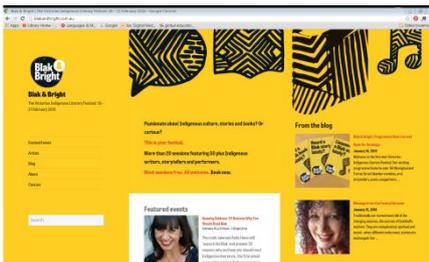


## What's new



### Blak and Bright

Inaugural Victorian Indigenous Literary Festival

Over 60 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers from novelists to song writers.

18 – 21 February, Wheeler Centre

Most events free

Bookings required

[Programme and details](#)

### Chinese New Year – Year of the Monkey 8 February 2016

Firecrackers, feasts and fiery dragons are among some of the many Asian cultural delights set to mark the beginning of the new lunar year at the inaugural Chinese New Year Melbourne Festival, running from 6 – 21 February 2016.

For more information about events around Melbourne go to the [Melbourne Chinese New Year festival website](#)



### Are you involved in things that matter to you? Survey for young adults 12-17

Save the Children and Queen's University Belfast want to hear from children about their experiences of taking action or voicing their opinions on issues that affect them or are important to them. This information will help Save the Children in their advocacy work with children.

The Centre for Children's Rights at Queen's University Belfast is working with Save the Children on the project. It can be accessed directly via this link and completed anonymously in about 15 minutes:

<http://resourcecentre.savethechildren.se/library/are-you-involved-things-matter-you>.

The questionnaire will close on **Monday 29 February 2016**. [More information](#).

## New resources

### Books about new beginnings!

New comprehensive teacher resources related to books about transitions and starting school from Copyright Australia, [Reading Australia](#) website. Titles to suit primary and secondary level including: ***All through the year*** by Jane Godwin and Anna Walker, ***My two blankets*** by Irena Kobald and Freya Blackwood and ***The Peasant Prince*** by Li Cunxin and Anne Spudvilas. <http://readingaustralia.com.au/2016/02/new-beginnings/>

Hibbs, Linda (2015) ***My first book of Indonesian words: an ABC rhyming book of Indonesian language and culture***. A picture book with contemporary cartoon style illustrations introducing simple Indonesian vocabulary with explanatory text in English describing aspects of daily life and traditional arts and music.

## EAL

EAL readers for secondary level and adult — **EAL Extras series**

All sets have a teacher's guide (with pre & post reading activities, worksheets and assessment), audio CD with slow-paced reading of the story, workbook and reader.

**Maybe next year**, Beginner level A includes:

- 8 mini stories about different members of one family, set in Australia and told in present tense with simplified layout

**Six stories from Hope Street**, Beginner level B includes:

- 6 illustrated stories about a group of neighbours, set in Australia
- Discussion questions relating content to life experience of reader

**The Garage sale**, Beginner level C includes:

- 6 illustrated chapters of original fiction set in Australia

**Other new EAL resources available at LMERC:**

- More titles in the **21st century reading: creative thinking and reading with TEDTALKS** series.
- New sets of levelled readers with audio CDs, teacher resources and workbooks from **Fitzroy Readers**.



### Supporting English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners' transition to school

This online resource is designed to assist and guide early childhood professionals and teachers in schools. The EAL resource includes, theoretical perspectives of second language learning and how it can be supported by teachers, documented case studies from five early childhood settings and schools, video vignettes and links to many other supporting resources. [Supporting English as an Additional Language \(EAL\) learners' transition to school website.](#)

## Languages

**Build your Arabic vocabulary** / Haroon Shirwani (2007) This topic based book covers over 1000 everyday words related to the themes of family, greetings, body, clothing and colours. Other topics include: weather and environment, education, work, media and health. Includes: advice for teachers, students, activities and extension exercises, flashcards and audio CD to practice pronunciation.

Other new Arabic language titles include: **Arabic from the beginning**, **Arabic without the tears** by Dr Imran Hamza Alawiye, **Gateway to Arabic flashcards**.

New Persian language resources:

A selection of new readers including these titles:

**Bird of Passage**

**Misunderstanding**

**Waqt-i ħwāb-i kūčūlūhā**

**Yak dāstān-i ma'mūlī**

**Sarv-i nāz** English title **Evergreen**

Persian/English bilingual board books on: Vehicles, Tools, Plants, Clothes and School.

