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Encouragement works wonders

My last major function for 2009 was presenting prizes at Hibiscus Coast Writers Club. I'm club patron, so I get to give out the prizes.

The Encouragement Award goes to the member who has conscientiously entered all the club competitions but not won a prize. Lesser mortals would give up but Gillian Henderson kept sending in her entries. She received the Encouragement Award in 2008.

In 2009 she won a vast assortment of prizes. She developed from 'better luck next time' to fair and square winner – in one year.

Is there a direct link between being encouraged and achieving? I reckon there is. Gillian is your evidence.

Brian Morris Principal

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Decide what you want in 2010

"If you don't decide for yourself what you want to get out of life, someone else will decide for you." That was just one of the sage thoughts on Chris Guillebeau's website. I reckon it's a good question to ask ourselves as we go into 2010. http://chrisguillebeau.com/3x5/about-the-project/

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NOW OPEN for new enrolments

The Institute is enrolling new students NOW

for all courses. Three new writing courses in 2010: How to write a romance novel; How to become a Life Coach; How to write poetry and songs.

Digital Photography now has three levels, from Beginners to Advanced. Call Carol Morris for a chat: 0800-801994.

Let us help you achieve your personal aspirations for 2010.

Please mention these opportunities to your friends who aren't sure which path to take through life. Gaining a qualification is better than drifting. Besides, qualified people earn more.

A new Job in 2010?

Job vacancies are posted regularly on the Student Discussion Board.

Think beyond the terminology jobs are listed under. For instance, over the years three of our journalism course graduates have gone on to become speech writers for the local mayor. Think about it: speech writers do research, they interview people, they assemble a story in logical sequence, they work to deadlines etc. If you have writing skills, you're qualified for lots of jobs. Consider what needs doing, not the job title.

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New courses for 2010

♦Romance Writing. ♦Fantasy Writing. ♦Life Coaching.

♦Short Story Writing. ♦Poetry. ♦Science Fiction.

♦Mystery / Murder / Crime / Suspense / Thriller stories.

If you have an interest in these extension courses, please email your interest to: **registrar@nzibs.co.nz**

Information will be sent automatically when the course you want is available, with start dates and fees.

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'Say it in six words' competition is on the Student Discussion Forum. What title would you give a new newsletter for **Financial Planners**? (Hey, every industry or group needs a newsletter with news for its members.)

There are fresh competitions every month, including **photography** competitions. Proofreading Bloopers competition is back. Write one sentence (any length) which says it all – about any topic. Write 'the first 100 words of your novel' competition. There are lots of reasons to ENJOY your studentship with the New Zealand Institute of Business Studies. Let's all make it an enjoyable learning experience. Group participation is the key. Multiple entries encouraged.

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Debbie Roome's novel wins 1st prize

Embracing Change took first prize in the **Rose & Crown** novel writing competition 2009. This first novel is due to be released in April 2010. Ask for it at bookshops.

This what the judges said about *Embracing Change*: This story won because of its very strong inspirational and emotional storyline, excellent standard of writing, and a well thought out plot with all the threads tied up.

Embracing Change is a compelling story of grace, forgiveness and redemption. When Sarah Johnson's fiancé is killed by a hijacker in South Africa, Sarah carries out his wish to continue with …