

MLTA ACT News – 2015

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Phase 2 of Australian Curriculum: Languages Professional Learning in 2016

The MLTA ACT Inc. is pleased to announce that the AFMLTA will be holding Phase 2 of the Australian Curriculum: Languages Professional Learning Program Workshops in 2016. The Ready?Set?Plan! Workshop for ACT language teachers will be held on Saturday 30 April 2016 (Term 2 Week 1). Please keep this date free. Further information about this professional learning opportunity will be forwarded to MLTA members as soon as it becomes available. The [AFMLTA News In Brief](#) (NIB) is now available from the link here and also on the AFMLTA website.

Media release from LCNAU's National Languages Colloquium

LCNAU has issued a [Media Release](#) regarding following the National Languages Colloquium held last week in Sydney. Note the information about the launch of the University Languages Portal Australia (ULPA).

Update from ACARA on Australian Curriculum: Languages, posted 27 November 2015

The curriculum for Hindi, Turkish and the Framework for Aboriginal Languages and Torres Strait Islander Languages will go to the Education Council for endorsement in early December. Following endorsement, the curriculum will be made available on the Australian Curriculum website from mid-December.

The draft curriculum for Auslan and Classical Languages will go out for consultation in the second quarter of 2016.

More details in the [ACARA update flier](#).

French overseas excursions briefing

If you are planning an overseas excursion next year, you may be interested in the following information:

Marc Boniface from Educational Tour Company and Philippe Minereau, vice principal from Ecole Saint Denis, a French Lycée in the Tours region will be visiting Canberra this coming Wednesday and a meeting has been organised for French teachers at the HBCTL from 4:30-5:30. Ecole Saint-Denis provides lessons and homestays to school groups. Vice-Principal, Philippe Minereau will be introducing his establishment and provide teachers with information on this particular French school, he will talk about their experience with past students' group from NSW and present how lessons and homestays can fit into a 2 week itinerary.

If you are interested and planning to come along, please RSVP Myriam Davies myriam.davies@ed.act.edu.au by Tuesday 17/11/2015.

Dinner cancellation

Due to limited numbers of MLTA ACT Inc. members indicating their attendance at the Term 4 MLTA dinner scheduled for this Thursday 5 November, the Executive Committee have decided to cancel this event. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Please remember to forward any articles for the CONTACT publication directly to [ludivinegal@mcc.act.edu.au](mailto:ludivinelegal@mcc.act.edu.au) before the end of Week 6 (20 November 2015).

We look forward to bringing you events in 2016, starting with the Meet and Greet on 25 February 2016.

Term 4 Dinner

[MLTA Term 4 dinner](#)

When 6 pm Thursday, 5 November 2015

What Buffet Dinner with guest speakers and Trivia Quest

Where 8 Jardine St, Kingston ACT 2604

Cost \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members

RSVP by Tuesday 2nd November 2015.

FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarships Round Two for 2015 reminder, posted 9 September 2015

This is a reminder that the FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarships Round Two for 2015 are due on the last day of this term.

- Applications Opened: Friday 14 August 2015
- Applications Close: 5:00pm on Friday 25 September 2015 (Term 3 Week 10). No late applications will be accepted.
- Notification to successful recipients will be made no later than Monday 2 November 2015.
- Submit applications to Yvonne Webber, MLTA ACT Inc. Secretary, at yvonne.webber@ed.act.edu.au

Patji-Dawes Award to Honour Outstanding Achievements in Language Teaching by an Accomplished Practitioner, posed 6 August 2015

Nominations are invited for the [Patji-Dawes Award](#) to Honour Outstanding Achievements in Language Teaching by an Accomplished Practitioner. The Patji-Dawes award is an initiative of the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language through its Communications and Outreach Program, which includes a commitment to improving levels of multilingualism and mastery of other languages in Australia through understanding and public debate on how we learn (and teach) second and other languages most effectively. The teaching may take place in any setting — school, university, private language school or an indigenous community — provided that the learner is led, by the teacher's inspiration, to a high level of mastery in the chosen language. Details of the very simple nomination process can be found at: <http://www.dynamicsoflanguage.edu.au/get-involved/dawes-award/> Deadline for nominations: 20 August 2015.