More copies of the popular Brilliant Publications books (Language activities for teachers): **Bonne Idee**, Speaking activities in French, Spanish and German, **Lotto** in Italian, French, German and Spanish.

## Events

**Lunar New Year: Year of the Monkey** Monday 8 February

**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.

**UN International Year of Camelids:** The year is to recognize the economic and cultural importance of camelids (camels, vicunas, llama and alpacas) in the lives of the people living in areas where they are domesticated and used as a source of food and wool and as pack animals, and to raise awareness around the protection of the animals and sustainability of associated products.

**Olympic Games, Rio 2016:** 5-21 August

**Paralympic Games:** 7-18 September

## Professional Learning Opportunities:

**Tools for Enhancing Assessment Literacy for Teachers of English as an Additional Language (TEAL)**

***Putting TEAL into practice: A whole school approach***

Sessions will be held between February and June 2016.

The Tools for Enhancing Assessment Literacy for Teachers of English as an Additional Language (TEAL) project provides an online resource for teachers of primary and secondary students who are learning English as an additional (EAL) language: <http://teal.global2.vic.edu.au>.

In 2016, members of the TEAL research team will provide a professional learning program at six different locations (six half-day sessions at five metropolitan locations and three full day sessions in Bendigo). Participants can register for one of the six available programs at: <http://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/?72TSWH>

**VCE English and EAL day**

**Friday 12 Feb, 2016**

VATE and VicTESOL are pleased to present the 2016 VCE English and EAL Day. The focus of the day is on coursework for, and approaches to, the three areas of study.

For new teachers of Units 1 and 2 or Units 3 and 4 English/EAL there is a workshop dedicated to helping you navigate your way through the course. We are also offering an overview of Bridging EAL.

To book for this event you must be a 2016 VATE member or current VicTESOL member. For more information see the VATE website at: <http://registrations.vate.asn.au:443/details/350>

**ACPPA Singapore Study Program**

**Dates: 17 - 22 April 2016**

The Australian Catholic Primary Principals' Association, in partnership with the Asia Education Foundation, is offering a five-day in-country professional learning program to Singapore in April 2016. Singapore has invested heavily in education reform and renewal and this program offers school leaders the opportunity to connect with and learn from leading education institutions and high performing schools.

This professional learning program will enable participants to gain a greater understanding of the education context and school leadership initiatives in Singapore. More details at the [Asia Education Foundation website](#).

**Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities**  
**Bastow Institute, February to June 2016**

Develop your knowledge, understanding and skills to establish and strengthen collaborative partnerships with families and communities to improve children’s learning and development outcomes. This course has a particular focus on working with families and children who face considerable challenges. Fully subsidised for Victorian early childhood services/organisations. More details at: <http://www.bastow.vic.edu.au/courses>

Date	Event	Venue	Further information
17 February 9 March 20 April 18 May 22 June	Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities Workshops 9 – 5 pm	Bastow Institute, 603-615 Queensberry St, North Melbourne	<a href="#">Bastow Institute</a> Applications Close Wed 17 February, 5pm Fully subsidised for Victorian early childhood services/organisations
11 February	Differentiation in the languages classroom - Viviana Golding	Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre, Preston	<a href="#">More information</a> at Critical Agendas.
12 February	VCE English and EAL day	Monash University, Caulfield Campus, 900 Dandenong Rd, Caulfield East	<a href="#">VATE</a>
22 February	Practical Comprehension Strategies for the ESL/EAL Learner - Rita Mesiano	Rydges on Swanston	<a href="#">More information</a> at Critical Agendas.
4 March	Implementing the Australian Curriculum: Languages	ISV Seminar Room 40 Rosslyn St. West Melbourne	<a href="#">Independent Schools Victoria</a>
7 March	Getting Started with CLIL (Content and Integrated Language Learning) Approach to Teaching Languages	ISV Seminar Room 40 Rosslyn St. West Melbourne	<a href="#">Independent Schools Victoria</a>
20 April	Updating your Knowledge about English as an Additional Language (Secondary settings)	ISV Seminar Room 40 Rosslyn St. West Melbourne	<a href="#">Independent Schools Victoria</a>
26 April	Teaching and Learning Languages with iPads and other Tablets - Rebecca Gregory	Rydges on Swanston	<a href="#">More information</a> at Critical Agendas.

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