

What's new

My Passport to Languages

My Passport to Languages is an innovative resource that students can take with them from Prep to Year 3 to record their language education achievements. The Passports have been designed to complement a school's language program and to support language teachers plan topics, themes and/or units based on commonly taught content areas. Passports are available to all students starting Prep in government schools in 2016 and are available in the following languages: Chinese, French, German, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish. If you are teaching a language at prep level and haven't yet obtained copies of My Passport to Languages email: languages.passports@edumail.vic.gov.au

High Resolves: New Global Citizenship Resources for Teachers

High Resolves is a not-for-profit initiative that delivers in-school programs for year 7-10 students in the areas of global citizenship, civics and citizenship. The program also offers some free global citizenship resources for teachers.

High Resolves has recently launched the Hi-Res platform which is like a 'Google for global citizenship' and features a wide range of searchable, student friendly articles and videos on global issues which have been vetted by High Resolves. There is no charge to use the platform.

The initiative is also offering free access to a comprehensive teacher resource pack on global citizenship which provides a lesson plan, slides and videos for a 60 minute classroom lesson on the topic 'What's a Global Citizen?'.


To access these resources please contact Terry Robb on tr@highresolves.org.

**MELBOURNE
WRITERS
FESTIVAL**

The 2016 Melbourne Writers Festival Schools' Program will take place from **Monday 29 August to Thursday 1 September**. With over 70 events and more than 40 authors, illustrators and storytellers, the Schools' Program is Australia's biggest literary festival for students aged 7 to VCE. The program will be released in May. <http://mwf.com.au/mwf-2016/>

New resources

Teaching Australian literature made easy: Reading Australia teaching resources

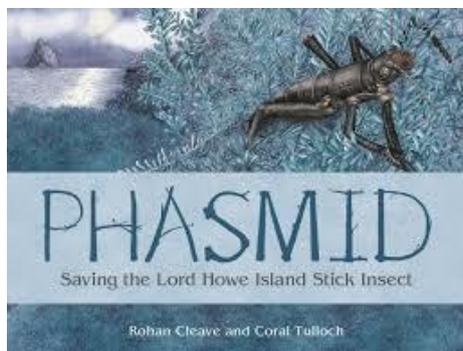
A collection of online teacher resources and units for over 100 Australian book titles are available from the Copyright Agency **Reading Australia** website. These are mapped to the Australian curriculum and units are available for titles suitable for Prep through to Year 12. The resources include classroom activities, worksheets and discussion questions and have been created in partnership with AATE, PETAA and ALEA. A download link to the resources has been added to the catalogue record of all titles available at LMERC.

<http://readingaustralia.com.au/>

Picture books

Greder, Armin. ***Australia to Z.***

Continuing on from his allegorical themes in ***The Island***, Armin Greder has created a disturbing and challenging alphabet book that takes a critical look at Australia. The first page opens with 'Aborigine' depicting a lone figure with a spear on a cliff watching a boat under full sail. On the adjacent page, 'Boat People' features a simple boat very low in the water because it is crowded with people. Both boats are on the same dark sea and Greder sets the themes of greed, indulgence, anger, aggression and xenophobia from the outset. Certainly not a book for younger readers, but one that should stimulate much discussion in upper primary/secondary classrooms. (Values, Identity)

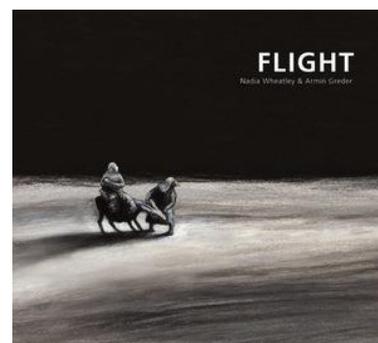


Cleave, Rohan and Tulloch, Coral. ***Phasmid: Saving the Lord Howe Island stick insect.***

Phasmid presents the amazing true story of the Lord Howe Island stick insect, the phasmid. Once thought to be extinct, the phasmids were rediscovered on Balls Pyramid, a volcanic outcrop 23 kilometres off the coast of Lord Howe Island, prompting an extraordinary conservation effort to save this species. With a captivating narrative by Rohan Cleave and stunning watercolour illustrations by Coral Tulloch, *Phasmid* is a positive story about one species' incredible story of survival. Primary/Lower secondary.(Sustainability)

Wheatley, Nadia. ***Flight.***

'Tonight is the night. The family has to flee. They've been tipped off that the authorities are after their blood.' With Armin Greder's ever-powerful illustrations (see above) and Wheatley's poignant text, this refugee flight story references the flight of Mary, Joseph and Jesus to Egypt when they learn that Herod is intent on killing all babies. Primary/lower secondary. (Refugees)



EAL

ESL Movie resource packs. These are companion teachers' books for popular films, *Finding Nemo* and *Looking for Alibrandi*, and the activities are designed for EAL learners. These titles are now available as e-books. Other titles available in hard copy from LMERC: *The Castle*, *Bend it like Beckham*, *Rabbit-proof fence* and *Whale Rider*. Please contact us if you interested in borrowing these e-books.

Pearson Science EAL/D activity books (Years 7, 8, 9 & 10)

These activity books supplement the Australian Curriculum Pearson science series. They cater for a variety of learning styles. Each book incorporates tailored language and vocabulary support and provides hints and scaffolds for student responses. They are suitable for use in the classroom or independently by students.

New bilingual picture books are available in Panjabi and English, Russian and English and Telugu and English.

