

LMERC Newsletter

Languages and Multicultural
Education Resource Centre

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What's new

Languages – expanding their world!

Education Week will be celebrated from **19-25 May 2013** when kindergarten programs and government schools throughout Victoria will open their doors to families and their broader communities through information nights, open days, student displays, performances and other special events that showcase their programs and achievements.

In 2013, Education Week will highlight the importance and lifelong benefits of children learning a language as part of their education journey.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/edweek.aspx?Redirect=1>

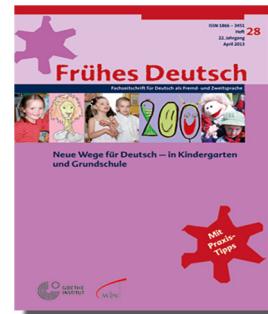
New resources

Languages resources

Frühes Deutsch, vol. 28, April 2013

Neue Wege für Deutsch—in Kindergarten und Grundschule

Case studies looking at practices in different contexts including teaching German in other countries. Has a primary/early childhood focus and contains some ideas for CLIL classrooms.



New DEECD CLS website

An updated, improved and easier- to- navigate Community Languages Schools webpage is now live on the DEECD website. It is hoped that the new layout will provide easier access to relevant information and support for Community Languages Schools. The site can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/languages/Pages/clsschools.aspx>

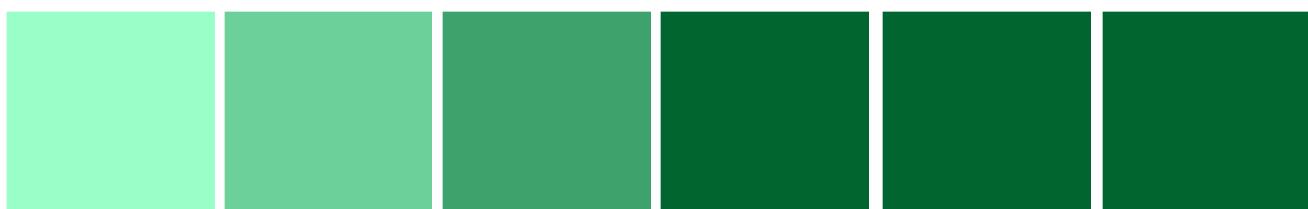
New picture books in: Arabic, Italian and Greek. For new titles, please search the LMERC website.

Asia Literacy

Apps for Studies of Asia

From the Studies of Asia Newsletter ...

'A collection of nearly 60 free apps has been compiled for use across the curriculum to enhance Asia literacy. Some are for pre-school and very basic literacy levels, others have more depth and challenge. The full list is



available on the Studies of Asia wikispace:

http://studiesofasia.wikispaces.com/file/view/SOA_newsletter_March_2013.pdf/413990006/SOA_newsletter_March_2013.pdf

Wayang Kulit (shadow puppets), Bollywood Infusion, Chinese acrobats, dance and other arts. New programs from Cultural Infusion available at:

<http://culturalinfusion.org.au/portalnew/>

LMERC iPad

LMERC will load many of the recommended apps onto our demonstration iPad. If you would like to try out these and other apps recommended by teachers, visit LMERC at 150 Palmerston St, Carlton. To book: lmerc.library@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Global Education

RMIT Global Studies Week 20-24 May

A series of free public events. For more information go to

http://www.sev.asn.au/events/files/GUSS_Global_Studies_Week.pdf



Donkeys can't fly on aeroplanes: stories of survival from South Sudanese refugee children living in Australia.

'These stories are real, as seen through the eyes of the children. They are the thoughts, feelings, experiences,...[they are] the images that they visit when they close their eyes in the night.' Sharon Sandy, Student Wellbeing Coordinator, Latrobe English Language School. A collection of 21 short illustrated stories by children from South Sudan living in Traralgon. The stories are suitable for years 2-6. For book sales, please contact: Sahron

Sandy. Sandy.sharon.v@edumail.vic.gov.au

Proceeds of the sales will go to the Bor Orphanage & Community Education Project Inc.

An article about the book and the students appeared in *The Age*, 2 May 2013.

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/sudanese-students-offer-an-insight-into-their-other-world-20130501-2it9p.html>

(On left: children who took part in the artists workshops to produce the beautiful collage pictures for the book)

Cultural Infusions

Programs for schools in metro and regional areas include: Aboriginal music, Rhythm of Africa, Middle Eastern infusions, Music of the Andes, and much more. For details go to:

<http://culturalinfusion.org.au/portalnew/education/program-search/>

English as an Additional Language

New EAL resources available from LMERC:

Resources to support first language maintenance -bilingual and first language picture books: *Cinderella* in Farsi and Karen, a collection of new picture books in Thai and English. Popular young adult novels in Mandarin and Vietnamese: *Inheritance, Twilight* and more.

Pre-apprenticeship maths and literacy books with CD-Rom

Titles have been produced for 13 different pathways including: hospitality, electrical, retail, plumbing, hairdressing, aged care, construction, beauty therapy, childcare, business administration and nursing. Available to loan from LMERC from late May 2013.

Articles of interest in recent journals

Asia: journal of the Asia Education Teachers' Association, vol.41, no. 1, March 2013.

The current issue 'Japan' covers topics such as: defining and debating what is seen as cool culture (anime, costume—especially the stereotype of cute for girls, clothes, the Hello Kitty phenomenon) in Japan and its spread around the world, global geography issues, cities – Tokyo and Hiroshima, and a comprehensive unit on Japanese visual arts for secondary students.

New Internationalist, no. 460: March 2013.

