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Once upon a time...

THE STORY OF WADU MATYIDI: A FEAST OF LANGUAGE, LITERATURE & LITERACIES

Language of Belonging is a multi-platform education resource that has been developed from the ground breaking Indigenous animation *Wadu Matyidi* (War-do Mudgee-dee). This eight-minute dramatisation was initiated by the imaginations of the talented students who attended an Adnyamathanha Ngwarla language revival class. It is told in their language and brings their stories to life.

The film diverges from 'dreaming' story traditions and takes us back to pre-contact times when Adnyamathanha children of the Flinders Ranges were inspired, schooled and entertained by their interactions with 'country'. It tells of three adventurous kids who set out for a day of exploration, playing games and spooking one another with tales of ancient creatures, until they see unusual tracks that get their hearts and imaginations racing. Then, unexpectedly they make a discovery that changes their lives forever. Could it be the Yamuti?

Wadu Matyidi, meaning 'A time long gone' or 'Once upon a time', demonstrates how communities can use modern technologies to show the important role that ancient language, culture and tradition plays in contemporary Australia. It highlights the strong links between cultural activities, the preservation of traditional stories and language revival.

The DVD-ROM based resource packages the animation with five behind the scenes mini-documentaries exploring the background stories of the film project. These are the main stimulus for the diverse learning program which is included and has been developed specifically for primary aged students.

Incorporating five comprehensive units of work; *My Mob*, *My Country*, *My Story*, *My Heritage* and *My Project*; the resource encourages students to explore the Adnyamathanha culture, stories and traditions, in order to develop their own portfolio and cultural understanding.

All teaching and learning materials have been developed using the 8 Ways *Aboriginal Framework* and are aligned to the Australian Curriculum areas of English, The Arts and Languages, with the Cross-curricula priority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.

The DVD-ROM also provides users with access to a password protected website in which students can directly access all videos, activity sheets and support materials from each of the units, to independently complete their portfolio. Also featured online is a bonus interactive comprehension and language based game which directly uses the *Wadu Matyidi* animation.



Interactive resource including all video material: **\$125** (incl. GST)
For more information about this resource, or to purchase, visit www.actf.com.au/education

EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCES: Waabiny Time

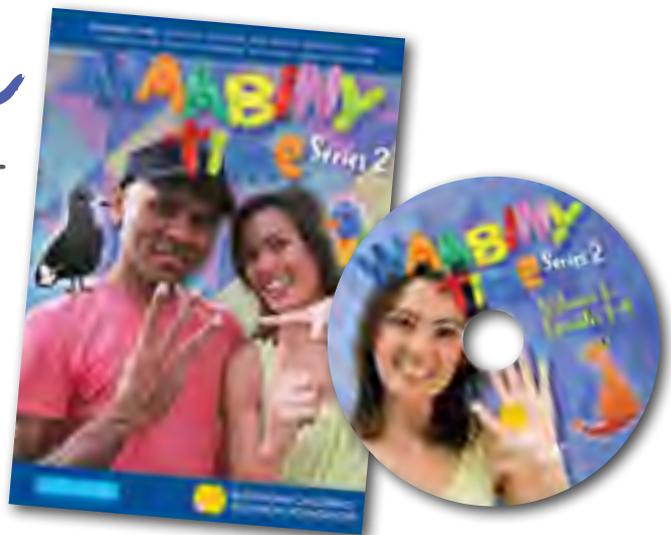
SUGGESTED RESOURCES TO SUPPORT CRITICAL ENQUIRY & THINKING SKILLS

Waabiny Time is a children's variety program that celebrates Noongar Language in a community and family themed environment. The production aims to entertain, preserve Indigenous language while telling stories, and showcase the rich diversity of Indigenous culture and creative talent.

The presenters, Kylie Farmer and Lee West, entertain children between ages 3 to 6 and take them on a colourful adventure with stories, songs, dance and craft activities. Its goal is to encourage pride and participation, merging traditional and contemporary Noongar culture to create a world that a young audience can relate to and one they feel comfortable participating in.

Waabiny Time is the first Indigenous early childhood language program that involved early childhood educators and Noongar language specialists in every stage of the project. Each episode, each segment, and each sentence has been crafted to address the learning needs of young people and familiarise them with Indigenous language.

