

ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) Update

January 2015

1. FAMILY FUN AT THE NATIONAL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Children's Sanctuary: Saturday 14 February 2015, 11 am – 4.45pm

FREE fun activities include:

- Face-painting, Balloon modelling,
- Art and Craft activities,
- Names written in different languages.
- Entertainment provided by Johnny Huckle and Clowns

Please note: children must be in the care of a responsible adult at all times.

AND THEN - Join the preparations for the kids' parade!!

Children's parade: Saturday 14 February, 5pm

Dress in traditional costumes or bring a banner or sign to indicate your heritage and language.

For more details: see <http://multiculturalfestival.com.au/about-us/sanctuaries/> or <http://actbilingual.weebly.com/events.html>; or contact Santosh 0468 901 860, Mandy 0408 089 235 or Manu 0450 396 418 (about the sanctuary) and Jo 0407 491 100 (about the Children's Parade).

Organised by the ACT Community Language Schools Association and the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance. Sponsored and supported by the ACT Office of Multicultural Affairs

For more things to see and do during the Multicultural Festival: Friday 13 February to Sunday 15 February, see <http://multiculturalfestival.com.au/program/>

2. LANGUAGES INFORMATION STALL AT THE MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

- Sunday 15 February 2015, 11am-4.30pm

Come and meet other ACTBEA members, share ideas, and pick up some printed information about raising children bilingually and where children can learn languages in the ACT area. The location of the stall will be posted on the ACTBEA website as soon as it is known (<http://actbilingual.weebly.com/>).

If you would like to display information about a language program or activity you are involved in, please bring copies to the stall or contact canberrabilingual@gmail.com

NOTE: ACTBEA gratefully acknowledges the support of the ACT Government's 2013-14 Participation (Multicultural) Grants Program) for funding our activities at the festival.

3. CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

- 10.30am – 1.30pm Saturday 21 February 2015

Meet at 10.30am near the International Flags Display behind Questacon car park to join the language walk over Commonwealth Bridge.

Feel free to bring along posters and banners publicising various languages and/or to wear national dress. Free T-shirts for all participants!

THEN enjoy FREE family fun activities near Regatta Point after the walk:

- Musical performances
- Jumping castle and Face painting

- Name writing in various languages.

Multicultural food for sale or bring a picnic.

Organised by the Canberra-based International Mother Language Movement (IMLM).

For more details contact IMLM.21feb@gmail.com or follow IMLD Canberra on [facebook](#). For more information on International Mother Language Day see http://imlm21.org.au/?page_id=1109

4. AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AT THE LU REES ARCHIVES at UC

About 3,200 of the archive's more than 25,000 children's books are in translations in 53 languages! These are available for study and research by the general public and can be read during opening hours.

With the support of an ACT Government Multicultural Grant, the archives are working with local Chinese community language schools to select and purchase Australian children's books which have been translated into Chinese. Once catalogued, annotated and listed on the schools' and the Archives' websites, these books will be available for loan to children and their families, thus becoming a shared family experience.

For more information see <http://www.canberra.edu.au/lurees> or follow the Archives on facebook.

5. INTERESTED IN CLIL (CONTENT AND LANGUAGE INTEGRATED LEARNING)?

The [CLIL Support Facebook](#) page hosted by Simone Smala at the University of Queensland, is aimed at the CLIL community - parents, teachers, students, ex-students, researchers, school leadership and other decision-makers. The page provides links to interesting articles, conference and resources see, for example:

- Multilingual Families - EU project <http://www.multilingual-families.eu/>
- Free downloadable training kit: "Plurilingualism and pluriculturalism in content-based teaching" which assists teachers to create materials in English, French and Spanish that can be linked to several subjects of the curriculum and adapted to other languages: <http://www.ecml.at/tabid/277/PublicationID/69/Default.aspx>

6. FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER 4 YEARS OLD SOUGHT FOR ANU RESEARCH PROJECT ON HOW CHILDREN ACQUIRE LANGUAGE

Dr Evan Kidd and his team at ANU's Research School of Psychology are currently creating a database of Canberra families interested in participating in future research projects. The studies will involve children, and sometimes their parents/guardians, in a range of activities from playing and talking about toys to listening to language while looking at pictures on a computer screen.