Key dates:

- Deadline for submission of nominations: 20 August 2015
- Award announced: 16 October 2015
- Award conferred: 25 November 2015

Joe Dale workshop update, posted 14 July 2015

The Joe Dale workshop (see [Events page](#)) has been accredited with the Teacher Quality Institute (TQI) for 5 hours. The workshop is now full.

AFMLTA Conference 2015, posted 10 July 2015

The 2015 AFMLTA Conference has commenced in Melbourne. The guest speaker at the reception, held in the Immigration Museum on Flinders Street, was Acting Premier James Merlino, who spoke of the importance of education and of language learning. The contingent from the ACT gathered for a photo after the formalities concluded.



Fiona Arthur, posted 23 June 2015

It is with deep sadness that we advise you that our friend and colleague Fiona Arthur passed away on Friday 19 June. Fiona had been receiving chemotherapy for lymphoma and after a very brief illness was transferred to palliative care at Clare Holland House. Many of us had the chance to work with Fiona and will remember her as a vibrant person, a passionate and inspiring educator and a fervent advocate for languages.

Fiona was an accomplished colleague as a teacher of French, Italian, English and ESL and as a school leader in a broad range of roles. Fiona is a former President of the Modern Language Teachers' Association of the ACT and she was for many years a member of MLTA Committee.

In recent years, she worked at Gold Creek School, Lake Ginninderra College, in the International Education Unit, at Narrabundah College and in ACT Education and Training Curriculum Section. She also contributed to ACT and Australian education as panel chair for BSSS accreditation panels and as a member of an ACARA BSSS working party for senior years Australian Curriculum. We send our condolences to the family and friends of Fiona.



Treasurer position filled, posted 22 May 2015

The Special AGM and Term 2 dinner was held on Thursday 21 May 2015 at the Kingston Hotel Restaurant and a new Executive Treasurer has been elected. It was extremely pleasant to have held our Special AGM whilst relaxing on comfortable lounges in front of the fireplace followed by a delicious meal and great conversation. Thank you to the members who attended. The Executive Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to Mary Thorp from St Mary MacKillop College as the MLTA ACT Inc. 2015 Executive Treasurer. We trust that Mary will enjoy the personal rewards of taking on this important role. All MLTA executive positions for 2015 have now been filled. The MLTA ACT Committee and members would like to

thank Jennifer MacDonald for her commitment and dedication as our past Treasurer. Jennifer has done a fabulous and professional job in her role as the Treasurer.

Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships programme ceasing, posted 14 May 2015

The MLTA President has received notification that following the announcement of the Commonwealth 2015-16 Budget, the Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships programme is ceasing from 1st July 2015 with no further scholarships offered for 2016 and beyond. Announcements confirming the program's cessation appear on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website and also on the Scope Global's ELTF websites. See [the ELTF website](#) and [Australian Government Education Department website](#). The matter is under discussion by MLTA executive.

MLTA Special AGM and Networking Dinner, posted 14 May 2015

MLTA ACT will hold a [Special AGM and Networking Dinner](#) at the Kingston Hotel Restaurant on Thursday 21 May from 6:00 pm. Come along, bring a friend and meet your language teaching colleagues. On this evening, you will also have the opportunity to nominate and/or help elect a Treasurer for your MLTA.

RSVP by Tuesday 19th May to: Yvonne.Webber@ed.act.edu.au.

Language Learning Space, posted 3 May 2015

The Language Learning Space is a website funded by the Australian Government and available at no cost for students and teachers of Chinese, Indonesian and Japanese. There are hundreds of resources and services available and a comprehensive professional learning program: www.lls.edu.au.

Meet and Greet 2015 reminder, posted 17 February 2015

Reminder: [The first MLTA event for 2015, Meet and Greet](#), will take place on Thursday 26 February 2015, 4:30 pm for 5 pm start, at The Loft, upstairs at Duxton, Corner Sargood & MacPherson Streets, O'Connor shops.

AFMLTA Conference 2015

In 2015, the AFMLTA celebrates its 20th conference. Our anniversary theme, *Pedagogies for a plurilingual Australia*, is both a statement about Australia's multilingual reality today and an aspiration for our future. The conference will provide you with a forum for the sharing of ideas, research findings and best practice approaches to language teaching and learning in Australia and from around the world.

AFMLTA 2015 will be held in Melbourne, Victoria 9-12 July, 2015 on the Parkville campus of The University of Melbourne.

If you would like to present your work at #AFMLTA2015, you still have until February 20, 2015 to put in a proposal – please visit the AFMLTA call for papers site.