'What's development done for me?' NI has been published for forty years, and this issue looks at the progress (or lack of it) in resolving inequalities in the world.

Practically Primary, vol. 18, no.1 February 2013

This issue's focus is on sustainability with reference to the features of the Australian curriculum and sustainable teaching. Articles on literacy and sustainability, sustainable and effective story time and play time programs, incorporating sustainability into the classroom, using Assistive technology (using the SETT framework to guide you through choosing the most appropriate technology tools).

Exhibitions and Events

Getting ready for Refugee Week and World Refugee day - June 20

Free posters and other resources can be ordered from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Regional Office. See examples and order at www.unhcr.org.au

Afghanistan: Hidden Treasures from the Museum of Kabul



'The *Afghanistan: Hidden Treasures from the Museum of Kabul* exhibition, with more than 200 artefacts, some thousands of years old, offers a rare opportunity to discover Afghanistan's untold and surprising story of a long and extraordinarily rich culture, unveiling stories of Afghan bravery to protect their precious cultural heritage.'

Classroom activities to support your visit to the museum.

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/discoverycentre/afghanistan/education-resources/?subject=afghanistan&searchtype=prog&topic=Education+Resources&rs=12>

Professional Learning Opportunities

Professional Development for English teachers in rural areas

The workshops will run over two days: Monday after school from 4:00 – 6:00 PM, focusing on Australian Curriculum units of work for the middle years, followed by Tuesday morning from 9:00 – 11:00 AM, focusing on issues to do with course delivery and assessment of VCE English and EAL. The dates are as follows:

Monday 13th May and Tuesday 14th May – Horsham

Monday 17th June and Tuesday 18th June – Moe

Registration is for the two dates at the venue. You can send a different staff member to each session. If you do wish different staff members to attend each session please email their details to nheaslip@vate.org.au.

vicTESOL

**Supporting English language teaching,
learning and multicultural education**

VicTESOL Twilight Networking Session # 2:

Focus on EAL in a VCE context

Thursday 6 June

For details of the venue, please visit the VicTESOL website closer to the date: www.victesol.vic.edu.au

Date	Event	Venue	Further information
01 May – 15 May 2013	Audi Festival of German Films 2013	Kino Cinema – Collins St, Palace Cinemas Como	http://www.goethe.de/ins/au/Ip/prj/fia/ffg/ffm/amf/enindex.htm
19-25 May	Education Week	Various venues across the state	DEECD website at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/Pages/edweek.aspx?Redirect=1
9-23 May	Human Rights Arts and Film Festival	Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) Federation Square, Melbourne	http://hraff.org.au/programme#melbourne
19 May	Japan Festival	Box Hill Town Hall.	http://www.jcv-au.org/japanfestival/
Primary English Teaching Association Australia (PETAA) in conjunction with Western English Language School (WELS) is offering a selection of Professional learning for teaching staff and EAL teachers and Coordinators in 2013			
23 rd May 8:45am – 4:00pm	<i>Supporting EAL learners in reading and writing across the curriculum: principles and practices</i> Pauline Gibbons	VU Sunshine Gate 1 460 Ballarat Road Sunshine	\$135 Early bird registration (Wed. May 1) Non early bird rate \$150 – (by May 15)
Fri 24 May:	Why Learn Japanese? Day	Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University	http://www.iltav.org.au/
March 7 to June 2, 2013.	<i>The Golden Age of Colour Prints: Ukiyo-e from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston</i>	Shepparton Art Museum	Please visit the museum website for more details. http://www.sheppartonartmuseum.com.au

Australia in the Asian century? : economy, security and culture

An intensive 10 week course 1 May- 3 July 2013

Further Information:

Melbourne International Relations Education and Latrobe University –Centre for Dialogue (www.mire.org.au), email (dialogue@latrobe.edu.au)

From the Asia Education Foundation

Cambodia: Past and Present

30 June – 12 July 2013

This new study program visits Phnom Penh, Siem Reap and Battambang, providing teachers with opportunities to learn about this historically and culturally rich country and to engage with the people of Cambodia. Experiences from this program are relevant to the Australian Curriculum for History Year 8 depth study on the Asia-Pacific World. For example, an investigation of the the Angkor/Khmer Empire of c.802–c.1431.

Thailand Leadership Study Program

BLUELIGHT: Revealing leadership across cultures

7 – 13 July 2013

This intensive program, located at the College of Management, Mahidol University (CMMU), Bangkok, inspires leaders to achieve personal and professional excellence in developing Asia relevant capabilities and capacity to lead Asia literate schools. The program provides opportunities to network with other educational leaders who have spent most of their professional careers in Southeast and East Asia, but retain a solid understanding of education in Western countries.

This program is delivered by the Asia-Pacific Centre for Leadership and Change (APCLC) at the Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd) in collaboration with the Asia Education Foundation (AEF).

Download program information and registration forms at the AEF Study Programs page:

www.asiaeducation.edu.au/teachers/study_programs/study_programs_landing_page.html

Calendar of important days

15, 16 May	Shauvot Festival of weeks	http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/australia/shavuot
26 May	National Day of Healing, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander's, Australia. Also called National Sorry Day	For more information and student resources go to the National Sorry Day Committee website at: http://www.nsdc.org.au/
14-21 June	National Refugee Week 20 June World Refugee Day	http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/

For important days on the interfaith calendar please go to the Victorian Multicultural Commission Website at <http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/resources/interfaith-calendar>

Free Kindergarten Association. 2013 Days of Significance: <http://www.fka.com.au/news-events/2013-days-significance>

Australian Government, Department of Immigration and Citizenship cultural days calendar
<http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/a-multicultural-australia/calendar-australia/>

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