To register your interest in participating in the research, visit https://anupsych.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6RkAh5VeHSZzPYV

And if you're interested in the research itself and want to keep up with the findings, please 'like' the ANU Language Lab on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LangLabANU>

7. HOW THE LANGUAGE WE SPEAK GUIDES THE WAY WE LISTEN

The ARC Centre of excellence for the Dynamics of Language at the Australian National University invites you to this talk:

- Wednesday, 4 February 2015 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM (AEDT)
- Lotus Hall, The Australian Centre on China in the World, Building 188, Fellows Lane ANU

Two people who hear exactly the same speech sounds will process them differently depending on what their own native language prepares them to expect.

Professor Anne Cutler from the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamic of Language explains how our native languages train us to listen in particular ways and how we ignore or respond to specific speech cues.

This research is allowing us to predict problems as well as opportunities in second-language acquisition.

For more details and to register: <http://www.anu.edu.au/events/how-the-language-we-speak-guides-the-way-we-listen>

8. AFTER-SCHOOL CHINESE PROGRAMS

Mandarin for Fun playgroup

- Thursdays 3.20 pm - 4.45 pm in West Belconnen.

This group is particularly suitable for non-Chinese background families with an interest in learning Mandarin. The learning is full of fun with storytelling, songs, rhymes and games. The class starts on Thursday 5 February and is limited to 10 families. Fees are \$8 per session for one child (\$2 for each extra child).

For more information contact Lucia on 0410 981 788 or email mandarinfofun@gmail.com

FCCCI Chinese School

- Monday to Friday 3.30-5.30pm, St Vincent's Primary School, Aranda

Formal teaching/learning will be broken into small sessions with short breaks in between. Teachers will be present to supervise students before formal class from 3.10pm and after class until 6pm. Children attending Aranda Primary School can be escorted to class at 3pm by an FCCCI teaching assistant.

Classes start from first day of Term 1, 2015, and numbers are limited to 20 per day. Fees are \$12 per day, or \$10 per day for those who attend 3 or more days in a week. For more information and to enrol, email linxiaoli@hotmail.com or phone 0413 288 021.

For more information about the FCCCI Chinese School see <http://www.fccichineseschool.act.edu.au/>

9. OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR AND PRACTICE CHINESE

Mandarin for Fun and the Association for Learning Mandarin in Australia host a weekly half hour radio program on Fridays from 6.30-7pm on community radio 2XX (98.3FM)

The program includes songs, a rhyme, story or craft idea. Recordings of children speaking or singing in Mandarin sent in by parents and teachers can be broadcast. There are also possibilities for children to broadcast live from the studio. For more information see <http://learningmandarin.weebly.com/weekly-radio-show.html> or contact mandarinfofun@gmail.com

Piano Lessons available in Mandarin or Cantonese

Students of all ages welcome at the Gungahlin home studio of a teacher trained at the ANU School of Music (BMus) and the University of California, Los Angeles (PhD) with 20 years' experience in piano performance. Lessons tailored to the needs of individual students.

Rates: 30 minutes: \$32, 45 minutes: \$48, 60 minutes: \$64

Interested? Email jinbo.huang@anu.edu.au or phone 0433 567 114 to arrange a free consultation / trial lesson.

10. FRENCH CLASSES AND CULTURAL EVENTS AT THE ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE CANBERRA

Pre-kindy to Teens welcome, so why not give your child a life-long advantage?

- Term 1 starts 2 February.

For more information: phone 6247 5027, email enquiries@afcanberra.com.au or visit www.afcanberra.com.au

11. RAISING CHILDREN IN MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE

- Sunday 22 March 2015, 1.30pm-4.30pm,
- Molongolo Theatre, JG Crawford Building (#132), 132 Lennox Crossing, Acton ACT

A seminar and discussion for parents, grandparents and carers as well as early childhood educators, teachers and others interested in bilingual education.

FREE ENTRY Refreshments provided.

Children are welcome but must under parental supervision at all times.

More details in the next Update and on the website: <http://actbilingual.weebly.com/news.html>.
Meanwhile, mark the date in your diary. To register your interest in attending, email: Canberrabilingual@gmail.com

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FEEDBACK ON THESE ACTBEA UPDATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE UPDATES ARE WELCOME

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