

MLTA ACT News – 2018

These news items are in reverse chronological order, with the most recent items at the top.

Memberships for 2019, posted 16 December 2018

We would like to invite you to renew your memberships for 2019.

- Current memberships for 2018 are valid until 28th of February, 2019.
- You can renew for 2019 using [via Google form](#).



Term 1 Events 2019, posted 16 December 2018

Meet and Greet – Week 4 – Thursday 28th of February, 2019 (from 5pm for 5:30pm start)

- The annual Meet and Greet will be held at the Loft at Duxton. We will be announcing the plans for 2019 and presenting the Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award for 2018 to Rebecca Battaglini. See the [Meet & Greet event flier](#) for more information.
- RSVP [via Google form](#)

Annual General Meeting – Week 8 – Thursday 28th of March, 2019 (start time 4:30pm sharp)

- The Annual General Meeting will be held at Telopea Park School. Please come along to learn more about the behind the scenes work and maybe even consider joining the Executive Committee to support our vibrant association!
- RSVP [via Google form](#)

2013 AFMLTA Conference Scholarship for 2019, posted 16 December 2018

The 2013 AFMLTA Conference Scholarship for 2019 was established after the success of the AFMLTA National Conference 2013, which was hosted by the MLTA ACT Inc. in Canberra to coincide with Canberra's centenary. It provides financial assistance for teachers wishing to attend conferences to further their professional development by means of the payment of conference registration fees. We will be supporting members to attend the AFMLTA 2019 Conference in Hobart 7 to 9 July 2019. Go to the [AFMLTA conference page](#) for more information. Also, see the [2013 AFMLTA Conference Scholarship 2019 flier](#) for more information.

Scholarship applications [via Google form](#). Due date for applications is Week 5 – Friday 8 March, 2019.

ELLA Program reminder, posted 16 December 2018

Reminder (previously posted 26 November): Applications are now open for preschools to join the ELLA program in 2019. ELLA is a free play-based digital language program that introduces preschool children to learning a new language via interactive Apps. Compatible tablet devices are required to use the program. Preschools will be supported by a liaison officer, a starter kit, website and helpdesk. You do not need language training to participate in the program. Preschools can choose one of the following languages on offer: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek, Spanish or Vietnamese. **Applications can be completed on the [ELLA website](#) and close at 5pm on 21 December 2018.**



For further information refer to the attached brochure or contact the ELLA Helpdesk on 1800 468 303. If you are keen to take part in the ELLA program and you have a preschool at your school, make sure to liaise with your preschool leadership team before applying for the program. Please note that this application system is only for new preschools that did not participate in ELLA in 2018. If your preschool participated in ELLA in 2018, you do not need to reapply. Please contact the ELLA helpdesk on 1800 468 303 for further information.

Patti Dawes Award, posted 5 December 2018

Message from Professor Jane Simpson, Deputy Director, ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language, Australian National University

The ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language seeks your help in spreading the word about the [Patti-Dawes Language Teaching Award](#), which honours outstanding achievement in teaching languages other than English by an accomplished practitioner in Australia.

The teaching may take place in any setting – school, university, private language school, government department or Indigenous community. What matters is that the learner is led, by the teacher's inspiration, to a high level of mastery in the chosen language.

At the Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language, we believe that achieving proficiency in other languages is one of life's great learning experiences. We would like to publicly recognise the efforts of those who make this possible, so I hope you will forgive this unsolicited email and help us reach those who want to honour their teacher.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Martin Blaszczyk, our Communications and Outreach Manager, on 02 6125 6122 or Martin.Blaszczyk@anu.edu.au . Nominations close 19 March 2019.

ANU HASSand Languages Showcase 2019.pdf

ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences has sent an [invitation for schools to register expressions of interest to attend showcase](#) for Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences (HASS) on Wednesday 10 April 2019 and Languages and on Thursday 11 April 2019.

Languages education discussion on ABC Canberra, posted 28 November 2018

On the Mornings program on Radio ABC Canberra with Adam Shirley today, the Convener of the Canberra Academy of Languages discussed [future directions for languages education in the ACT](#). For an overview of discussion points, see [the news item on the CAL website](#).



AFMLTA 2019 Conference update, posted 28 November 2018

Registrations are invited for the [22nd AFMLTA International Languages Conference](#), to be held from 7-9 July 2019 at the Wrest Point Conference Centre, Hobart, Tasmania. The 2019 Conference Theme is Languages - Breaking through walls. Early bird registrations are open until 1 April 2019.



There is also an extension for the call for papers, until 4 February 2019. Please follow the link above for details, or visit [the conference web page](#).

ELLA Program, posted 26 November 2018

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Preschools can choose one of the following languages on offer: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek, Spanish or Vietnamese.

Applications can be completed on the website www.ella.edu.au and close at 5pm on 21 December 2018. For further information refer to the attached brochure or contact the ELLA Helpdesk on 1800 468 303. Please note that this application system is only for new preschools that did not participate in ELLA in 2018. If your preschool participated in ELLA in 2018, you do not need to reapply. Please contact the ELLA helpdesk on 1800 468 303 to register for 2019.

French Network Update, posted 26 November 2018

Items in the [French Network update for November 2018](#):

- Alliance Française – 50% off for teachers
- Francophonie competition
- Update of contact details
- Primary Schools Poetry Recitals
- Cooking and Conversation
- French resources
- AFX Exchange – student exchange program with France
- 26 – 30/11 Summer School 2018 - Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language
- CAVILAM
- ACARA's website now has work-samples !
- Facebook Group
- MLTA – benefits of membership
- French food in Canberra

German Teachers' Conference 2019, posted 26 November 2018

Planning is under way an ACT/NSW cross-sectoral German teachers' conference, titled "Blick in die Zukunft", to be held on 22 March 2019. A save-the-date invitation to register expressions of interest has been released by the Goethe Institut. The focus of the conference will primarily be task-based language learning, in line with the new NSW K10 German syllabus. Expressions of Interest are being taken via Google form at: <https://goo.gl/forms/n9ECKvZyJkrfTGL42>.



