

ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) Update

OCTOBER 2015

1. LANGUAGES PICNIC Sunday 25 October, 11am to 1pm

Meet other members of the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) and families raising children in more than one language for a picnic by Lake Ginninderra.

- Sunday 25 October, 11am to 1pm
- John Knight Park, Belconnen

Park off Townsend Place and look for the ACTBEA signs.

- Free face painting and children's activities in various languages.
- Bring a picnic and join in the celebration.
- All welcome.

To register your attendance and/or for more information email: canberrabilingual@gmail.com or call 0408 089 235

This is an ACT Children's Week Event. Poster downloadable from:

http://actbilingual.weebly.com/uploads/4/4/9/1/4491774/picnic_poster_october_2015.doc

NOTE: *If weather on the day is inclement, phone Mandy on 0408 089 235 for alternative venue*

2. PLAYFEST 2015: Tuesday 27 October, 10am to 1pm

Celebrate Children's Week with ACT Playgroups

- Cook Community Hub, 41 Templeton St, Cook
- Tuesday 27 October, 10am-1pm
- Free children's entertainment and activities
- Information and activities from community, business and sporting groups

ACTBEA will have an information table, so drop by and say hello

For more information contact ACT Playgroups on 1800 171 882 or see

<https://www.playgroupaustralia.com.au/act/>

3. PLANNING FOR INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY 2016

International Mother Language Day, an internationally recognised day which promotes linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism, has been celebrated here in Canberra on the 21 February for the past two years. Celebrations centre on a languages walk, followed by free family fun activities, multicultural entertainment and international food.

The Canberra-based Mother Language Movement that organises the annual event is starting to plan for the celebration in 2016 (Sunday 21 February). There will be a planning meeting at 5.30pm on Wednesday 14 October. If you would like to get involved in the planning, or have ideas and/or can help with the event, please contact Ziaul Hoque (Bablu) on 0411 031 942 or email imlm.21feb@gmail.com

4. NEW JAPANESE COMMUNITY LANGUAGE SCHOOL

The Canberra Japan Club is planning to open a new Japanese school for heritage learners and others interested in the Japanese language and culture. Classes will start in 2016. Enrolments open now for children in Years 1, 2 and 3.

For more information, contact Keiko Foster at cjcnihongoyouchien@hotmail.com

5. CHINESE CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT: SPRING IN THE SOUTH

Performed by the ANU Chinese Classical Music Ensemble. Half the proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Ensemble to purchase new instruments and the other half to Project Hope*.

- Mt Rogers Primary School, Alfred Hill Drive, Melba
- 2pm – 4pm Sunday 11 October
- Price (includes afternoon tea): \$15, \$10 concessions, \$5 child (6+), \$30 per family

RSVP and more information from the ACT Branch of the Australia China Friendship Society (ACFS) at acfsevent@gmail.com **by 7 Oct**

* Project Hope is a national organisation in China which works in conjunction with the Youth Development Foundation to support schools in poverty-stricken countryside areas. Since 2002, ACT ACFS has been supporting students from Labagoumen School, located in a remote mountainous region of Beijing municipality.

6. RESOURCES AND LINKS ON FACEBOOK

CLIL Support A site run by Dr Simone Smala of the University of Queensland for those interested in bilingual education, Content and Language Integrated Learning, immersion, dual language, and other additive bilingual education approaches.

Some recent postings:

- Why you should consider bilingual education: Schools that immerse students in two languages have benefits for the brain and the career.
<http://www.metro.us/lifestyle/why-you-should-consider-bilingual-education/zsJoiy---qV6B4xNWRs50Q/>
- Multilingualism vital for across the curriculum
<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/476269/multilingualism-vital-across-curriculum.html>
- Which languages should we learn? This is a great overview of languages today.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2015/09/24/the-future-of-language/>

Canberra Bilingual Families A support group for local Canberra families. A place to ask questions, raise concerns, share information, experiences and advice.

Some recent postings:

- Bilingual School Models: What to consider before jumping in!
<http://multiculturalkidblogs.com/2015/08/31/bilingual-school-models/>
- Learn one of over sixty languages online for free
<http://www.act.gov.au/ococ/25-September-2015-Weekly-Edition/learn-one-of-over-sixty-languages-online-for-free>
- Canberra students opting to study less popular languages Latin and Hindi at school
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-09-06/canberra-students-opting-to-study-less-popular-languages/6748150>

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