Please note that early bird registration closes at the end of March. More details of #AFMLTA2015 can be found at conference2015.afmlta.asn.au.

Australian Curriculum: Languages Professional Learning Program, posted 17 February 2015

To ensure you are able to register online for the March [AFMLTA/MLTA Ready?Set?Go! Australian Curriculum: Languages](#) Professional Learning Program.

The AFMLTA and the MLTA ACT Inc. would like to invite all teachers of languages in the ACT to participate in the upcoming AFMLTA/MLTA Ready?Set?Go! Australian Curriculum: Languages Professional Learning Program.

This one-day workshop has TQI registration.

Date: Saturday 14 March 2015

Time: 9am – 4pm

Cost: \$165 inc GST for MLTAACT Members* \$195 inc GST for non-MLTAACT Members

Venue: B8, Blackfriars Building, Australian Catholic University

Presenters:

- Anne-Marie Morgan, AFMLTA – teacher of Indonesian
- Myriam Davies, MLTAACT – teacher of French
- Yvonne Webber, MLTAACT – teacher of French and Japanese

Registration: afmltareadyssetgo.weebly.com

Enquiries: PL@afmlta.asn.au

This one-day workshop will:

- promote and support a national conversation around the AC:L
- stimulate thinking about and opportunities to engage with the curriculum materials
- provide teachers with a balance of theory and practice through language specific exemplification
- support teachers in beginning to trial the curriculum in classrooms around Australia
- link with the AFMLTA and AITSL Professional Standards and provide a certificate identifying standards addressed

The program includes three interactive modules, based on the shape and design of the AC:L, and working with the language specific curricula across the pathways.

Following the one day workshop in Canberra, participants will be able to collaborate online with other Languages teachers involved in these workshops being held around Australia in March. Connect with colleagues across the country to share teaching approaches and resources to support implementation of the Australian Curriculum: Languages.

The MLTA ACT is pleased to be able to sponsor part of our MLTA members' registration fee for this workshop.

- 2015 MLTA financial members will need to register and pay for the AFMLTA/MLTA Ready?Set?Go! workshop then forward the receipt to the MLTA ACT Treasurer to receive a \$65 reimbursement of the registration fee.
- Please ensure you request a receipt at time of payment as you will not be able to access the part sponsorship without one.
- Only applicable for 2015 MLTA ACT memberships.

Register online by Monday 2 March to be part of this national Professional Learning opportunity! [Register online](#) by Monday 2 March to be part of this national Professional Learning opportunity!

Alliance Française French Film Festival, posted 17 February 2015

The Alliance Française de Canberra and Palace Electric Cinema have selected six films to be presented as special school screenings during the 2015 Alliance Française French Film Festival. They are:

- Asterix in the house of the gods – Asterix le Domaine des Dieux
- Far from men – Loin des Hommes
- Grand Illusion – La Grande Illusion
- Moomins on the riviera – Les Moomins sur la Riviera
- Nicholas on holidays – Les Vacances du Petit Nicolas
- Once upon a forest – Il Etait une Forêt

More information:

[French Film Festival general information](#)

[Information for French teachers](#) (scroll down for the film festival)

Hakuho Scholarships, posted 17 February 2015

Applications are once again open for the 7th round (2015/16) of Hakuho Scheme scholarships. One high school in Australia will be chosen to participate in the program, which consists of two all-expenses-paid trips to Japan. The first is two weeks of teacher training, while the second is an exchange opportunity for 4 students.

More detailed information about the program can be found [here](#). Applications must be received by JPF Sydney no later than Friday 13 March. All enquiries, including application form requests, should be sent to coordinators@jpf.org.au.

International Japanese Camp Bangkok, posted 17 February 2015

JPF Bangkok are inviting students and teachers from Australia to attend their International Japanese Camp, from 9-13 May 2015. The camp will gather students of Japanese from all over the world in Phuket for a five-day immersion camp to help students level up their Japanese. All camp costs will be covered by the Thai Department of Education, but participants will have to fund their own transport to Phuket.

Interested students should be in Years 10-12, and have a good grasp of Japanese. Interested teachers should be currently teaching senior secondary students, and have a Japanese level of at least JLPT N4. Applications close Monday 16 March 2015. For further information, as well as application forms, please contact coordinators@jpf.org.au.