VCE EAL resources

Naphthine, Melanie. *EAL: studying persuasive language* 2nd edn & *EAL: studying texts* 2nd edn

Naphthine, Melanie & Daniel, Michael. *EAL for year 12*

Understanding everyday Australian books 1 and 2 (full kits now available with audio CDs)

Languages

Saya Bisa! Pearson Indonesian language text books, Level 1 & 2, Student book and audio CDs, workbook and teacher books (contain: consolidation worksheets and homework sheets, speaking, listening, reading and writing tests, answers for selected worksheets, answers for listening and reading tests, end-of-unit checklists, solutions to workbook activities overprinted on workbook pages).



New German language resources:

- **Zack: Deutsch lernen mit comics / Michaela Brintzer**
- **Lese-Memory (vocabulary memory game)**
- **60 Stunden Deutschland: politik, geschichte, kultur** (workbook and audio CD)
- **Einfach sprechen!: Deutsch als Zweit- und Fremdsprache A2 – B1** (workbook and audio CD)

Into film - Three lesson plans for using French language films for children in the classroom. *The Red Balloon*, *A cat in Paris*, *Kirikou*. LMERC holds copies of these DVDs. Hardcopy teacher resource available or access online at: **Into film** <https://www.intofilm.org/resources/all#search=french>

Indigenous perspectives resources

eBooks available from the State Library of Victoria

Brennan, Frank 2015, *No Small Change: The Road to Recognition for Indigenous Australia*, e-book, accessed 16 February 2016, <http://SLV.ebib.com.au/patron/FullRecord.aspx?p=2011841>

Wheeler, Belinda 2013, *Companion to Australian Aboriginal Literature*, e-book, accessed 16 February 2016, <http://SLV.ebib.com.au/patron/FullRecord.aspx?p=1206897>

Articles of interest

Grasso, Marianne. *The importance of multicultural literature*. SCIS Connections. Issue 96, 2016.

http://www2.curriculum.edu.au/scis/connections/issue_96/articles/the_importance_of_multicultural_literature.html

A look at the value of 'multicultural literature' in the school library fiction collection and the importance of ensuring that school library collections reflect the cultural and linguistic diversity in the school community and society in general. Also explores the way that exposure to multicultural literature can break down cultural barriers.

Events and Exhibitions

Islamic Museum of Australia

Islamic coins: a journey through Islamic civilization exhibition to 30 May 2016

<https://www.islamicmuseum.org.au/latest-news/item/295-islamic-coins-exhibition>

Jewish Museum of Australia: 6 March to 31 July 2016

Can we talk about Poland?

Photographs by Arnold Zable and Lindsay Goldberg: a public program of music and cultural events, panel discussions and talks.

<http://www.jewishmuseum.com.au/exhibitions/can-we-talk-about-poland>

UN International Year of Pulses: The year aims to heighten public awareness of the nutritional benefits of pulses as part of sustainable food production aimed towards food security and nutrition.

Olympic Games, Rio 2016: 5-21 August

Paralympic Games: 7-18 September

Literature Base, February 2016, has literature-based classroom activities centred on the Olympics and the host country, including a book list.

LMERC has resources relating to Brazil, the history and sports of the Olympics as well as country and cultural information about participating nations. We also have a Pinterest board with resources and ideas:

<https://www.pinterest.com/lmerc2/i-go-to-rio/>

The **Parliament of Victoria** is bringing the Parliament to the people in Victoria's regional centres with its regional visit program which provides school students the opportunity to learn about how legislation is discussed and laws are made.

Regional visits comprise [parliament role plays](#) designed for students in years 5, 6, and 7 and VCE. The sessions are conducted in a local hall or facility chosen to provide easy access for the schools that are attending. The Regional visit program is free to all schools. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Places available for Ballarat session in June 2016.

To book call, Pablo Diaz (Outreach Program Coordinator) on (03) 9651 8962 or e-mail pablo.diaz@parliament.vic.gov.au

Chinese cultural workshops

The Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne offers a variety of Chinese cultural workshops designed to meet school cultural programs needs and objectives. Students from Prep to Year 12 are welcome to experience our newly designed excursion & incursion programs in 2016. Workshops include Taiji, Chinese songs, Chinese dance, Chinese painting & Calligraphy, Chinese paper cutting and Lucky Knot making. For more information and prices, please email Ms. Yan Zheng (yan.zheng@unimelb.edu.au) or call 9035 8204.

Supporting children learning English as an additional language in the early years

Free Kindergarten Association (FKA) is running a series of workshops on teaching EAL to children aged 0-3 and 3-5 between April and May 2016. Developed by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, early childhood development expert Dr Priscilla Clarke OAM and FKA Children's Services, each series provides early childhood professionals with a clear understanding of the way children learn English as an additional language and how to support families raising children with multiple languages.

Workshops will be held in Whittlesea, Bairnsdale and Melbourne. For further details go to the FKA events page at: <http://www.fka.com.au/news-and-events>

Focus on children and families from refugee and asylum seeking backgrounds

Evening workshop 5-8pm, Wednesday 13 April 2016, Foundation House, Brunswick (more details below).

Professional Learning Opportunities

Date	Event	Venue	Further information
20 April 2016	Updating your Knowledge about English as an Additional Language (Secondary settings)	ISV Seminar Room 40 Rosslyn St. West Melbourne	Independent Schools Victoria
26 April 2016	Teaching and Learning Languages with iPads and other Tablets - Rebecca Gregory	Rydges on Swanston	More information at Critical Agendas .
6 May 2016	MLTAV Annual Conference – 'Voting for languages nationally'	Cliftons, 440 Collins St, Melbourne	Register online: www.mltav.asn.au/conf Information: info@mltav.asn.au

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