
www.bnz.co.nz/binaries/2009-KMA-The-Visit-Novice.pdf

Link to judge Carl Nixon's comments =
www.bnz.co.nz/binaries/2009-KMA-Judge-Report-Novice.pdf

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School leavers under-prepared for work

There's a real difference between writing school essays and the kind of writing employers want workers to do. However, six lessons of practical transition study between school and starting work can be worthwhile. Having a certificate in business writing will give job-hunters a distinct advantage.

This is also for anyone wanting to move into modern office work, such as women returning to work after child rearing etc. **NZIBS Business Communication course** covers how to write business letters, emails, proposals, tenders, > > 2