

ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) Update April 2017

1. Fantastic activities to involve kids in Reading and Writing

Visit the Noted Festival - an independent celebration of words and writing for anyone and everyone who loves to write. Most events are free. Some of the highlights for kids:

- Saturday 6 May at Harry Hartog, Westfield Woden

What's so Good About Words? 9am-9.45am

In this fun, easygoing workshop for primary-age kids, award-winning children's author Michelle Worthington shares her passion for storytelling with reluctant readers and kids with developing English language skills.

Breaking the Rules of Poetry 10am-10.45am

Primary age kids learn how to break the rules of poetry and come up with their very own flavour in this fun and interactive workshop with Amarlie Foster, a writer of poetry and fiction. When she is not writing for herself she is working with students to produce their own best writing.

Words in Space 11am-11.45am

Primary-aged kids are invited to take part in this free fun and interactive writing workshop with children's author Jacqueline de Rose Ahern. Kids will be encouraged to write creatively about their surroundings, or the places and spaces they know best.

- Sunday, May 7, 2017 Gorman Arts Centre , 55 Ainslie Ave

A Bit of a Story 10am-3pm B Block Hall

A chance for your kids to write a picture book! Children of all ages are invited to add their own page, picture or plot twist. Facilitated by children's and young adult author Cate Whittle.

Story Corner: 11am-11.30am, 12.30pm-1pm B Block Hall

Plonk your kids on a cushion and lend us their ears: some of our finest children's authors and storytellers will tell us tales to make you giggle and scratch your head.

Wordy Hurdy Gurdy 11.30am-12.30pm B Block Hall

Primary aged kids of all cultural and linguistic backgrounds and kids with developing English skills are invited to spend an hour exploring story creation with writer, English tutor and Sydney Story Factory volunteer Wendy Chen.

Tales of Wonder 12noon-12.30pm Gorman Arts Centre Courtyard

Writer and performance poet Laura E. Goodin will regale you with tales of monsters, far-off jungles, and desperate escapes. All ages welcome.

Writing New Worlds 1pm-2pm, B Block Hall,

Attention, kids who love Harry Potter, Doctor Who, The Hunger Games, and/or a good, old-fashioned fairy tale! This workshop will take young writers aged 8-15 through the basics of writing their own fantasy and science-fiction stories: plot, characterisation, and world-building. By the end of the workshop, each writer will have the makings of a fantastic new story of their very own.

A Beginning and a Middle and a... 2pm-3pm B Block Hall

Are you a teenager and a budding writer? Got a story inside you that you're just burning to tell? In this workshop (designed for adolescents) with TV writer and presenter Britt Aylen, learn how to structure your story in order to make it as powerful and effective as possible.

For more details of the kids program: <http://www.notedfestival.com/program?category=Kids>

For the full Noted program: <http://www.notedfestival.com/program/>

2. The Multilingual Hub at the Noted Festival

- Sunday, May 7, 2017,
- Main Hall, Gorman Arts Centre, 55 Ainslie Avenue

Lots-o-Lingo! 10am-11am

Select a language from the menu and learn the basics from an expert. Write your name in Farsi, introduce yourself in Urdu, recite a French verse, order a beer in Polish and much much more!

Translate THIS 11am-12 noon

In this enlightening and informal conversation, Graciela McNamara, multilingual writer and translator sheds some light on the incredibly complex and at times, plain frustrating, ins and outs of thinking and writing in different languages.

Tongues at the Table 12 noon-1pm

In a series of readings that will make you hungry, four writers who grew up with a language other than English will share stories, recipes and phrases from their childhood kitchens.

Homespun 1.30pm-2.30pm

In languages including Azerbaijani, Indonesian, Persian, Serbian and Spanish, Mother Tongue poets will weave a tapestry of sound and meaning, exploring the universal idea of home.

For more details: <http://www.notedfestival.com/program?category=Multilingual%20Hub>

And if you are interested in Auslan – also Sunday, May 7

Gimme Some Kind of Sign 2pm-2.30pm in the Gorman Arts Centre Courtyard

Community indie pop choir Mixtape Chorus have teamed up with the Deaf Society to learn some basic Auslan.

3. ACT Bilingual Education Alliance Information Booth

- Sunday, 7 May, 2017 10am-3pm
- Main Hall, Gorman Arts Centre, 55 Ainslie Avenue

Come and meet some members of the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance. Talk with others with a passion for languages and/or experience of raising children in more than one language. Find out more about the benefits of learning/maintaining other languages and how to do this in the ACT area.

If you have pamphlets about a language program that you would like to display and/or could help on the booth by sharing your enthusiasm and knowledge, please contact us at canberrabilingual@gmail.com or add your name to the roster at <http://doodle.com/poll/gzi2n8vt3epkesus>

4. Host family opportunities: experience a new culture, make new friends and learn a new language

In July 2017, students aged 15 – 18 years from over 25 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 3-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia.

This is a great way to practice your language skills, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. Students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a desire to learn about their new host country.

To learn more, call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit the website at <http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student>

5. Woroni Multilingual

The Australian National University's student newspaper Woroni recently launched a multilingual section. It publishes writing in non-English languages and is always seeking contributions. You do not have to be a student or affiliated with the ANU to get involved!

- Submissions are welcome in a variety of forms (e.g. opinion pieces, poetry, fiction, short essays, memoir) and on a variety of topics. Upper word limit of 1000 words approx.
- Woroni encourages people to submit their writing even if they are not wholly confident in their language abilities. Woroni Multilingual works with native speakers of different languages alongside contributors to edit and proofread submissions.

More information can be found via the ['Woroni Multilingual' Facebook page](#) or contact write@woroni.com.au.

6. Celebration of the Portuguese language

- 5 May 2017, 12.30pm - 2pm
- Nye Hughes Room, ANU Centre for European Studies, 1 Liversidge Street [Building 67C]

For more details:

http://actbilingual.weebly.com/uploads/4/4/9/1/4491774/invitation_5_may_2017_anu_anclas.pdf

RSVP required by 1 May 2017 to anclas@anu.edu.au

7. ANU Language Teaching Forum

A forum for language teachers and researchers across ANU colleges and language educators from outside the university such as secondary school teachers and teachers from community schools. The forum's main objective is to foster the exchange of research and new approaches in language education. It is held on the fourth Monday of the month.

Next forum for 2017 will be

- Monday 24 April 2017, 4.15 – 5.15 pm
- Room W3.03, Level 3, Baldessin Precinct Building #110, ANU
- Speaker: Dr Yuko Kinoshita, SLLL, CASS, ANU
- Topic "Developing an educational toy for Japanese language: Fostering analytical skills through grammar acquisition"

For more information:

http://actbilingual.weebly.com/uploads/4/4/9/1/4491774/ltf_flyer_24_april_2017_-_kinoshita.pdf

8. Data wanted for Kinship questionnaire

University College London is collecting data about kinship terms from over 500 of the world's languages. All the data collected will be open source for free use by linguists and anthropologists. Native speakers, professional linguists and language enthusiasts are invited to take part. For more information about the project and a short (five minute) internet survey see <https://sites.google.com/view/thegreatlanguagemuster/home>

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