

**MULTILINGUAL  
AUSTRALIA**

# 2024

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Building a Language-Friendly Australia



# ABOUT MULTILINGUAL AUSTRALIA

Multilingual Australia, previously known as Bilingual Families Perth, is a not-for-profit organisation that has been supporting families from diverse linguistic backgrounds since 2002. Our mission is to identify and address the needs of children, parents, and grandparents of non-English speaking backgrounds in relation to the maintenance and usage of languages other than English at home.

**Multilingualism is a valuable asset for individuals and society as a whole, and we strive to promote its benefits.**

Our focus is on encouraging families to confidently use a language other than English for communication within the family. Our organisation helps families to overcome the barriers that may prevent them from using their native languages at home, such as a lack of confidence or resources.

While our initial focus was on families with very young children, we now welcome children and family members of all ages. Additionally, we also advocate for multilingualism in the broader community, raising awareness about the benefits of multilingualism and the importance of linguistic diversity.


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### Vision

A language-friendly Australia.



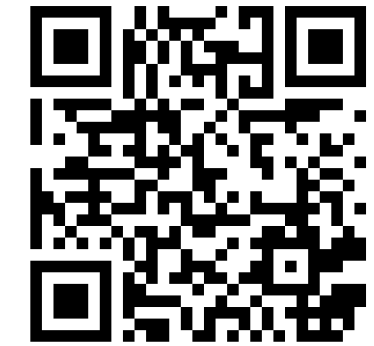
### Mission

Multilingual Australia helps people to connect, learn, and sustain languages by providing opportunities and resources and fostering strong relationships with all stakeholders.



### Values

Collaboration, Empowerment  
Integrity, Striving for Excellence  
Diversity, Expert  
Learning



Website










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# RAISING CHILDREN IN MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE (RESOURCES FOR PARENTS)

<a href="#">Multilingual Australia</a>	Our website aims to provide information for parents who are raising their children with more than one language. Download our directory, or browse through the links to more resources.	
<a href="#">Raising Children Network</a>	This website has fantastic information sheets for parents raising children of all ages. It also has specific information on bilingualism.	
<a href="#">Le Toboggan</a>	Le Toboggan also offers language resources to familiarise or reinforce language skills through a variety of activities, such as singing, craft and games.	
<a href="#">My Bilingual Family</a>	Join host Dr Elaine Laforteza to hear the stories of families struggling with passing on language, and get helpful advice and practical tips from experts including speech pathologists and linguists.	
<a href="#">Better Beginnings - Baby Ways in different languages</a>	Better Beginnings is a Western Australian family literacy program that connects families with books through free reading packs. Rhymes and Songs are available in other languages.	
<a href="#">International children's digital library</a>	It has a digital library of children's books from around the world and supports children and adults in exploring and using this literature.	
<a href="#">Children's Books Online by the Rosetta Project</a>	Largest collection of illustrated books.	



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# January

## IMPORTANT LANGUAGE EVENTS

### **World Braille Day (4 January)**

Commemorating Louis Braille's birthday and recognising Braille's importance in enabling blind and visually impaired people to read and write, underscoring its role in upholding human rights.

### **International Day of Education (24 January)**

Observance of the vital role of education in promoting peace and development, and highlighting the global disparities in education access.

### **WHAT ARE YOUR LANGUAGE GOALS FOR 2024?**

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# January

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# February

## IMPORTANT LANGUAGE EVENTS

### **Sámi National Day (6 February)**

Celebrates the Sámi culture and their unique languages, fostering awareness of linguistic diversity.

### **International Greek Language Day (9 February)**

Celebrates the historical and cultural significance of the Greek language. It's a day to embrace Greek's contribution to linguistic diversity.

### **Welsh Language Music Day (10 February)**

Showcases the Welsh language's role in music, promoting language preservation.

### **Library Lovers Day (14 February)**

A day to appreciate libraries as hubs of linguistic and cultural diversity, promoting the love for languages and books.