Professional learning for teachers of French at Le Très Bon, posted 24 November 2018

An enjoyable and informative professional learning event took place at Le Très Bon restaurant in Bungendore on Saturday 24 November. Thanks to Lena Britton, French Network Leader, for organising the day, and to Christophe and Joséphine at Le Très Bon as well as Floriane from the Alliance Française. Christophe is a outstandingly talented, entertaining presenter-chef and Floriane gave a superbly prepared, interesting and practical workshop in the afternoon.



ACT Multicultural Summit, posted 24 November 2018

The ACT Multicultural Summit was held on 22-23 November 2018 at the ACU's Watson campus. The launch on Thursday evening was attended by, among others, ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr, and Ministers Chris Steel and Shane Rattenbury.

An anticipated outcome of the summit will be an action plan for 2019-2020 under the ACT Multicultural Framework. Another outcome is expected to be directions for the next iteration of the framework after 2021.



Student work samples published on ACARA website, posted 23 November 2018

News from MLTA ACT President Veronique Canellas:



ACARA has published Language [work sample portfolios](#) for Japanese, Chinese, Italian, French and Indonesian on the Australian Curriculum website. The portfolios demonstrate student learning in relation to the achievement standards and exemplify 'at standard' achievement.

There is no predetermined number of student work samples in a portfolio and work samples vary from activities to revision tasks to summative projects. The samples are authentic and, typically, contain some errors such as spelling, grammatical and pronunciation inaccuracies in demonstrating overall achievement of the standard. Work samples have been selected and annotated by Languages teachers and curriculum specialists and portfolios will be updated over time to reflect all aspects of the achievement standards. There are more samples for some sequences than others due to the availability of programs in some Languages.



ACARA acknowledges the contribution of Australian Language teachers in the development of these work sample portfolios.

Canberra Region Languages Forum November update, posted 23 November 2018

The [Canberra Region Languages Forum update for November 2018](#) is out, with items on:

- Indonesian language
- ANU Diploma of Languages Organising Group
- National Multicultural Festival (NMF)
- Languages as a resource for all – a position paper
- ANU: Three Languages - Three Cultures: Narratives from the Middle East
- ANU: Summer School: ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language
- ANU: Persian Summer short courses
- 2018 Michael Clyne lecture: What kind of public good is language maintenance?
- Multilingual Sydney: New people, new city

Chinese materials now online with ANG

The MLTA ACT Inc. has been collaborating with the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) creating resources for languages teachers in line with the Australian Curriculum for exhibitions and also, in the future, on the permanent exhibitions.

The last project was worked on by MLTA ACT members Jen Baines, Cissy Lu and Jia Zhu. We thank them for their contributions and the time they invested in the process. A thank you is also needed for Myriam Davies for coordinating and managing the relationship with the NGA.

You can find the Chinese Language and Art Resources now on the NGA website.

You will find the links to the background information document, the Yr 7 - 8 resource and Yr 9 - 10 resource at the bottom of the left-hand column on the [NGA Chinese Language Curriculum webpage](#)

You can also download the PDFs via these direct links:

[Chinese educational resource background](#)

[Year 7-8 Resource](#)

[Year 9-10 resource](#)

Please let us know how you go using them in the classroom.

AFMLTA Conference 2019 – Registration and Call for Papers

22nd AFMLTA International Languages Conference: Online registration and Call for Papers NOW OPEN!

- Date: 7-9 July 2019
- Venue: Wrest Point Conference Centre - Hobart, Tasmania

You are encouraged to submit a workshop proposal to share your experiences with Languages Education or to register to attend this valuable professional learning opportunity.

Time line between now and the conference:

- Call for papers due by Friday 7 December 2018.
- Early Bird registrations are available until Monday 1 April 2019.
- Full registration rates applicable after Monday 1 April 2019.

For more details, please visit [AFMLTA website](#).

French Network Update

Points from the latest French Network update (more information at the French Network Meeting, see below):

- French Network Meeting to be held at the Alliance Française on Thursday 1 November 2018 from 3:45 pm to 5:45 pm
- La Grande Fête at Telopea Park School
- An afternoon with Dr Conti at Telopea on 12 November
- ANU Summer School 2018
- Free talk at the ANU – "The Linguistics of the Internet"
- SBS National Languages Competition 15 October to 18 November 2018

TCI workshop in SA, posted 31 October 2018

Dear Members

Thank you to our members who attended our event last Thursday on TCI. A huge thanks to Myriam Davies and Prue Roveta for facilitating the TCI workshop and for sharing their TCI journey.

As there is interest in further professional learning on TCI, I would like to bring to your attention a professional learning opportunity in Victor Harbour, South Australia from 17-19 January 2019 (see attached). This PL is being organised by the MLTASA and current financial MLTAACT members are able to register at the member rate.

Regards, Véronique Canellas

Executive President | Modern Language Teachers Association of the ACT Inc. (MLTA ACT Inc.)

ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language Summer School ANU 2018, posted 22 October 2018

The Centre's annual Summer School is a flagship educational event on Australia's linguistics calendar. Over the course of five days, we bring together leading national and international scholars to present the latest research in the field through intensive 'deep dives' across the multi-disciplinary breadth of the science of languages.

Summer School draws on expertise across the Centre's programs, member universities and international partners to provide intensive training, enrich existing knowledge and catalyse new research collaborations. Participants range from advanced undergraduate students through to senior academics. Many of the courses require no previous knowledge or experience, only a burning curiosity about the dynamics of the world's many and greatly varied languages.

This year's Summer School, to be held at the Australian National University from 26-30 November, will have a dual focus on the intersection of language and technology, and community engagement. To register, please visit the [summer school registration page](#).