Waabiny Time is available from the **ACTF online shop**.
Waabiny Time (Series 2) DVDs: \$49.95



Audience: Early Childhood (F-3), Ages 3-6

Curriculum Links: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, English (Literacy, Language, Literature), The Arts (Dance, Drama, Media, Music and Visual Arts), numeracy, critical and creative thinking, personal and social competence, ethical behaviour, intercultural understanding, Science, Geography, Technology

Themes and Topics: Storytelling, language learning, culture and identity, relationships with community, family and friends, the environment, country and place, animals, emotions, technologies, communication, growth and development, humour

OTHER RESOURCES FOR EARLY YEARS (F-3):

Animalia

The **Animalia: Primary Teaching Resource** selects 12 episodes from the TV animation series, to support primary teachers in exploring concepts and issues of Civics & Citizenship, Values and Identity.

The DVD-ROM resource includes:

- 100 teaching strategies based on the 5Es teaching framework
- 39 embedded clips
- an interactive game for students to learn about leadership, relationships and problem solving
- character profiles and a gallery of stills from the TV series
- media kit, scripts, poster, series and clip synopses
- links to other aligned resources and curriculum documents

Dogstar

The **Dogstar Primary Teaching Kit** is aimed at teachers and students of years 1-6. Set in the year 2347 it is a story about the Clarke kids and their quest to find the *Dogstar* and return the dogs of Earth to their owners. Throughout this journey, they meet strange alien races, unusual phenomena, puzzling conundrums, perplexing paradoxes and startling challenges. And that's before they even go outside.

The DVD-ROM resource includes:

- a compilation DVD of 9 episodes (related to the online teaching resource)
- *Dogstar* book (Penguin)
- free online teaching resource including Study Guide (ATOM)
- interactive *Dogstar* Club website featuring games, trailer and clips, production information and episode synopses

Kaboodle

Kaboodle is an anthology series of short stories designed to impart a love of storytelling and develop specific understandings about literature. Each episode includes both live action and animated stories, varying in length from a few minutes up to 24 minutes. Some stories are adaptations of popular children's books. Many of the stories are suitable for early childhood.

Associated Teachers' Notes are a complete guide to all 32 stories in the series, with activity sheets and lesson ideas for each episode, linking television to literature and providing varied language models.

Curriculum links: English, literacy, visual literacy, Arts (film/media studies, visual arts), communication, personal development, thinking

Theme: Narrative, animation, book to screen (intertextuality), animation, ethics, values, justice, identity, families

reading & viewing for comprehension

21st century students are much more reliant on reading and viewing as a dynamic relational experience merging text and image (static and moving). The internet, mobile communication devices, electronic games and broadcast media bombard us every day with texts and images, communicating and persuading us with new and creative languages and literacies. It is essential for students to develop their comprehension skills engaging with both text and image.

Skillful reading and viewing comprehension is based on (1) knowledge that the reading and viewing makes sense to the reader, (2) the reader's prior knowledge and experiences, (3) comprehensive information presented in both text and image, and (4) the use of context to assist recognition of words, images, symbols and meaning.

The ACTF has developed the **Reading & Viewing for Comprehension** (DVD-ROM) teaching resource to support primary and lower secondary students in developing their comprehension skills. The texts and the images employed by the resource are related to well known ACTF productions such as *Round the Twist*, *My Place*, *Noah & Saskia*, *Lockie Leonard*, among others. The resource supports teachers to scaffold new and exciting comprehension strategies that build students' confidence and interest. It promotes making connections between reading and viewing, relying on collaborative and fun approaches incorporating discussion, inferring, questioning, connecting, categorising, analysing, evaluating, creating, and synthesising information. The strategies and activities are flexible, sequential and culminative, allowing teachers to

either select one or two strategies within the suite, or use all activities as a unit of work.

Reading & Viewing for Comprehension incorporates over 140 teaching strategies and student activities aligned with 13 video clips. The resource focuses on years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and references the Content Descriptions from the Australian Curriculum for English and the minimum reading standards in the respective years for NAPLAN. It suggests other useful resources and provides direct links to supporting documents on the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting (ACARA) website, NAPLAN, Departments of Education, and Study authorities in each state and territory.

To order, visit the **ACTF online shop**.
Reading & Viewing for
Comprehension: **\$49.50** (incl. GST)

Persuasive Text

An introduction to using persuasive language in the classroom

All language is persuasive. Whether we are telling a funny story, giving a compliment, proposing marriage, or passing the time in a long queue at the supermarket, we are using language for a particular purpose. That purpose conditions the words that we use and the way in which we use them. Language is never neutral.