### **Random Acts of Kindness Day (17 February)**

Encourages kindness in all languages, celebrating the universal language of compassion and understanding.

### **International Mother Language Day (21 February)**

A United Nations observance day to celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism, emphasizing the preservation of all mother tongues.





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# March

## IMPORTANT LANGUAGE EVENTS

### **Croatian Language Days (beginning - 11 March)**

Celebrates the Croatian language's cultural significance, highlighting its importance in the Croatian community.

### **World Speech Day (15 March)**

Celebrates the power of speech and its role in fostering linguistic diversity and understanding.

### **French Language Day (20 March)**

A United Nations observance day that highlights the cultural and linguistic richness of the French language.

### **World Poetry Day (21 March)**

Recognises the unique ability of poetry to capture the creative spirit of the human mind and its role in promoting linguistic diversity.

### **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March)**

A United Nations observance day focusing on eliminating racial discrimination and promoting cultural and linguistic diversity.

### **Dantedì – National Dante Day (25 March)**

Honors Dante Alighieri, celebrating the Italian language and its contributions to world culture and literature.

### **International Day of Multilingualism (27 March)**

A celebration of linguistic diversity, promoting the use and preservation of all languages.





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# April

## IMPORTANT LANGUAGE EVENTS

### **International Children's Book Day (2 April)**

Celebrates children's literature and its role in fostering language development and cultural diversity.

### **World Konkani Day (9 April)**

Honours the Konkani language, recognizing its cultural and linguistic significance.

### **World Sindhi Language Day (10 April)**

Celebrates the Sindhi language, emphasizing its historical importance and cultural richness.

### **World Art Day (15 April)**

Recognizes the universal language of art and its ability to transcend linguistic barriers.

### **Chinese Language Day (UN) (20 April)**

A United Nations observance to promote cultural and linguistic diversity, celebrating the Chinese language.

### **English Language Day (UN) (23 April)**

Recognizes the global influence of the English language and its role in connecting cultures.

### **Spanish Language Day (UN) (23 April)**

Celebrates the Spanish language, its global impact, and cultural contributions.





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# May

## IMPORTANT LANGUAGE EVENTS

### **Free Comic Book Day (4 May)**

Celebrates the diverse languages and cultures represented in comics, highlighting their role in storytelling and linguistic creativity.

### **World Portuguese Language Day (5 May)**

Recognizes the cultural and linguistic significance of Portuguese, celebrating its contribution to global linguistic diversity.

### **Macedonian Language Day (Macedonian: Ден на македонскиот јазик) (05 May)**

Commemorates the Macedonian language, emphasizing its cultural significance and role in connecting the Macedonian community.

### **International Day of Families (15 May)**

Emphasizes the role of families in nurturing linguistic and cultural heritage, promoting diversity in family languages.

### **National Community Language Schools Day (19 May)**

Honors the importance of community language schools in promoting linguistic diversity and cultural understanding.

### **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (22 May)**

Focuses on the power of cultural diversity in fostering dialogue and development, highlighting linguistic diversity's role in these processes.

### **International Pashto Language Day (29 May)**

Celebrates the Pashto language, recognizing its cultural and linguistic heritage.





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# June

## IMPORTANT LANGUAGE EVENTS

### **Global Day of Parents (1 June 2024)**

Celebrates parents worldwide and their role in nurturing children's linguistic and cultural heritage.

### **World Russian Language Day (6 June 2024)**

Recognizes the cultural and linguistic significance of the Russian language and its contribution to global diversity.

### **International Dubbing Day (12 June 2024)**

Highlights the art of dubbing, which brings movies and shows to global audiences in different languages, bridging linguistic gaps.

### **World Refugee Day (20 June 2024)**

Acknowledges the resilience of refugees and the linguistic and cultural diversity they bring to communities.



