



# CANBERRA REGION LANGUAGES FORUM

Update July 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1. July school holiday language camps

#### a) Virtual Korean and Japanese camps for Years 9 and 10

Embark on an exciting linguistic journey with CIT Solutions

- Interactive experience of learning Korean or Japanese language and culture
- Open to all interested students in Years 9 and 10
- Totally online - no need to be in Canberra
- 10 hours of tuition (5 x 2-hour sessions: 10am-12 noon July 10, 12, 15, 17 and 19)
- Course fee \$250 (GST incl)

Email expression of interest to [CitsolLanguages@cit.edu.au](mailto:CitsolLanguages@cit.edu.au)

More details: <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/news.html>

#### b) French winter camp for Pre-kindy to Teens

Filled with fun games and activities. Full French immersion. Morning tea provided. Small groups by age. Qualified native French teacher.

- Monday 8 July to Friday 19 July
- Every weekday from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm
- Enrol for one week or two
- Fees from \$530. Sibling discount available

More details: <https://www.afcanberra.com.au/clubs-and-workshops/children-holiday-camp/>

### 2. Mother Tongue - Multilingual poetry

Enjoy an evening of poetry and spoken word in some of the many languages being spoken, learned and taught in Canberra.

- Monday 29 July 7pm-9pm
- Smith's Alternative, 76 Alinga St, Canberra City
- Doors open 6.30pm
- Tickets at the door or in advance from Smith's \$10/\$5
- Feature poet to be confirmed

Share your own language skills in an open mic spot!

- Open mic presenters each have 4 minutes to read or recite a poem wholly or partly in another language with an introduction or summary in English
- It can be an original poem you have written yourself or a piece by another poet. All styles from traditional to contemporary slam are welcome
- Email [mothertonguemmic@gmail.com](mailto:mothertonguemmic@gmail.com) to sign up for a spot or for more details

More information at <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/events.html>

## LOCAL LANGUAGE MEETUPS AND OTHER PROGRAMS

### 3. Language conversation for adults

#### a) Chinese and Japanese groups

- For intermediate and advanced-level speakers
- Free and all welcome, including native speakers
- Canberra Southern Cross Club in Woden
- No obligation to come every week

Chinese group: 10.30am-11.30am, Friday one week and Sunday the next

Japanese group: 2:30pm, third Sunday of the month

- More details from Claire at [pingpingdandan8@gmail.com](mailto:pingpingdandan8@gmail.com)

#### b) Weekly multilingual language exchange

- Casual meetups to practice your English or another language
- PJs in the City, 52 Alinga St, Civic
- Tuesday evenings from about 7pm to 10pm
- No cost. Food and drink available for purchase

For more details:

- <https://www.meetup.com/Languageclub/> or
- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-10-12/language-learning-exchange-in-canberra-pub/102964322>

### 4. Links to other opportunities to learn, develop and practice languages

- For adults: <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/other-language-programs.html>
- For children: <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/language-programs-for-children.html>

## OTHER LANGUAGE-RELATED NEWS

### 5. Language progressions project

Will include the development of generic and language-specific milestones that can identify student languages learning and growth in listening, speaking, reading and writing irrespective of school year or where the language is being learned.

- Aims to support valid and reliable teacher assessment *of* student language learning with reference to classroom work samples
- Will also support teacher assessment *for* student language learning including student self-assessment
- Funded by the NSW Department of Education and undertaken by the Sydney Institute for Community Languages Education (SICLE)
- Progressions for Chinese and Arabic, with work samples, currently being trialled and developed

More information from <https://sites.google.com/view/languageprogressionsproject/home>

## **6. We are multilingual** (<https://www.wamcam.org/>)

Research findings and practical ideas and resources for schools to encourage recognition of, and pride in, the varieties of language we all have.

Developing a multilingual identity can contribute to

- whole school wellbeing and cohesion: <https://www.wamcam.org/whole-school>
- increased student confidence and interest in learning, with potential positive impact on academic achievement: <https://www.wamcam.org/whole-school-materials>
- inspire language learners and help change attitudes towards language learning: <https://www.wamcam.org/languages-teachers>

A project of the University of Cambridge, England UK arising from the work on multilingual identity carried out by the Education Strand of the project: *Multilingualism Empowering Individuals Transforming Societies* ([www.meits.org](http://www.meits.org))

### **FEEDBACK AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE UPDATES WELCOME**

Details of previous Forum Updates are available at <https://canberralanguages.blogspot.com/>