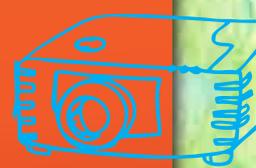
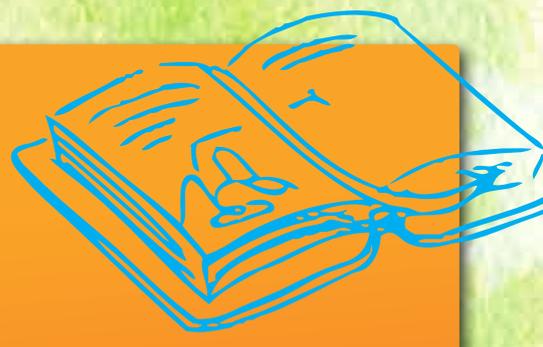
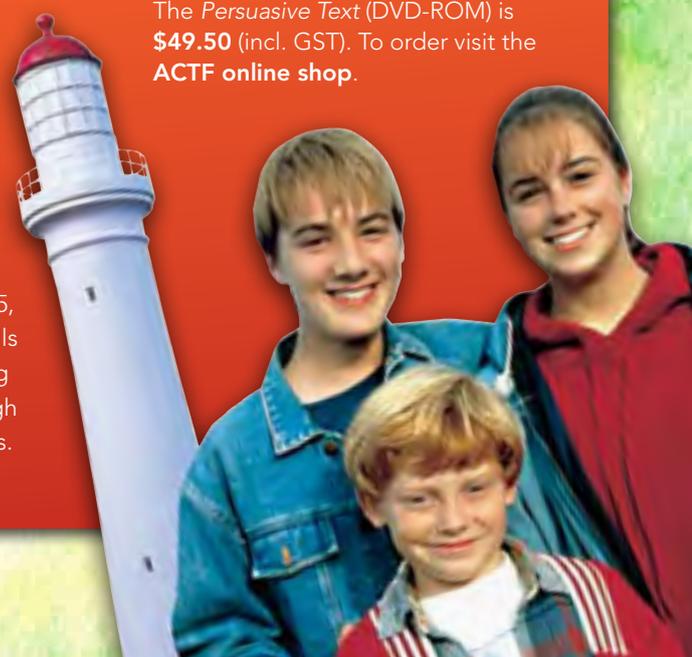
The resource includes:

- 12 digitised downloadable clips from a variety of children's TV productions

- 44 teaching activities with associated student activity sheets
- Links to current Australian curriculum documents and supporting resources

The teaching activities offer strategies for years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to develop their skills and understanding for using persuasive language through verbal and non-verbal forms.

The *Persuasive Text* (DVD-ROM) is **\$49.50** (incl. GST). To order visit the **ACTF online shop**.



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EDUCATION EVENTS CALENDAR

Creating multimedia texts and the Australian English curriculum

Topic: Creating multimedia texts and the Australian English curriculum: literacy, technology and multimodality

Audience: Maximum 80 participants

Date: Monday 28 May 2012

Time: 9am – 4pm

Venue: Deakin University, Melbourne City Centre, Level 3, 550 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000

Cost: \$99.00 (incl. GST)

Bookings: Contact Sarah Parry via email or on 03 9419 8800

Supported by the Australian Children's Television Foundation and Deakin University.

WHAT'S ON TV?

Looking for something to watch? Visit the Kids Zone www.actf.com.au/kidszone for a list of broadcast dates and times for all upcoming ACTF productions.



PARTNERSHIPS

Advisory Schools

The ACTF is looking for interested primary schools, in each state and territory, to be part of the ACTF national panel of Advisory Schools. If you are interested, please review the Role of Advisory Schools on the ACTF website, and contact Maggie Garrard for more information: maggie.garrard@actf.com.au



FACEBOOK/ENEWS

To keep up to date with all of the latest education information: follow us on Facebook @ Australian Children's Television Foundation - Education or sign up to our eNewsletter through our website

WAABINY TIME *Series 2*

Waabiny Time is a children's variety program that celebrates Noongar Language in a community and family themed environment. The presenters take the audience on a colourful adventure with stories, songs, dance and craft activities.

Year Level

Early Childhood (F-3), Ages 3-6

Curriculum Study Areas

Arts (Drama), Arts (Visual Arts), English, Science, Arts (Media), Geography, Arts (Dance), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, Arts (Music)

Themes/Topics

Relationships, communities, family, language, animals, humour and satire, culture and traditions, place and space, communication, environment, storytelling, growth and development

Product Type: TV Series,

DVD 8 x 26 mins

Price: \$49.95



CASE STUDIES

Trop Jr Filmmaking Course

This Case Study looks at the importance of the Trop Jr Film Festival, as well as how the Arts Centre Melbourne is supporting young filmmakers to enter the Festival.

