

ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA) Update

March 2017

1. LANGUAGES POTLUCK LUNCH Sunday 19 March 2017

A fun networking opportunity to meet families raising children in more than one language and talk to language and literacy educators and experts

When? 11am- 1pm, Sunday 19 March 2017

Where? Function Room, Second Floor, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, Civic Square (near Civic Library and Canberra Theatre Centre)

Bring your favourite foods and recipes to share

- Free games and fun activities for children in a variety of languages
- Help celebrate Harmony Day
- Short performances from children welcome

This is FREE event, ALL WELCOME, but booking is required for planning purposes:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/canberra-languages-potluck-lunch-tickets-32431156462>

For more information: canberrabilingual@gmail.com or phone Mandy 0408 089 235.

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2. FILIPINO LANGUAGE SCHOOL OF CANBERRA'S MOVIE FUNDRAISING EVENT

Film?	Disney's Beauty and the Beast
Where?	Dendy Cinema, Canberra Centre, Civic
When?	Saturday, 25 March, 3:15 pm for a 3:30 pm start.
Cost:	Adult - \$18, Child (4 to 12) - \$12, Children under 3 free (no seats)

Please contact the following Filipino School Volunteers to obtain your tickets. Seats are on first come first served basis.

Kotch – 0405 359 421, Arnel – 0488 025 739, Annabelle – 0406 501 157, Evelyn - 0406 527 385, Belen - 0435 509 289

3. WORLD'S BIGGEST PLAYGROUP Celebrating National Playgroup Week,

An opportunity for families and children to participate in Playgroup activities and find out more about community playgroups and other resources in the ACT that support families with young children.

Date: Wednesday 29 March 2017

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Location: Museum of Democracy, 18 King George Terrace, PARKES

Cost \$2 admission fee for the venue, but all activities free

Note

- Paid parking is available in carparks at the back of Old Parliament House
- Access to the courtyards will be through the back entrance.

4. SNIPPETS FOR BILINGUAL FAMILIES

An occasional electronic publication produced by Dr Susanne Döpke, a Melbourne based speech pathologist and consultant who assists professionals working with bilingual clients as well as families who wish to raise their children bilingually.

For a copy of the first issue for 2017, which includes an interesting article: *12 things parents raising bilingual children need to know*, see

http://actbilingual.weebly.com/uploads/4/4/9/1/4491774/snippets_17-1.pdf

Snippets is free to all who are interested. To subscribe, email info@bilingualoptions.com.au

5. ANU LANGUAGE TEACHING FORUM

This forum provides a discussion platform for language teachers and researchers across ANU colleges. It also welcomes language educators from outside the university such as secondary school teachers and teachers from community schools. Its main objective is to foster the exchange of research and new approaches in language education. The forum is held on the fourth Monday of the month.

First forum for 2017 will be

- 4.15pm – 5.15pm on Monday 27 March
- Room W3.03, Level 3, Baldessin Precinct Building #110, ANU
- Speaker , Dr Kinoshita
- Topic “Influences of cross-institutional studies”

For more info, to enquire about making a presentation, and/or to join the mailing list contact:

- Ms France Meyer (Centre for Arab & Islamic Studies, CASS)
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6. RESOURCES

[Asian Collections Reading Room](#) at the National Library of Australia

Asian books and magazines in Thai, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Burmese, Farsi, Khmer, Manchu, Tibetan and Mongolia – for both for kids and adults. You cannot borrow but you can read there. For more info: <https://www.nla.gov.au/reading-rooms/asian-collections> (Thanks to a post on [Canberra Bilingual Families Facebook](#) page for this link)

[Tamil digital books](#)

Available to anyone to use online through the Singapore National Library. Digital versions of Singapore Tamil literature published between 1965 and 2015. Includes poems, short stories, novels, plays and literary essays by Singaporeans or Singapore Permanent Residents or with content related to Singapore. For details, see http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/printheritage/browse/Tamil_Digital_Heritage_Collection.aspx

[Picture Books in other languages at your local ACT library](#)

- Visit the Junior Easy section to see the extensive collection of bilingual picture books (over 36 languages). Ask your friendly librarian about resources in other libraries.
- Listen to picture books being read online (You will need your Library membership number for access): http://www.library.act.gov.au/eresources/online_resources_for_kids Click on ‘Tumble Books’ and then choose ‘Language Learning’

7. PATJI-DAWES AWARD: nominate your inspiring language teacher

You only have until 17 March to nominate a language teacher for this award. As part of the prize, winner and nominator are funded to attend the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations’ International Conference on the Gold Coast in July.

The Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language, Professor Nicholas Evans, says he hopes Australians who have become fluent in a language other than English will nominate their teacher.

“It may be an indigenous language teacher, university teacher of Mandarin, or Indonesian high school teacher, a Spanish teacher of an evening class or teacher from one of Australia’s many multilingual communities. We are asking speakers who have become fluent in another language to nominate the language teacher who inspired them most.”

For more info see <http://www.dynamicsoflanguage.edu.au/education-and-outreach/dawes-award/>

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