Request for articles - Contact Semester 2 edition, posted 22 October 2018

The MLTA ACT newsletter, CONTACT, is emailed to members twice a year. I hope you enjoyed reading the first edition for 2018 emailed to you last term. If you would like to contribute an article for the Semester 2, 2018 edition please email it to me at contacteditor@mltaact.asn.au. The deadline to send articles is Monday 26th November (Week 7 - Term 4).

Your students can write something or you can reuse an article you wrote for a school newsletter. It can be about what your students are doing in class, a PD/conference you went to, an excursion, a trip overseas... Ideally, it would be great to have a picture to go with your article (please consider media permission for students). CONTACT also includes a section called Reading and ICT ideas, so if you have read an interesting article / book / blog... if you have discovered a new ICT resource (App, Website, Google extension...), all you need to do is send me a quick email with a brief description. Finally, if you have any happy news you would like to share (baby, wedding...) please let me know!

I look forward to receiving your articles (google doc format is preferable, particularly for photos).

Joanne Chilver, Contact Editor

SBS Languages Competition, posted 22 October 2018

SBS Radio presents the SBS National Languages Competition 2018 to encourage and celebrate a love of learning languages in Australia. The [SBS 2018 National Languages Competition](#) is open from Monday 15 October to Sunday 18 November 2018. Information is also available at can also be found [on SBS website](#).

Term 4 MLTA Event, posted 15 October 2018

MLTA ACT will be holding the final event for the year on 25 October from 4-6pm at Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning (51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling). The focus of the session will be on Comprehensible Input.

Myriam Davies and Prue Roveta will share, in an informal presentation, their experience implementing the Comprehensible Input (CI) methodology in their classrooms. Both of them were sponsored by the MLTA ACT to attend a CI workshop earlier in the year and came back with many ideas to put into practice. Some of you may be familiar with teaching with Comprehensible Input, if you attended the MLTA ACT workshop run by Ian Perry last year. However, if you are not, this presentation will go through the basics of this methodology. This presentation is suitable for both primary and secondary teachers.

If you are planning on attending, please RSVP by Tuesday 23 October using [this Google form](#).

Japan Foundation seminar, posted 10 October 2018

The closing date for applications for the January 2019 Intensive Seminar is now extended till Oct 22 (Mon). The seminar, held at The Japan Foundation, Sydney enables teachers to develop language skills, gain confidence using Japanese, and to develop language teaching strategies and skills which they can apply in their own classrooms. Specific focuses include Australian Curriculum and ICT-based learning. Participants will be immersed in a Japanese language environment suited to their level and will have ample opportunity for networking.

Date: Jan 14-17, 2019 (Mon-Thu)

Venue: The Japan Foundation, Sydney

Target:

- Australian junior secondary level teachers of Y7-9 (teachers of Y5-6 and Y10 may apply)
- New Zealand's junior secondary level teachers of Y9-11 (teachers of Y7-8 and Y12 may apply)

Who can apply? Teachers must:

- be Australian junior secondary level teachers of Y7-9 (teachers of Y5-6 and Y10 may apply) or New Zealand's junior secondary level teachers of Y9-11 (teachers of Y7-8 and Y12 may apply).
- be currently teaching Japanese a minimum of 3 hours per week.
- not be native or near-native Japanese.
- be able to read Hiragana and Katakana without any difficulty.
- be at least JLPT N5 level of Japanese language proficiency. JLPT sample site here:
<http://www.jlpt.jp/e/samples/forlearners.html>
- be able to attend each day in full.

Pre-Service Teachers must:

Extended application deadline: Oct 22, 2018 (Mon)

Enquiries: Email coordinators@jpf.org.au or phone (02) 9239 0055

More information can be found [here](#).

- be currently studying towards to be a Japanese teacher in Australia, or graduated teaching course in Australia within the past two years and be actively seeking teaching work.
- not be native or near-native Japanese speaker.
- be able to read Hiragana and Katakana without any difficulty.
- be at least JLPT N5 level of Japanese language proficiency. JLPT sample site here:
<http://www.jlpt.jp/e/samples/forlearners.html>.
- be able to attend each day in full.

Fees

- There will be no participation fee.
- All travel costs (e.g. flights, accommodation and transport) will be the responsibility of the participants.

For Proficient teachers in NSW

- Completing this seminar will contribute 19 hours of NESA registered PD.

ACT BEA update, posted 2 October 2018

The [ACT Bilingual Education Alliance update for October 2018](#) comes with news on Sharing Stories organised by the National Centre for Australian Children's Literature (NCACL); Events at Woden Library (Language activities organised by ACTBEA, Sharing Stories Exhibition Preview, Official opening of the IBBY exhibition and talk by Jackie French, Raising Your Child Bilingually, Mirrors and Windows: Cultural Diversity in Australian picture books, Hop Up! Wiggle Over! And enjoy...); Events at other ACT public libraries; The art and science of translating and sharing Australian Children's Stories worldwide; Workshop on Translating Children's Literature; SBS National Languages Competition 2018 - 'What does language learning mean to you?'; ACT Community Language Schools Day; Other ACTBEA News including ACTBEA proposal for the National Multicultural Festival and a submission to the Inquiry into ACT Libraries.



Reminder re FIPLV and Fiona Arthur Scholarship applications, posted 28 September 2018

Reminders about application deadlines:

- Applications for the FIPLV Scholarships are due by COB (5 pm) today. See details below (scroll down to 27 July 2018 for more information).
- Applications for the Fiona Arthur Scholarship are due by COB (5 pm) next Friday, 5 October 2018. See details below (scroll down to 20 June 2018 for more information).

Japanese Film Festival

The high school comedy Oremonogatari (MY love STORY!!) will be screened especially for school groups as part of the 2018 Japanese Film Festival. The Canberra screening will be held on 19 October 2018 at Dendy Canberra Centre (148 Bunda St), and will include a fun Japan quiz before the start of the film. A unit of work on the film is available for teachers.



Why not bring your class along for a Term 4 excursion? The previous cap of 50 tickets per school has now been lifted, so you can now bring your larger classes. Tickets at \$10 per student, and purchased online (credit card or invoice).

Please see <https://jpf.org.au/language/for-teachers/jffschoolscreensings> and [attached flyer](#) for more details.

SBS National Languages Competition 2018, posted 24 September 2018



The SBS Radio presents the [SBS National Languages Competition 2018](#) to encourage and celebrate a love of learning languages in Australia. The competition is open from Monday 15 October until Sunday 18 November 2018.

Access all the resources for schools at <https://www.sbs.com.au/radio/national-languages-competition-2018>.

AFMLTA News in Brief, posted 21 September 2018



See the [September 2018 News in Brief from AFMLTA](#) for:

1. 2019 AFMLTA Conference - Call for Papers now open
2. BABEL Going Digital
3. AFMLTA online survey
4. Special Interest Group (SIG) investigation on what is needed in AFMLTA advocacy
5. AFMLTA letter to new federal Minister for Education, Dan Tehan
6. ELLA 2019
7. SBS National Languages Competition 15 October to 18 November 2018
8. Conferences including ACTFL, 16-18 November 2018

Indonesian Language and Culture Workshop, posted 13 September 2018

An [Intensive Language and Culture Workshop](#) for ACT Indonesian Language Teachers will be held at ANU, in the Staff Common Room, 4th Floor, Baldessin Precinct Building, Ellery Crescent, from 9 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday 22 September 2018. The theme of this workshop with Amrih Widodo (ANU) is "Understanding contemporary Indonesian culture and society". If you are interested in attending, please contact [Mr Heath McMichael, Chair, Balai Bahasa Indonesia \(ACT\)](#) by COB Friday 14 September 2018.

Language Revival, posted 13 September 2018, updated 18 September 2018

There will be a seminar regarding [Language Revival](#), to be held in the Canberra Institute of Technology Bruce, Lecture Hall A022 CIT, Bruce, ACT 2617, from 6 pm to 8 pm on Monday 24 September 2018. Dr John Giacon from the ANU will discuss this with particular reference to Australia and drawing on his extensive experience of the revival of Yuwaalaraay and Gamilaraay, two Aboriginal languages of NSW. Please register via [Eventbrite](#) to assist with catering plans.

French Network information and meeting, posted 5 September 2018

See the latest [French Network update](#) for information on:

- Using authentic text
- DELF and DALF exams
- Term 4 French Network Meeting
- Le Très Bon
- La Francophonie
- French Conversation
- Activities at the Alliance Française

German Minikonferenz, posted 28 August 2018

A German Minikonferenz on 29 September 2018 will feature sessions on 'kulturbezogenes Lernen' by Marina Shine from the Goethe Institut and a sharing session from teachers of German in the afternoon.

- Date: Saturday, 29 September 2018
- Time: 10-3pm
- Cost: NIL
- Location: Narrabundah College Languages Centre
- Lunch: Buffet lunch provided

Registrations are now open! Please register by 7 September for catering purposes. Please register [via Google form here](#).

Sheree Avard.

Using authentic texts in teaching French, posted 28 August 2018, updated 3 September 2018

A sequel to the professional learning event has been scheduled for the workshop on using authentic texts in teaching French.

- Venue: Alliance Française, 66 McCaughey Street, Turner 2612
- Date: Saturday 15 September 2018
- Times: 1115 am to 1315 pm – **please note the new times**
- Using authentic texts in teaching French, including how to chose texts and adapt them to the students' levels
- Cost: nil
- Registration: via [Professional Learning and Events Calendar \(PLEC\)](#)

French Network minutes of meeting, posted 16 August 2018

See the [meeting minutes for 9 August 2018](#) for information presented at and arising from the last French Network meeting. For other latest news from Lena Britton, see her French Network email of today for details – including:

- Alliance Française art exhibition opening tonight, free entry, 7 pm
- Conversation group proposed at Alliance
- Professional learning opportunity with Asia Education Foundation, designed in line with the BRIDGE School Partnership Program; registrations close Friday 17 August.

French Network information and meeting, posted 7 August 2018

See the latest [French Network update](#) for information on:

- Mini-Conference
- Language Perfect championship
- Language acquisition lectures and masterclasses
- 2018 FATFA/NAFT Conference
- DELF and DALF exams
- Gianfranco Conti workshop

Multilingual Poetry Night

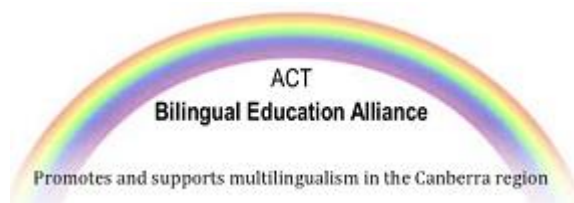
There is a great lineup of poets signed up for the Multilingual Poetry Night on Monday 13 August 2018 from 7 pm to 9 pm at Smith's Alternative! in languages including Mandarin, Cebuano, Hindi, Bengali, French, German, Shona, Dari, Farsi, Japanese, Mongolian, Sinhalese, Serbian and Spanish Each poet will share some insight into their poem, or a full translation, in English. Presented in partnership with That Poetry Thing that is on at Smith's every Monday Night, the event is \$5 at the door, but free for poets and readers who sign up before the night.

MLTA ACT Mini Conference 2018 has TQI accreditation, posted 6 August 2018

The August 2018 MLTA ACT Mini-Conference now has TQI accreditation (4 hours). Thanks to MLTA President Veronique Canellas who has once again been successful in organising this. See the post of 25 July for details.

ACT BEA August update, posted 31 July 2018

The [ACT Bilingual Education Alliance update for August 2018](#) comes with news on Mother tongue multilingual poetry workshop and evening; ACT Libraries expanding bilingual story times; Canberra Moon Festival; Talk and Discussion on Language Revival; Highlighting languages at the 2019 National Multicultural Festival (NMF); and a link to the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance Facebook page.



FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarship 2018, posted 27 July 2018

Applications are invited for the [FIPLV Congress 1988 Scholarship 2018](#). Applications are due 5:00pm Friday 28 September 2018. Please apply via [Google form](#). For any questions, please email Veronique Canellas, Executive President at Veronique.Canellas@act.gov.au.

AFMLTA News in Brief, posted 26 July 2018

See the [July 2018 News in Brief from AFMLTA](#) for:

1. Introducing the 2018-2019 AFMLTA executive
2. Advocacy: advocating for quality teaching and learning of languages; AFMLTA on ABC TV with ELLA
3. Babel publication update
4. Professional learning: 22nd AFMLTA Conference 7-9 July 2019 in Hobart; Ready, Set, Assess! workshop; AFMLTA executive members at state, national and international conferences
5. Membership
6. Communication.



MLTA ACT Mini Conference 2018, posted 25 July 2018

This year's MLTA ACT Mini Conference has the theme 'Flipped, Formative, Fun' and will be held on Saturday 18 August 2018 at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning, 51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling ACT 2611. Details are in the [conference flier](#). Cost of registration is \$30 for MLTA ACT Inc. members and \$80 for non MLTA ACT Inc. members. Morning tea will be provided. Please [register and pay via Trybooking](#) by COB Friday 10 August.



Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, posted 24 July 2018

The [July 2018 Canberra Region Languages Forum Update](#) includes news on:

- Languages in the news: Amaroo School first in world for Japanese in Language Perfect World Championship (from Canberra Chronicle); Is monolingualism a disease?; Critique of the AMEP; USQ to discontinue Mandarin and German
- Upcoming events and activities: ANU Language Teaching Forum; Survey of EAL/D and mainstream teachers in schools; WA conference with making task-based language teaching work in the classroom
- Opportunities to learn and practice languages: Alliance Française; Indonesian classes with the Australia Indonesia Association; Mandarin Community Tutoring Project; Languages at universities; ANU Continuing Education; CIT Solutions; Canberra Language Exchange; ACT Bilingual Education Alliance.

Mandarin teaching for Defence, posted 12 July 2018

Defence Department has a role to be filled teaching Mandarin. For details, see [information from Mylynda Balodis at Fortis Consulting](#).

ACFS Bulletin, posted 25 June 2018

The [June 2018 edition of the ACFS Bulletin](#) (Australia China Friendship Society) includes upcoming events:

- Chinese – English conversation evening, 8 July
- Canberra Winter Festival, 14 & 21 July
- Film night: Wolf Totem, 18 July
- Talk on Chinese culture, 15 August
- Talk on Art Deco Department stores of Shanghai, September
- ANU Chinese Classical Music Ensemble concert, 7 October

COACTEA Student Seminars, posted 21 June 2018

COACTEA invites Canberra students to participate in a seminar with Matthew Wills, former Head of Philosophy, Values and Religion at Hale School in WA, to develop skills in critical thinking, creative thinking and collaborative thinking. The seminar will be facilitated by SOPHY (Canberra Society of Philosophy for the Young), and will be held in the ACU Veritas Building on Friday 27 July 2018. A registration link is provided in the [seminar flyer](#).

Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award, posted 20 June 2018

Nominations for the [Fiona Arthur Language Teaching Award for 2018](#) are now open. Members are able to nominate themselves or nominate another member for the Award. The nominated candidate must demonstrably be:

1. engaging with current theories of education
2. modelling and promoting effective and innovative language teaching practice and
3. contributing to the education and professional development of language teachers.

Please refer to the document at the link above for full details. Nominations should clearly address each of the three criteria and must be submitted by COB Friday 5 October 2018 at <https://goo.gl/forms/lyiaveq3YHYHlh8g2>.

AFMLTA News in Brief, posted 15 June 2018

See the [June 2018 News in Brief from AFMLTA](#) for:

1. AFMLTA featured on ABC TV News Breakfast Program: 15 June 2018
2. About AFMLTA
3. AFMLTA NEWS – AFMLTA's response to gonski's 'missed opportunity' on languages
4. Current context of F-2 Languages education in Australian schools
5. Quality Languages Programs in Victorian Schools
6. A compelling message from Australia's educators
7. Exciting initiative for young learners in languages.

The third item above refers to Professor Pasi Sahlberg's comments on the need to add a 24th recommendation to the Gonski 2.0 agenda to address the issue of languages education, [as reported in the SMH on 3 June 2018](#).

Education Perfect speaking activities, posted 13 June 2018

Unlock complimentary access to Language Perfect Speaking Activities, available for free to DET ACT/ MLTA ACT network schools until the end of Term 3, 2018 – message from [Education Perfect Global Projects Manager](#). Education Perfect has developed a range of Speaking Activities. Teachers are able to create their own questions as well as listen to what their students have recorded and leave feedback.

Request complimentary access to high quality speaking activities to engage your students:

- Available for Chinese, Japanese, German, Italian, French, Spanish, and Indonesian.
- Spontaneous speaking where students are asked quick fire questions and record their answer in the target language.
- Conversation scenarios where students record a conversation with a partner.
- Monologues where students record a monologue of themselves talking about a given topic.
- Speaking Mode helps students focus on pronunciation at word level and compare their answer to a native speaker.

Contact Newsletter stop press, posted 6 June 2018

CONTACT newsletters were due last Friday but if you missed out on sending an article in you could still do so. If you can get articles to Joanne by the end of this week that would be great (contacteditor@mltaact.asn.au or joanne.chilver@cg.catholic.edu.au.)

It would be lovely to hear about any special activities or trips you have undertaken with your classes. Your students can write something or you can reuse an article you wrote for a school newsletter. It can be about what your students are doing in class, a PD/conference you went to, an excursion, a trip overseas... Ideally, it would be great to have a picture to go with your article (please consider media permission for students).

CONTACT also includes a section called Reading and ICT ideas, so if you have read an interesting article / book / blog... if you have discovered a new ICT resource (App, Website, Google extension...), all you need to do is send me a quick email with a brief description.

Finally, if you have any happy news you would like to share (baby, wedding...) please let us know!

Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, posted 10 May 2018

The latest update from the Canberra Region Languages Forum is now available. Preview of topics in [the May 2018 edition](#):

- A celebration of Languages, Latin American Cultural Centre, Sunday 20 May 2018, 2 pm to 4 pm
- ANU Asian Language Taster Courses, Mondays from 5 pm to 6 pm & ndash; 14 May Thai, 21 May Mandarin, 23 May Japanese
- ANU Language Teaching Forum, Monday 21 May, Baldessin Brecinct Building, ANU, with Ksenia Gnevesha
- ANU online courses available through Open Universities Australia
- New course in Tok Pisin
- Basic Intensive Persian Course
- French classes at Alliance Française de Canberra
- CIT Short Courses - Spanish for Travellers commencing soon
- Canberra Language Exchange, Tuesdays at 7 pm until 25 June, PJ O'Reillys in Civic
- Mother Tongue - Winter Words! Multilingual Poetry Showcase, 2 pm to 5 pm, Saturday 2 June 2018, Woden Youth Centre
- Workshop on poetry writing and performance, 2 pm to 4 pm, Sunday 27 May 2018, Woden Library Conference Room
- MLTA Teachmeet – see [MLTA Events page](#)
- Chinese Acquisition: Theory and Practice, 24th Conference of the CLTFA, 7-8 July 2018, Canberra Grammar School
- Current issues in child bilingual development, 27-27 July 2018, Macquarie University

EOI for presenters of CLSA workshops in Terms 2 to 4

MLTA ACT Inc. is seeking expressions of interest from current financial members to provide 90-minute professional learning sessions to the Community Language Schools Association on 27 June, 8 August and 31 October 2018. Details and a link to the EOI form are in [the EOI flier](#). EOIs should be completed by Friday 1 June COB.

Call for articles, Contact newsletter, posted 22 April 2018

Joanne Chilver is taking over from Ludivine as Publications Editor for the MLTA ACT Inc. Every semester, we publish the CONTACT Newsletter with articles written by our members. CONTACT is emailed to members twice a year, at the end of each semester. If you would like to contribute an article for the Semester 1, 2018 edition please email it to me at contacteditor@mltaact.asn.au or joanne.chilver@cg.catholic.edu.au. The deadline to send articles for Semester 1 is Friday 1 June (Week 5 - Term 2).

Your students can write something, or you can reuse an article you wrote for a school newsletter. It can be about what your students are doing in class, a PD/conference you went to, an excursion, a trip overseas... Ideally, it would be great to have a picture to go with your article (please consider media permission for students).

CONTACT also includes a section called Reading and ICT ideas, so if you have read an interesting article / book / blog... if you have discovered a new ICT resource (App, Website, Google extension...), all you need to do is send me a quick email with a brief description. Finally, if you have any happy news you would like to share (baby, wedding...) please let Joanne know!

National conference for teachers of Chinese, posted 22 April 2018

The Chinese Language Teachers' Association of ACT (CLTAACT) is organising and hosting the 24th Chinese Language Teachers' Federation of Australia Inc. (CLTFA) National Conference here in Canberra from 7-8 July 2018. The theme of the conference is Chinese Acquisition: Theory and Practice (See attached).

The Keynote Speakers are:

1. Professor Yang Zhao, Peking University, China
2. Professor Furukawa Yutaka, Osaka University, Japan
3. Professor Richard Rigby, Australian National University, Australia

Having the National Conference here in Canberra provides local and regional teachers of Chinese the opportunity to attend the conference to build their capacity and without incurring extra travel and accommodation costs. Teacher/s of Chinese are invited to attend the National Conference. Registration costs are:

- 1 Day Conference Only (7 July OR 8 July 2018)
 - 1 Day Conference - \$200
 - Conference dinner (Saturday night) - \$85
- Full Conference (7 July AND 8 July 2018)
 - Early Bird Special including Conference Dinner - \$350 before 15th May
 - After 15th May including Conference Dinner - \$380

Registration deadline is 29 June 2018.

TETC Stage for teachers of French January 2019, posted 18 April 2018

TETC (The Educational Tour Company) has announced dates for [Le Stage 2019](#), to be held in Tours, France, from 7 to 18 January 2019. The cost for the 9-day stage will be \$2,650. The stage is registered at Proficient level with NESA (the NSW Education Standards Authority), addressing 1.3.2, 1.5.2, 2.1.2, 2.6.2, 3.3.2, 3.4.2, 6.2.2, 6.3.2, 6.4.2, 7.4.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.

Recrutement Professeur des écoles contractuels anglophones 1er degré, posted 18 April 2018

Olivier Boissière est actuellement inspecteur de l'Éducation Nationale. Il a parlé avec Patricia Blumstein d'un [recrutement pour des professeurs d'école anglophones \(natifs\)](#). Le recrutement peut se faire par Skype et jusqu'en fin mai. Si cette possibilité vous intéresse, et vous êtes professeur des écoles avec un niveau de langue B2 en français, veuillez contacter Olivier ou Patricia.

[Olivier Boissière is currently inspector of National Education. He spoke with Patricia Blumstein (TPS) of a recruitment for English-speaking (native) school teachers . Recruitment can be done by Skype and until the end of May. If this opportunity interests you, and you are a teacher with a B2 language level in French, please contact Olivier or Patricia.]

