

Professor Kevin Wheldall is awarded with the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for services to Children's Literacy

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On Australia Day 2011, professor Kevin Wheldall was awarded the [Member of the order of Australia \(AM\)](#) for services to children's literacy.

"For service to education as an academic and researcher, particularly in the areas of learning and behavioural difficulties, and through the design and implementation of innovative literacy programs"

Professor Kevin Wheldall has spent a life's work focused towards real ways in which the educational prospects for children can be improved. More often than not, this is a service for our most disadvantaged children.

Professor Wheldall was granted Australian citizenship on Australia Day 16 years ago, and there can be few migrants who have made such a profound contribution to the lives of children and ultimately the greater community.

This has often been against most vociferous criticism and endless obstacles. Through it all, Professor Wheldall's commitment to the lives of children has remained undiminished.

We would like to congratulate Professor Wheldall and Dr. Robyn Beaman who has been by his side for so much of the great work they have accomplished together at MultiLit.

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