**ACT Bilingual Education Alliance (ACTBEA)**

**Mini Email Update**

**August 2015**

**1.  Inter-generational harmony potluck lunch**  
Hope to see some of you at this multi-age, multicultural and multilingual event on Saturday 29 August, 12.30pm - 2pm, at the Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre in Civic Square.

* Free face painting for kids and other activities for all ages.
* Bring a plate of food to share and sample dishes from around the world!

To register: email [secretary.cmcf@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.cmcf@gmail.com) or call 6262 7060 or 0413 609 839 or just drop in.  
  
**2. Canberra Bilingual Families**  
The Canberra Bilingual Mums’n’bubs group has changed its name to Canberra Bilingual Families.

Join them on[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/374193169405460/)to get in touch with other families interested in raising children in more than one language and for information and links to informative and useful resources such as [7*good reasons to raise your kids bilingual*](http://jumpparents.co.uk/reasons-to-raise-your-kids-bilingual/)and [How to support bilingual children](http://jumpparents.co.uk/how-to-support-bilingual-children/).  
  
**3. Some other recent articles of interest**   
  
[What are the known benefits of being bilingual?](http://serious-science.org/cognitive-advantages-of-bilingualism-2-2610) Is it more beneficial to speak three languages as opposed to two? What are the possible negative affects of being raised bilingual? Professor of Linguistics at Harvard University, Maria Polinsky, explains arguments for raising bilingual children.  
  
[Without a second language our kids are second class citizens](http://www.laborherald.com.au/education/without-a-second-language-our-kids-are-second-class-citizens/)  
This article focuses on learning Asian languages but make some good points. Also, as we know, someone who already knows two languages has skills and attitudes that facilitate learning an additional language they might later need. .   
  
[Community languages and mainstream education](http://leftfootforward.org/2015/07/how-we-can-save-community-languages-and-why-we-should/)   
An interesting article from the UK about the potential benefits of supporting community languages and ideas for cooperation with mainstream schools: