

ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) Update

September 2016

1. LANGUAGES POTLUCK LUNCH

Join us during Children's Week (which is also grandparents' week!) to celebrate the many languages spoken in the Canberra region. Bring along your favourite foods and share your cooking skills and recipes.

Meet other families raising children in more than one language and Canberrans interested in bilingual education and teaching and learning languages at this free event.

Date: Sunday 30 October 2016

Time: 11am- 1pm

Where: Function Room, 2nd Floor, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, Civic Square

- Free games and fun activities for children
- Free face painting
- Awards for children's performances (a song, poem, or short dance)

For more details and/or to book email canberrabilingual@gmail.com or phone Mandy on 0408 089 235 (after 17 October). Please RSVP by 24 October.

This event is organised by ACTBEA with the support of Canberra Multicultural Community Forum Inc. and an ACT Children's Week Grant

2. SECURING THE FUTURE: MULTILINGUALISM AS A SOCIAL RESOURCE

- Speaker: Prof Joseph Lo Bianco, University of Melbourne
- When: Monday 17 October, 6.00-7.30pm
- Where: Auditorium, China in the World Building, ANU

For more details and to book (essential as seating is limited):

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/public-lecture-securing-the-future-multilingualism-as-a-social-resource-tickets-27619439487>

3. MOTHER TONGUE TUGGERANONG: MULTILINGUAL POETRY SHOWCASE AND WORKSHOPS

Celebrate the variety of languages and cultures of Canberra! Anyone who speaks a language other than is welcome to participate. No experience is necessary, and any language or mix of languages is welcome. All events are free.

Writing workshop: Saturday 15 October 2016, 2pm-4pm, TAC Shopfront, Tuggeranong Hyperdome

Meet others who write in languages other than English and share ideas to start writing and give your words impact. Have a go with fun writing activities. Anita Patel will be our guest tutor. Anita is a writer and teacher who writes and performs poetry in Bahasa Malay and English.

Performance workshop: Saturday 22 October 2016, 2pm-4pm TAC Shopfront, Tuggeranong Hyperdome

Have a go at reading or reciting out loud for an audience. We will try fun activities to manage nerves and speak confidently (including with a microphone) and increase the effect of our words on the audience, in any language.

Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry Showcase: Saturday 29 October 2016, 6pm-8pm Tuggeranong Arts Centre

Sign up to share your words! All languages welcome, in any style of poetry from traditional forms to hip hop. Each person will have up to 4 minutes to read or recite a poem or story in

their language or a mix of languages which can include English. Original work is encouraged!

For more information, to register for a workshop or sign up for the showcase:

email mothertonguemicro@gmail.com, call Jacqui on 0433 845 900 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/mothertonguemicro/>

4. MEET AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S LAUREATE LEIGH HOBBS

- Woden Library, Saturday 29 October, 10.30am – 12.00pm
- National Portrait Gallery, Saturday 29 October, 2pm – 3.30pm

Create your own Old Tom and Mr Chicken and your own unforgettable characters. Bring a pencil, A4 paper, something to lean on and get ready to express your own creative talents. Books will be available for purchase.

Booking essential at <http://www.library.act.gov.au/functions/announcements/meet-australian-childrens-laureate-leigh-hobbs>

Leigh Hobbs is the Australian Children's Laureate 2016-17. Best known for his books featuring Old Tom, Horrible Harriet and Fiona the Pig and Mr Chicken, as well as the Freaks and their teachers in *4F for Freaks* and *Freaks Ahoy*, Leigh has three times been shortlisted for the CBCA Picture Book of the Year Award and his books have won every major children's choice award in Australia.

5. GERMAN-ENGLISH BILINGUAL PROGRAM AT PRIMARY LEVEL

A group of parents and teachers are working with Spielwelt German Parents' Association to look at the viability of establishing a German language class within an existing primary school in the ACT in 2018. To assist with their planning and approach, the Association is surveying parents to gauge interest and to identify preferences for bilingual German-English schooling.

If you are interested, please complete the survey at:

https://docs.google.com/a/schoolsnet.act.edu.au/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZlp92sol3K8i-Y8cmBoXrh_dbDZ3TxCuXX6Xbl-AdzpYbQ/viewform?c=0&w=1

The Spielwelt German Parents' Association operates a German language playschool, playgroups and Scout group in Canberra. For more information see www.spielwelt.org.au.

6. READERS IN OTHER LANGUAGES

Hear/read along with some fun picture books for children online. See if the language you are interested in is represented:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=860iS6T_2Bw&noredirect=1
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHD0-6opjI0paLJj6P-f2sA>
- <http://arts.unimelb.edu.au/rumaccc#resources>

7. BILINGUAL BOOKS

Libraries ACT have just acquired 1000 new bilingual picture books which are now available at all their branches across Canberra. The stories cover 36 different languages and are an excellent resource for families who want to nurture language learning with their children.

To find them, just go to the (children's picture books) Junior Easy section of your local ACT library. Library staff are always ready to assist you, too.

FEEDBACK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE ACTBEA UPDATES WELCOME

Copies of previous Updates can be downloaded from <http://actbilingual.weebly.com>