



*The AFMLTA provides vision, leadership, representation, advocacy and support for quality teaching and learning of languages. In this edition of News In Brief we provide a snapshot of some of the recent work of the association.*



### **AFMLTA Ready? Set? Plan! Australian Curriculum: Languages Professional Learning Program workshops**

Over 350 Languages teachers around the country have already participated in the *Ready? Set? Plan!* workshops held in early March. Feedback has been very positive with teachers particularly appreciating the planning templates and exemplars provided to support teachers in planning for implementation of Australian Curriculum: Languages.

You can still [register online](#) for the following workshops:

Saturday 2 April: Adelaide

Saturday 30 April: Canberra

Saturday 7 May: Cairns

Saturday 21 May: Brisbane

**Further details:** [afmlta.asn.au](http://afmlta.asn.au)

### **AFMLTA Australian Curriculum: Languages Webinar**

The AFMLTA will facilitate a webinar to assist teachers with ways of implementing the Australian Curriculum: Languages if your time allocation and entry points do not directly align with the time suggested by the Australian Curriculum.

Webinar Date: Tuesday 31 May, 7.30pm AEST

[Register Online](#) for member rates and log-in from around the country to engage in this practical PL opportunity!

### **AFMLTA 2017 Conference - Save the Date!**

The 21st AFMLTA National Languages Conference will be held on the **Gold Coast, 6-8 July 2017**. Book this event into your 2017 PL calendar now!

### **Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA)**

After a successful trial in 2015, the Australian government is expanding the ELLA program in preschools across Australia in 2016, providing children with the opportunity to engage in language learning through the use of tablet devices and other resources. For more information:

<https://www.education.gov.au/early-learning-languages-australia>

### **International Linguapax Award**

Linguapax delivers a yearly award on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day (21 February). This prize is a tribute to outstanding action carried out in different areas in favour of the preservation of linguistic diversity, revitalisation and reactivation of linguistic communities and the promotion of multilingualism.

One of the 2 winners for 2016 is the Yambirra School Council/Djarrma Action Group representing 14 Aboriginal language groups of the Yolngu people of Yirrkala and Laynhapuy in Arnhem Land (Northern Territory, Australia). The AFMLTA congratulates the community elders involved in conveying the cultural and linguistic heritage of their people through bilingual teaching programmes in Yolngu. For further information:

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/news/yirrkala-celebrates-40-years-of-bilingual-education/>



### **AFMLTA -AITSL Standards Aligned**

The AFMLTA is pleased to announce a new resource which we have developed to support teachers of Languages in reflecting on practice, planning Professional Learning needs,

applying for promotion/ registration and preparing for performance appraisal processes. It brings together the AITSL and AFMLTA standards in one document with language-specific annotations. This resource is available to download **FREE** from the [AFMLTA website](#) as a PDF for each of the following languages - Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish.

### **Professor Joseph Lo Bianco:**

#### **FIPLV International Award Recognition**

The AFMLTA had the pleasure of hosting a dinner to present Professor Joseph Lo Bianco with the FIPLV International Award in Melbourne on 19 February. Joe was presented his award by FIPLV representative Denis Cunningham in recognition of exceptional and outstanding contributions to language teaching, learning and research in Australia and internationally over an extended period, that has influenced the pattern and quality of language teaching and learning in sustained and significant ways.



*Joseph Lo Bianco receiving his FIPLV award with AFMLTA President, Kylie Farmer and members of AFMLTA Executive, state and territory MLTA representatives, FIPLV Representative and invited guests.*

#### **Membership**

To become a member of AFMLTA, join one of our member associations in your state or territory: LTANT, MLTA ACT, MLTANSW, MLTAQ, MLTASA, MLTAT, MLTAV, MLTAWA.

#### **Communication**

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