The Arts Centre Melbourne offers kids a hands-on course to learn all the skills and knowledge they need to make their own short film to enter into Trop Jr, the world's largest short film festival, for kids, by kids.



EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Backyard Science: Primary Teaching Resource

Curriculum Study Areas

Science (Primary level)

Themes/topics: Sound, air pressure, mixtures, reactions, energy, wavelengths, density, matter, force, vacuum

Backyard Science was developed for primary teachers to conduct safe experiments with their students in a general classroom. The resource provides 45 video clips of related experiments; information on the theory behind the practice; classroom procedural instructions; student activity sheet; safety advice; and material and equipment lists. There are four units that are flexible, to be used as one-off experiments or as units of work to support the content descriptions for the Australian Curriculum: Science.

Product Type: TV Series, DVD 8 x 26 mins

Price: \$60.00

ACTF catalogue

**Animalia:
Primary Teaching Resource**

Teaching Resource with interactive game and TV Series compilation (12 x 24 mins)

0 86421 158 9 DVD and DVD-ROM \$140.00

Australian Rules

Feature Film (92 mins)

0 86421 004 3 DVD \$39.95

**Backyard Science:
Primary Teaching Resource**

Teaching Resource

0 86421 022 1 DVD-ROM \$60.00

Chill Out!

DVD Anthology and Teachers' Resource

0 86421 397 2 DVD and CD-ROM package \$30.00

0 86421 337 9 CD-ROM \$14.95

Dogstar

TV Series (9 x 24 mins) including Teaching Resource and Book

0 86421 030 2 DVD \$29.95

Double Trouble

TV Series (13 x 24 mins) and Teaching Resource

0 86421 046 9 DVD \$99.95

0 86421 198 8 DVD-ROM

First Day

Documentary (75 mins) and Study Guide

0 86421 020 5 DVD and Study Guide \$44.00

0 86421 129 5 Study Guide \$14.00

The Genie from Down Under

TV Series

Series 1 (13 x 24 mins)

0 86421 174 0 DVD \$39.95

Series 2 (13 x 24 mins)

0 86421 182 1 DVD \$39.95

The Girl from Tomorrow

Telemovie (104 mins)

0 86421 181 3 DVD \$19.95

**The Girl from Tomorrow:
Tomorrow's End**

Telemovie (118 mins)

0 86421 221 6 DVD \$19.95

Hating Alison Ashley **NEW PRICE**

Feature Film (100 mins)

0 86421 133 3 DVD \$39.95

Holly's Heroes

TV series (13 episodes x 24 min, extras) and Teachers' Resource

0 86421 149 X DVD and CD-ROM* \$60.00

** items not sold separately*

I Think...

DVD Anthology (42 mins) and Teachers' Guide

0 86421 006 X DVD-ROM \$30.00

Kaboodle

Live-Action and Animated Shorts Volume 1 (14 stories, 150 mins)

0 86421 253 4 DVD \$19.95

Volume 2 (18 stories, 162 mins)

0 86421 357 3 DVD \$19.95

**Language of Belonging
Wadu Matydi** **NEW**

Short animation, Mini Docs (5 x 5 mins) Teaching and Learning Resource

Available March DVD-ROM \$125.00

Legacy of the Silver Shadow

TV Series

Volume 1 (4 x 24 mins)

0 86421 157 0 DVD \$19.95

Volume 2 (4 x 24 mins)

0 86421 229 1 DVD \$19.95

Volume 3 (5 x 24 mins)

0 86421 333 6 DVD \$19.95

Lift Off

TV Series

Series 1

Volume 1 (4 x 24 mins) A Load of Old Rubbish and Which One?

0 86421 165 1 DVD \$19.95

Volume 2 (4 x 24 mins) That's Not Fair and Once I Grew

0 86421 245 3 DVD \$19.95

Volume 3 (4 x 24 mins) Clash and Going Under

0 86421 349 2 DVD \$19.95

**Li'l Elvis Jones
and the Truckstoppers**

TV Series

Volume 1 (4 x 24 mins)

0 86421 396 4 DVD \$19.95

Volume 2 (4 x 24 mins)

0 86421 005 1 DVD \$19.95

Volume 3 (4 x 24 mins)

0 86421 013 2 DVD \$19.95

Volume 4 (4 x 24 mins)

0 86421 021 3 DVD \$19.95

Volume 5 (5 x 24 mins)

0 86421 029 9 DVD \$19.95

Volume 6 (5 x 24 mins)

0 86421 037 X DVD \$19.95

Special Offer

Full set of Li'l Elvis Jones and the Truckstoppers

(All 26 episodes of the series!) \$99.95

Lockie Leonard

TV Series (26 x 24 mins), Teaching and Learning Resource

0 86421 365 4 DVD \$60.00

0 86421 373 5 DVD-ROM \$60.00

DVD and DVD-ROM \$99.95



My Place
Series 2



www.actf.com.au/shop

Mortified

TV Series (26 x 24 mins) and Teacher Resource Series 1
Volumes 1 and 2

0 86421 269 0 DVD \$60.00
0 86421 277 1 DVD \$60.00

Teacher Resource including clips DVD

0 86421 285 2 DVD and DVD-ROM \$60.00

Volumes 1 and 2, Clips DVD and Teacher Resource

DVD and DVD-ROM \$99.95

My Brother Jack

NEW PRICE

Miniseries (182 mins)

0 86421 125 2 DVD \$39.95

My Place

TV series (26 x 24mins)
My Place Teachers' Guide v.2 (series 1&2, plus Media Literacy and Geography)
My Place book

Series 2 DVDs, DVD-ROM \$130.00

Series 2 DVDs, DVD-ROM and book \$145.00

Series 1&2 DVDs, DVD-ROM and book \$185.00

Class set of 25 My Place books \$400.00

Noah & Saskia

TV Series (13 x 24 mins, extras) and Teacher Resource

0 86421 393 X DVD \$39.95

0 86421 108 2 CD-ROM \$29.95

DVD & CD-ROM \$60.00

Persuasive Text

Teacher resource

0 86421 190 2 DVD-ROM \$49.50

Posters

FREE*

My Place
Round the Twist
Li'l Elvis Jones and the Truckstoppers
The Genie from Down Under
Crash Zone

* Postage and handling charge applies

Reading and Viewing for Comprehension

NEW

Teacher Resource

0864212305 DVD-ROM \$49.50

Round the Twist

TV Series
Volume 1 (Series 1, 9 x 24 mins)

0 86421 045 0 DVD \$19.95

Volume 2 (Series 1, 4 x 24 mins Series 2, x 24 mins)

0 86421 053 1 DVD \$19.95

Volume 3 (Series 2, 8 x 24 mins)

0 86421 061 2 DVD \$19.95

Volume 4 (Series 3, 6 x 24 mins)

0 86421 069 8 DVD \$19.95

Volume 5 (Series 3, 7 x 24 mins)

0 86421 077 9 DVD \$19.95

Volume 6 (Series 4, 6 x 24 mins)

0 86421 085 X DVD \$19.95

Volume 7 (Series 4, 7 x 24 mins)

0 86421 093 0 DVD \$19.95

Special Offer

Full set of Round the Twist

(All 52 episodes of the series!) \$120.00

Songs of Innocence

Documentary (60 mins)

0 86421 038 8 DVD \$19.95

Spellbinder

TV Series
Series 1 (26 x 650 mins)

0 86421 213 5 DVD \$39.95

Series 2 (26 x 650 mins)

0 45617 040 1 DVD \$39.95

Touch the Sun

Telemovies (2 x 95 mins)
Devil's Hill and Captain Johnno

0 86421 317 4 DVD \$29.95

Touch the Sun

Top Enders and Peter & Pompey

0 86421 325 5 DVD \$29.95

Waabiny Time

NEW

TV Series (8 x 26 mins)

0 86421 230 5 DVD \$49.95

Winners and More Winners

Telemovies (2 x 48 mins)
Top Kid and The Other Facts of Life

0 86421 293 3 DVD \$25.95

Room to Move and On Loan

0 86421 301 8 DVD \$25.95

The Paper Boy and Boy Soldiers

0 86421 309 3 DVD \$25.95

Worst Best Friends

TV Series
Volume 1, Eps 1-4 (4 x 24 mins)

0 86421 189 9 DVD \$19.95

Volume 2, Eps 5-8 (4 x 24 mins)

0 86421 237 2 DVD \$19.95

Volume 3, Eps 9-13 (5 x 24 mins)

0 86421 341 7 DVD \$19.95

Special Offer

Full set of Worst Best Friends

(All 13 episodes of the series!) \$49.95

Yolngu Boy

Feature Film (103 mins) and Teacher Resource

0 86421 109 0 DVD and CD-ROM package \$39.95

0 86421 117 1 CD-ROM \$14.95

