



News

Edition 2 2011

Chinese Banquet of Visual Arts

Art teachers from across Australia can now register for our Chinese Banquet of Visual Arts to be held in Beijing & Shanghai in June. Covering a broad range of private and public galleries as well as visits to key cultural sites, this presents as an excellent opportunity to gain a unique Asia Literacy perspective on visual arts aligned with the emerging Australian national curriculum. Program brochures and registration forms can be downloaded in a single document from our webpage at:

http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Asia_Literacy_PD.php

Register by 24 April for guaranteed places.



Central & East Java

All Australian teachers can now access a low cost option for in-country Asia Literacy professional development covering Indonesia. This program fits all school holiday blocks across Australia, and will proceed with as few as 5 participants. If you teach Indonesian this is a great way to brush up your language skills, and for other teachers across all areas, it's the fastest and most effective way of gaining ideas and knowledge of Asia Literacy for use in your classroom. Program brochures and registration forms can be downloaded in a single document from our webpage at:

http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Asia_Literacy_PD.php

Register by 1 May for guaranteed places.



asia wise competition
explore the history, geography and culture!



[Visit Our Sponsor](#)

Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos

Teachers and principals from Melbourne to Townsville enjoyed an exciting and personalised program of Asia Literacy professional learning in January, visiting schools and cultural sites across Vietnam and Cambodia. This was a very popular program and registrations are now being received for late 2011 and early 2012. Due to the popularity of this program we will be running a Vietnam program in December just before Christmas, and a second program with Cambodia and Laos options from 2 January. Bookings for these programs are already being received. **Closing dates will be 15 August for the December program and 15 September for the January programs.**

See our latest slide show at:

http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Asia_Literacy_PD.php

Program brochures and registration forms can be downloaded in a single document from our webpage at:

http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Asia_Literacy_PD.php



teacherspd.com.au

[Visit Our Partner](#)

Calling All Primary Schools Without LOTE Programs

The long term benefits to children learning a second language are becoming universally recognised by educators. If your primary school does not have the resources to support a LOTE program in one of the major languages, your students could greatly benefit from a new program based on a foundational language that is easily taught by non-language teachers. This is a fully tested and highly acclaimed approach for building the foundations of second language skills for young children. This program will build the core skills and confidence to learn any of the major languages in the later years of their schooling.

For further information email us today at

Info@AsiaLiteracy.org.au



News

Edition 2 2011

GHUMMAKKAD NARAIN Travelling Children's Literature Festival

The cultural office for UNESCO New Delhi are promoting a children's literature festival to be held in the second half of 2011. They are asking for Australian teachers to participate with opportunities for six teachers in, Delhi, Dehra Dun and Nainital. For further information contact the NGO directly via their Liaison Officer, Nivesh: nivesh.india@gmail.com

If you require any assistance with planning participation in this program please feel free to contact us at Info@AsiaLiteracy.org.au



Are Your Students Asia-Wise?

The Asia-Wise Competition, which attracts over 20,000 secondary school students annually from throughout Australia and New Zealand, tests general knowledge of the Asia-Pacific region, focusing primarily on history and geography. However, like all Giant Classroom educational programs, the Asia-Wise Competition encourages the development of a student's research, analytical and interpretive skills in finding answers and solving problems rather than functioning as a pure memory test.

Former teacher and Giant Classroom founder David Reid says that, "The reason we created the Asia-Wise Competition in 1992 was to facilitate a greater understanding between our country and the different cultures and societies that exist in Asia. We felt that this connection, once established early, could be fundamental in the growth of tolerance and mutual progress."

Thrilled to see his program run successfully for nearly two decades, Mr Reid acknowledges that making life easier for teachers is also one of Giant Classroom's primary aims. It only takes about an hour of class time to introduce. Teachers choose when they will do the competition during the set two-week period during the year, and are not required to spend any time preparing or marking as the entire process of receiving questions, submitting (and partly sourcing) answers and receiving results is performed online. Teachers also receive feedback on

Sister Schools in China & Vietnam

Three schools in Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland are the latest to join our Asia Literacy Sister Schools program in the past month.

We currently have access to a large number of schools in China and Vietnam interested in sister school relationships. We offer a partnering program with ongoing school relationship support in Australia and in the host country.

The Asian schools we offer have English speaking liaison teachers, a range of student levels and are well equipped with ICT. Many of the China schools are resourced and keen for two way teacher and student exchanges.

We plan Asia literacy on a whole school, cross curriculum basis and offer a comprehensive support service as part of school membership.

If your school is looking for an outstanding opportunity to become an Asia engaged school, contact **James Davis** today:

Email: James@AsiaLiteracy.org.au

Tel: 07 3161 9800



[Visit Our Sponsor](#)



News

Edition 2 2011

how their students performed against national averages in key areas. Sample questions in the Asia-Wise Competition might include studies of a particular person, Latitude and Longitude-related problems as well as cultural based investigations.

"A great competition!" says Colleen Carr, the SOSE coordinator at Mt Aspiring College in Queensland. "The students enjoyed doing it."

The Asia-Wise Competition is supported by the Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand, which was established in 1994 to develop New Zealand's links with Asia and its people.

For further details contact:

Darren Gavin on 03 62312885 or email

Darren@GiantClassroom.com.au

Brisbane Adventurer Leads Great Wall Trek to Sponsor Asia Literacy Scholarship Fund

Brisbane adventurer Mr James Holden will escort a group of Australians on a trek of The Great Wall of China in late October 2011. In support of Asia Literacy, trek organisers will donate \$100 per trekker to the Asia Literacy Scholarship Fund.

*10% Discount for Association members
Booked before 30 April*

The trek will take place over five days covering various sections of the wall north of Beijing.

The sections will include Huangyaguan, Gubeikou, Jinshanling, Simitai, Mutianyu, Jiankou. Each section will be conducted as a day trek, so that it will be accessible to trekkers of moderate fitness levels.

Some additional time will be included to visit other parts of Beijing and Shanghai prior to returning home.

For further information about this unique adventure you can visit our website at:

http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Great_Wall_Trek.php



Teach In China: Complimentary Member Service

We have now established a permanent network of schools and universities in China who will accommodate Australian teachers on short and long term teaching projects. This service is now available to all association members as a FREE complimentary member service.

We have recently arranged two teachers for a four week project in Sichuan Province and we have a range of other schools and universities available.

For further details, contact us via this link:

http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Asia_Literacy_PD.php

Teach In Vietnam: Complimentary Member Service

This is a new opportunity available through our newly established network in Vietnam working with colleges accredited by the Ministry of Education and Training in Vietnam. This opportunity offers short and long term teaching projects, similar to those on offer from China. It is now available to all association members as a FREE complimentary member service.

For further details, contact us via this link:

http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/Asia_Literacy_PD.php

Membership

The Asia Literacy Teachers Association of Australia is comprised of ordinary (individual) and corporate (school) members from all regions of Australia. Members benefit from a range complimentary and discounted services aimed at building links between Australian teachers, students and schools, and their counterparts in the Asian region.

Our approach is to support schools to become Asia Engaged by providing teachers from all curriculum areas, with access to real connections in Asia.

To join visit us at this link:

<http://www.asialiteracy.org.au/page9.php>