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# June

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# July

## IMPORTANT LANGUAGE EVENTS

### **Kiswahili Language Day (7 July)**

Celebrates Kiswahili, promoting its cultural significance and role in intercultural communication.

### **World Emoji Day (17 July)**

Acknowledges emojis in transcending linguistic boundaries in digital communication.

### **Esperanto Day (26 July)**

Highlights Esperanto's creation and its aim for global linguistic unity.

### **Thai Language Day (29 July)**

Honours the Thai language, underscoring its cultural richness.

### **International Day of Friendship (30 July)**

Celebrates friendships that bridge cultures and languages.





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# August

## IMPORTANT LANGUAGE EVENTS

### **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (9 August)**

Recognizes the cultural and linguistic diversity of Indigenous communities, emphasizing the importance of preserving their languages.

### **International Day for People of African Descent (31 August)**

Promotes awareness of the linguistic diversity within the African diaspora and the significance of African languages.

### **WA Language Week (1st week of August)**

Celebrates Western Australia's linguistic mosaic, highlighting the richness of languages spoken in the region.

### **Children's Book Week (17-23 August)**

Encourages multilingual reading among children, fostering language development and cultural appreciation.

### **Women in Translation Month (WIT) (August)**

Spotlights the contributions of female translators, connecting diverse languages and cultures through literature.





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# September

## IMPORTANT LANGUAGE EVENTS

### **Indigenous Literacy Day (7 September)**

Raises awareness about Indigenous languages and literacy, supporting their preservation and revitalization.

### **International Literacy Day (UN) (8 September)**

Highlights the importance of literacy in all languages.

### **Day for Honouring Vietnamese Language in Vietnamese Communities Abroad (8 September)**

Celebrates the Vietnamese language and its significance in overseas communities.

### **German Language Day (10 September)**

Acknowledges the German language and its contributions to culture, science, and business.

### **World Hindi Day (14 September)**

Celebrates Hindi, one of India's official languages, promoting linguistic diversity and cultural exchange.

### **International Day of Sign Languages (23 September)**

Spotlights sign languages, vital and their role in fostering communication and inclusion.

### **European Day of Languages (26 September)**

Promotes language learning and cultural understanding, showcasing Europe's linguistic diversity.

### **Turkish Language Day (26 September)**

Honours the Turkish language and its historical and cultural significance.

### **International Translation Day (30 September)**

Recognises the crucial role of translation in bridging language barriers and promoting global communication.



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# October

## IMPORTANT LANGUAGE EVENTS

### **Hangul Day (9 October)**

Honours the Korean script, Hangul, highlighting its cultural and linguistic significance.

### **International Plain Language Day (13 October)**

Advocates for clear and accessible language, ensuring inclusivity for all, regardless of their language proficiency.

### **Developmental Language Disorder Awareness Day (21 October)**

Sheds light on language disorders, promoting understanding and support for affected individuals.

### **Uzbek Language Day (21 October)**

Celebrates the Uzbek language and its role in preserving Uzbekistan's rich heritage.

### **Serbian Language Day (21 October)**

Honours the Serbian language and its cultural significance in Skopje, North Macedonia.

### **International Creole Day (28 October)**

Recognizes Creole languages and their contribution to linguistic diversity.



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# November

## IMPORTANT LANGUAGE EVENTS

### **International Romani Language Day (5 November):**

Celebrates the Romani language, a minority language in Europe, emphasizing the importance of preserving linguistic diversity.

### **World Urdu Day (9 November):**

Honours Urdu, a widely spoken language in South Asia, highlighting its cultural significance and influence.

### **Hungarian Language Day (13 November):**

Recognizes the Hungarian language's unique features and contributions to European linguistics.

### **World Hello Day (21 November):**

Encourages friendly cross-cultural communication, showcasing the value of multilingual greetings.

### **Day of Ukrainian Writing and Language (27 November):**

Celebrates the Ukrainian language, emphasizing its role in Ukraine's cultural identity and history.



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