

RAISING CHILDREN IN MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE

A FREE seminar for parents, early childhood and pre-school workers, teachers, grandparents and others interested in bilingualism and multilingualism for children at home and elsewhere.

Speakers include:

Dr. Susanne Döpke, Prof. John Hajek,
Sarah Pavy

When:

Sunday November 20, 2016

1:15pm-5pm

(registration from 12:30pm)

Where:

**Carrillo Gantner Theatre,
Sidney Myer Asia Centre,
Cnr Swanston St and Monash Rd,
University of Melbourne**



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**THE SEMINAR IS FREE BUT
PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL.**

Raising children in more than one language is a very important process. There are many positive strategies that can be employed. The presentations in this seminar discuss issues in raising children bilingually, show you how to recognise your child's needs in the language and provide you with important tools to foster your child's language learning and maximise the advantages available to you. Includes free afternoon tea!



What you can do:

- ✓ Tell any friends or family you feel would benefit from our seminar about it. You can forward this flyer, direct people to the registration website or share the information on facebook and twitter.
- ✓ Promote the seminar in your sphere of influence, incl. at your school, day care centre, community, local government area, and local library.
- ✓ Encourage parents and those interested in early language and/or bilingualism to attend.

For any queries, please contact Jo Hughson at: rumacc-info@unimelb.edu.au

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

ARRIVAL and CHECK-IN 12.30 – 1.15pm

INTRODUCTION 1.15 – 1.30pm

SESSION ONE 1.30 – 2.30 pm

ISSUES IN RAISING CHILDREN BILINGUALLY
Dr. Susanne Döpke

or

UNDERSTANDING AND ACHIEVING EARLY
LITERACY: PRACTICAL TIPS
Sarah Pavy

SESSION TWO 2.30 – 3.45pm

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR HELPING YOUR
CHILD LEARN YOUR LANGUAGE
Dr. Susanne Döpke

or

Q & A PANEL: BILINGUAL PROGRAMS AT WORK –
LESSONS FROM 3 SCHOOLS IN MELBOURNE
Dr. Averil Grieve, Janet Gale and Sheryl Hall

AFTERNOON TEA 3.45 – 4.15pm

SESSION THREE 4.15 – 5.00pm

COMMUNITY IN ACTION: WHY MULTILINGUALISM IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS:

ISSUES IN RAISING CHILDREN BILINGUALLY

Susanne Döpke will offer information on how bilingualism influences a child's development and what parents and other carers can do to help the child speak both languages. The session will be of interest to parents just starting out as well as those who are wondering if they are doing the right thing or who have to defend themselves against criticism. It will also support professionals who are dealing with bilingual families.

UNDERSTANDING AND ACHIEVING EARLY LITERACY: PRACTICAL TIPS

In this session, Sarah Pavy will focus on the development of early literacy skills amongst bilingual children in the home setting. There will be discussion of a range of factors, including books, toys, day-to-day activities and technology, with a focus on practical tips that can be immediately implemented. The emphasis of the session will be on the ways in which parents think about and approach this crucial stage of linguistic development, including simple but important strategies to encourage successful development of early literacy skills

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN YOUR LANGUAGE

Susanne Döpke will give examples of practical strategies, which ensure the development of the community language and prevent or solve difficulties. This will include supporting the child's first steps into language, as well as strategies, games and resources for the older pre-school child. This session will be of interest to parents of toddlers and pre-school children as well as professionals advising parents.

Q & A PANEL: BILINGUAL PROGRAMS AT WORK – LESSONS FROM 3 SCHOOLS IN MELBOURNE

This panel of education leaders (Janet Gale, Sheryl Hall, Averil Grieve) will discuss the nature and structure of bilingual education in their schools, as well as the opportunities and challenges.

COMMUNITY IN ACTION: WHY MULTILINGUALISM IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE

We discuss how Melbourne's language landscape is changing and why multilingualism is good for our families and for Melbourne. We also show how families and communities can come together to support language learning in the family. Led by Prof John Hajek.

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