



ACT Community Language Schools Day

To coincide with Children's Week 2011 the ACT Community Language Schools Association held our 18th ACT Community Language Schools Day at Dickson College on Saturday 22 October. The event was opened by Senator Gary Humphries, a regular supporter of Community Language Schools in Canberra and we saw many familiar faces including Steve Dospot, Shadow Minister for Education and Multicultural Affairs.

For many parents the highlight of the day was watching their children perform on stage showing the wonderful learning that occurs each week in the classroom. As well as performing, the children had the opportunity to be involved in the lantern parade and piñata activities.

The day was considered successful with information stalls provided by 21 schools, performances from 14 schools and 7 food stalls providing many delicious items.

Annual Dinner

The 18th Annual Dinner for our Association was held again at the beautiful University House in Acton on Saturday 3 September. The celebration was supported by 120 guests including local senators Kate Lundy and Gary Humphries; members of the ACT Legislative Assembly Joy Burch, John Hargreaves, Jeremy Hanson and Mary Porter; Director of the Office of Multicultural And Torres Strait Islander Affairs (OMATSIA), Nic Manikis; Chairman of Australian Federation of Ethnic Schools Association, Tassos Douvartzides and representatives from 22 Community Language Schools in Canberra.

Guests enjoyed speeches from ACT CLSA President Javad Mehr, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Ms Joy Burch; Representative of the Opposition Leader and Shadow Minister of Education and Training, Mr Jeremy Hanson; Chairman of Australian Federation of Ethnic Schools Association, Mr Tassos Douvartzides and Education Advisor for the ACT Community Language Schools Association, Dr Mandy Scott.

As well as an opportunity for the association to show our local members the strength of our schools the evening also included the unveiling of our new logo and display banner which were both designed by a member of the St John the Baptist Russian School community, this design was chosen as it best represents our new name ACT Community Language Schools Association.

The entertainment was again a highlight of the evening and included performances by Bollywood dancers, singers, Tongan school teachers and an impromptu performance from MLAs John Hargreaves and Jeremy Hanson.