French Network News, posted 18 April 2018

[French network news](#) for April from Lena Britten includes:

- Workshop on differentiation and using authentic documents 12 May, enrolment via PLEC
- Teacher identified professional learning - courses undertaken at Alliance Française
- Adomania digital workshop, Alliance Française, Thursday 3 May, 4 to 6 pm, rsvp to Jillian Taylor jillian@intextbook.com.au
- Term 2 network meeting 17 May from 4 pm at Alliance Française, rsvp via PLEC
- Cartier exhibition at NGA
- Exhibition on Baudin voyages at NMA
- Facebook group for the French Teachers' Network
- French competition posters for collection from Alliance Française
- Poetry competition
- Email list updates

Indieguerillas Exhibition - partnership NGA and MLTA ACT, posted 18 April 2018

Thanks to our continuing collaboration with the National Gallery of Australia, the MLTA ACT has been able to offer two primary teachers the opportunity to create teaching resources for the Indieguerillas Exhibition that is currently showing at the NGA Play, until the 28th of May.

The resources, aligned with Australian Curriculum Indonesian, will be available shortly on [the NGA website](#), along with a series of links that will be staying there more permanently. The resources also align with the cross curricular priority: Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia.

We invite primary teachers of Indonesian to consider organising an excursion for your primary classes to the National Gallery of Australia to see the Indieguerillas Exhibition, to take full advantage of the resources created for you through the MLTA ACT's collaboration with the NGA.

MLTA ACT 2018 Committee, posted 24 March 2018

Congratulations to committee members elected at the MLTA ACT Annual General Meeting on Thursday 22 March and welcome to new committee members. The updated list of committee members is now on [MLTA Home page](#). As MLTA President Veronique Canellas advised in a broadcast email to members, we look forward to continuing the work of the association in promoting language learning and teaching in Canberra and surrounding regions.

ELLA survey, posted 24 March 2018

The University of Melbourne is seeking Primary School teachers of Languages to complete an anonymous online survey about the Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) Program and the use of technology in the classroom.

The focus of the survey is twofold:

- to gain insight into teacher perceptions of possible benefits primary school students display having participated in an ELLA program at preschool
- to understand teacher perspectives on the possible inclusion of ELLA apps and related resources into the early years of primary school.

If you are interested in participating please contact Prof John Hajek at j.hajek@unimelb.edu.au as soon as possible or visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ELLA_research for more information about the project.

Note: If MLTAACT Inc. members are interested in participating then they are to contact Prof John Hajek directly and only engage in the project as members of the MLTAACT Inc. and not as employees of the ACT Education Directorate, CEO or AIS.

ANU seminar on L2 acquisition in Japanese, posted 21 March 2018

There will be a [seminar by Haruka Woods](#), PhD candidate, ANU College of Asian and the Pacific, as follows:

Title: Syntax-discourse interface on second language acquisition: Case of Japanese wa and ga'
3:30 pm, Tuesday, 27 March 2018
Venue: Engma Room (#5019, Coombs Bldg #9)

ANU Language Teaching Forum, posted 21 March 2018

The first seminar in the ANU Language Teaching Forum's 2018 program of events will take place on Monday 26 March 2018, with a presentation by Nguyen Bui, PhD candidate, on [Networked Professional Learning in Intercultural Language Education: Evidence of Impact](#).

The [ANU Language Teaching Forum program for 2018](#) has seminars scheduled for 26 March, 23 April, 21 May, 25 June, 23 July, 27 August and 24 September, with a few of these dates still available for presentations.

MLTA AGM, posted 20 March 2018

This is a reminder that the MLTA ACT Inc. Annual General Meeting is this Thursday 22nd of March 4:30pm start at Telopea Park School.

Please RSVP using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/aAMaS71uuqfhkjs03> (this is for catering purposes as well as to gauge interest in the different roles).

Come along to learn more about the running of the MLTA ACT Inc. and even perhaps consider joining the Executive Committee! It would be great to have representation from all languages in the members of the committee and to see some new faces helping run our vibrant association. You can nominate yourself or another member using the [nomination form](#).

If you can't make the meeting and would like to appoint a proxy, please use the [proxy form](#).

If you have any questions please let the Secretary know. Please note that you must be a financial member to join the committee so please make sure you have renewed your membership for this year.

Meet and Greet reminder, posted 27 February 2018

This Thursday 1st of March is the Annual **Meet and Greet Function**, 5:00pm for a 5:30pm start, at The Loft at Duxton.

If you forgot to RSVP by the due date last Friday but you do plan on coming, [please RSVP](#).

Please complete your [membership renewal](#) before Thursday, if you haven't done so yet, as that is when your 2017 membership lapses. If you aren't sure if you have renewed yet please email [MLTA ACT Secretary Annemarie Power](#), who can verify that for you.

AFMLTA News in Brief, February 2018, posted 23 February 2018, updated 24 February 2018 & 6 March 2018

Refer to the [February 2018 edition of AFMLTA News In Brief](#), and the previous news item, posted here 22 January and updated 8 February and 20 March, to see details and registration arrangements for the AFMLTA workshops to be held in Canberra at HBCTL:

- Friday 23 March – Ready?Set?Plan!
- Saturday 24 March – Ready?Set?Assess!

Enrolment deadline for these workshops has been extended to 23 March 2018. They are new workshops, so you can still count them for TQI if you participated in the Australian Curriculum Languages workshop in October last year.

Italian Embassy announcement, posted 23 February 2018

Contributi per cattedre di lingua italiana, borse e viaggi di studio e corsi di aggiornamento per docenti di italiano (Cap. 2619/3 - Cap. 2619/2), posted 23 February 2018 – applications close on 12 March 2018 for:

Contributions for teacher training courses (Cap. 2619/3). All applications should be signed and stamped. They should also be accompanied by:

- LETTER, signed by the head of the Institution, explaining the reasons for the request.
- INITIAL REPORT (Form D)
- FINAL REPORT (Form D2) for those institutions who received contributions in the last 5 years

Teacher Training and Personal Development courses should include at least 15 participants and no more than 25.

Contributions for new or existing teaching positions, scholarships and study visits to Italy (Cap. 2619/2). All applications should be signed and stamped. They should also be accompanied by:

- LETTER signed by the head of the Institution, explaining the reasons for the request.
- APPLICATION FORM – Form A for teaching Positions / Form B for scholarships and study visits to Italy
- FINAL REPORT (Forms A2/ B2) for those institutions who received contributions in the last 5 years

Scanned Applications may be anticipated via mail to this address and originals should be sent to the Embassy.

Refer to: [DGSPUFF 2018 V ALL. 2 Formulario D2 Relazione finale](#), [DGSPUFF 2018 V ALL. 1 FORMULARIO D Richiesta contributo](#), [DGSPUFV 2018 ALL. 1 Formulari A B 2619 pg2](#).

Languages Education Information Stall at NMF, posted 17 February 2018

There will be a Languages Education Information Stall at the National Multicultural Festival on Sunday 18 February. Stall organisers are the Canberra Academy of Languages, the ACT Bilingual Education Alliance and the Canberra Region Languages Forum.

Stall E6 will be located in Section E of the NMF footprint, on City Walk, near David Jones. See the [NMF map](#). Look for a sign saying "Learning Languages Canberra".

Mother Tongue Multilingual Poetry, posted 17 February 2018

Come to one - or all - of our multilingual poetry events at the National Multicultural Festival over 16-18 February 2018 in Canberra. Enjoy great food, drink, company, music and - of course - poetry!

- 5.00 - 5.45pm on Friday 16 February - Stage 4 - a showcase hosted by multilingual poets Asefeh Zeinalabedini and Anita Patel, with poetry in Hindi, Mandarin, Indonesian, Thai, Hungarian, Bengali, Polish, Persian and Malay
- 8.50 - 9.35pm on Saturday 17 February - Stage 7 - this showcase is hosted by multilingual poet Karina Palomita, with poetry in Uzbek/Turkic, Bengali, French, Indonesian, Serbian, Russian, Mongolian, and Spanish
- 12.00 midday on Sunday 18 February - Stage 4 - 'Homespun', a poem by four woman poets in six languages, exploring ideas about displacement, longing, belonging and home. If you haven't seen this, it is not to be missed!

Look for Stage 4 and Stage 7 on the [National Multicultural Festival map](#). Email mothertonguemic@gmail.com if you want any other information. And we'll see you there!

Mother Language Walk, posted 17 February 2018, updated 19 February 2018

In 1999, UNESCO declared 21 February as International Mother Language Day, to be observed annually worldwide, promoting awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. On Sunday 25 February, come and celebrate your family languages and the many other languages spoken in the ACT area by joining the [2018 Mother Languages Walk](#) across Commonwealth Bridge in Canberra.

- When? 3 pm Sunday 25 February 2018 (please note the change of time from 10 am to 3 pm)
- Who? Anyone and everyone! Free event
- Where? Start: Under the flags, near the National Library in Canberra; End: near Stage 88 in Commonwealth Park (2 km walk)

For more information, see Facebook: 'International Mother Language Movement Canberra'.

Canberra Region Languages Forum Update, posted 12 February 2018

See [this link](#) for the latest update from the Canberra Region Languages Forum. Items in this edition (some are updates of items from the December edition):

1. Promoting languages at the Multicultural Festival
2. Mother tongue multilingual poetry at the National Multicultural Festival in 2018
3. Language activities for children at the National Multicultural Festival in 2018
4. Mother Language Walk Sunday 25 February 2018
5. Raising Children in more than One Language Sunday 4 March
6. Languages education in the discussion of the Future of Education in the ACT
7. ANU Diploma of Languages discontinued
8. Canberra Languages Network
9. Motion in Federal Parliament on Monday 12 February 2018 to observe International Mother Languages Day (IMLD)
10. This is a Voice exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney
11. ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA).

Copies of previous Canberra Region Languages Forum Updates are available at <http://canberralanguages.blogspot.com/p/forum-updates.html>.

Workshop with Gianfranco Conti, posted 29 January 2018, updated 8 & 16 February 2018

A reminder and update from MLTA Executive Secretary Annemarie Power:

We have an excellent PL opportunity taking place soon on Saturday 17 February 2018. We are lucky to have internationally renowned educator Dr Gianfranco Conti returning to present on 'Metacognition and Language Skills'. It is not necessary to have attended the 2017 workshop with Gianfranco and the topics will be different to those in last year's workshop.

The registrations close Thursday 15 February (extended from the 9th), so don't forget to sign up. All who attended his workshop last year were very inspired by Dr Conti.

Details at a glance:

- **Timing:** 8:30am arrival and registration for a 9:00am start and 3:30pm finish
- **Location:** Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling.
- **Cost:** \$140 MLTA ACT Inc. members, \$230 Non MLTA ACT Inc. members
- **Registration:** Trybooking.Com by Friday 15 February 2018 (this is an extended closing date).

No late registrations will be accepted so please make sure you register to avoid disappointment. Please note there is a \$0.30 booking fee per ticket.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided – please ensure you provide us with your dietary requirements when registering.

For further background on Dr Gianfranco Conti please see:

- [His blog](#)
- [The Language Teacher Toolkit](#), the book he co-authored
- The language learning website he founded: [Language Gym](#)
- Consider joining the Facebook group he is an administrator and a founding member of: 'Global Innovative Language Teachers' (GILT)
- See also the [event flier](#) – please feel free to pass on to colleagues who are not MLTA ACT Inc. members or to print and display in your staffroom.

If you have any questions, please [email Annemarie](#).

AFMLTA Ready Set ... workshops update, posted 22 January 2018, updated 8 February 2018

The venue has now been confirmed for both AFMLTA Australian Curriculum [Ready?Set?Plan! and Ready?Set?Assess! workshops](#), on Friday 23 March and Saturday 24 March 2018, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. These will be held at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning (HBCTL) on both days. These workshops are TQI accredited for five hours. Registration is via AFMLTA website at www.afmlta.asn.au/content/readyssetassess.