

## TERM 2, 2019

### From the Acting Principal: Adriana Bašić

Term 1 commenced well, with 2045 enrolments at this point in time – higher than in 2018 which was already a record! We have enrolled 144 international students, 37 home schooled students, and 859 students at primary level. At senior secondary level, we have 393 students in Year 11 and 374 in Year 12, including 70 students who are enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

Languages with the most enrolments this year are Chinese (248), Spanish (246), French (241), Japanese (196), Italian (163), Korean (160), Khmer (135) and Nepali (122).

### Student Achievement Term 1

Reports for the first term were mailed out during the school holidays. Please read the reports carefully and do not hesitate to contact the teacher if you have any questions or you would like more information about any aspect of the report.

As of Term 2 we will be emailing student reports out. A flyer about this was sent out with the Term 1 reports, please advise the school if your email needs to be updated.

### Staff News

Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed the following staff to the school:

- **Baocheng Wei:** Chinese
- **Josip Barac:** Croatian

The following preservice teachers from the University of Adelaide will be joining us in

Term 2:

- **Tianyu Xie:** Chinese and Spanish
- **Joshua Atsidafitis:** Japanese

### Congratulations!



Congratulations to one of the South Australian, 2019 Australia Day Award recipients, Sophie Szabo who was presented with the *Award for Leadership in Languages and Cultures*. Sophie was a recent student of ours who completed Year 12 French last year as well as studying Chinese at senior secondary level prior to that. Sophie's passion for languages and cultures and her sharing of the benefits of multilingual education with her peers and the broader community has earned her well-deserved recognition.

Congratulations are also due to another student of ours, Lucas Woodrow, who completed the Year 12 IB Diploma in German last year with the best result in South Australia. Lucas was awarded the 2018 Gebrueder Grimm Prize from the South Australian German Teachers Association.

We wish both students all the best in their future endeavours.

### Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held in week 3 of term 2 (13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May). These interviews provide a valuable opportunity for parents/caregivers, students and teachers to discuss student progress and to explore ways of helping them to achieve success in their language studies. The letters of invitation were mailed home with reports. If you are unable to attend the interview, please note that our teachers can be contacted by ringing our office on 8301 4800 or by e-mail (the email address appears on the weekly Teaching and Learning Plan that your students are given each lesson).

To make the most of these interviews it is suggested that:

- you plan specific questions you wish to ask
- you identify and communicate factors teachers need to be aware of in relation to your child's learning
- students also attend.

After the interview, it is important that parents follow up with their children on matters discussed at the meeting, by:

- acknowledging strengths
- discussing areas where improvements can be made
- encouraging your child to take responsibility for their own learning.

### Study Tours

Over the term 1-2 break the School of Languages held overseas study tours in Spain and New Caledonia. Both tours were extraordinarily successful, with students immersing themselves in the languages and cultures of both countries. With 3 – 4 hours of language lessons every morning and 2 – 3 hours of cultural activities (in language) every afternoon, students showed significant improvement in their linguistic skills and intercultural understandings.



As well as language classes, students on the Spanish Study Tour spent time in Salamanca and Granada studying Spanish, visiting the Alhambra and the cathedrals of Salamanca, cooking Paella, sightseeing, riding segways, tasting tapas, ziplining and much more.

Outside of class hours, our New Caledonia students went shopping, cooking, learning about the Indigenous Kanack culture, snorkelling and swimming with the tropical fish and turtles.

The School of Languages is now preparing for the 2019 Korean Study Tour (October) and the April 2020 Study Tours to Italy, Japan, Germany, Spain and New Caledonia. Applications are closing soon, so if you are interested please contact our Study Tours Coordinator, Ben Anderson at [Ben.Anderson511@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Ben.Anderson511@schools.sa.edu.au) a.s.a.p.



### Languages Alive! - Holiday programs

As part of the government's Languages in Schools initiative, the School of Languages has expanded the R-7 **Languages Alive!** program and developed a new holiday program called **Let's Talk: Holiday Intensives** for senior secondary students.

Exposure to learning languages is central to developing cultural understanding in young people. In the April school holidays, the School of Languages once again offered the R-7 Languages Alive! program in a range of venues. These included Auburn, Nairne, Modbury and West Croydon.

Students were treated to language learning opportunities in Japanese, Indonesian, French, Italian and Chinese through a variety of hands-on activities such as:

- Japanese improvised drama games
- *La Farandole*: Traditional French folk dances
- *Viva la Musica*: A musical trip around Italy
- *Catch me if you can!* A traditional Indonesian cat and mouse game
- The traditional art of Chinese watercolor painting

In the July school holidays the program will again be offered and this time we're intending to go further afield; to Pt Augusta, Mypolonga plus West Croydon and Lockleys. Some of the languages we plan to offer include Japanese, Chinese, Indigenous languages and Spanish.

### Let's Talk! - Holiday programs

South Australian students enrolled in a Stage 1 or Stage 2 Continuers level Italian or Japanese program attended the very first Let's Talk! Holiday intensives at the School of Languages on Thursday 18 April and Wednesday 24 April 2019.

The program included engaging and highly interactive language/cultural experiences with the aim of improving students' proficiency in Italian/Japanese. Given that the focus of all sessions was on the oral use of Italian/Japanese, groups were capped at 12 students per class.

During the two days university language students also shared their recent in-country experiences and tertiary lecturers provided information on university language pathways and future job opportunities for language learners. In the July school holidays the program will be expanded to French, Spanish, German, Indonesian and Chinese – in addition to Italian and Japanese.

### Year 12 Vacation School

Every year in the July school holidays, the School of Languages runs the Vacation School for Stage 2 languages students and teachers. These SACE exam preparation workshops will be available for Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish at Stage 2 Continuers Level.

Students from different schools around the state attend these workshops, which have a focus on preparation for conversation and discussion, reading and responding, listening and responding, and writing in the target language. In addition, students discuss language structures suitable for each section of the exam, marking criteria, past examiners' reports, and teacher advice.

Student and teacher feedback from Vacation School 2018 was very positive, showing how highly they valued this experience. In 2019, Vacation School will run on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of July**. Registration will open in Term 2 so make sure you save the date!

**Location:** School of Languages, 255 Torrens Rd; West Croydon

**Date and Time:** Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 9:00 am to 3:30pm

**Languages:** Stage 2 Continuers level: Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish

**Contact:** Registration forms will be sent to schools during Term 2. They will also be available on our school web site at: [www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au](http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au)

For further information about this program  
please contact Thorl Chea:

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### School Council

The School Council AGM was held on Tuesday 26th March. I am pleased to introduce the 2019 Council members:

<b>Dr Kate Cameron:</b>	<i>Parent representative: Italian</i>
<b>Olga Kostic:</b>	<i>Parent representative: Spanish</i>
<b>Dr Michelle Kohler:</b>	<i>Parent representative: Italian</i>
<b>Kathryn Sergeant :</b>	<i>Parent representative: Auslan and Italian</i>
<b>Carol Shaw:</b>	<i>Parent representative: German</i>
<b>Herbert Schwarz:</b>	<i>Parent representative: Chinese</i>
<b>Dr Margareta Rebelos:</b>	<i>Parent representative: Japanese</i>
<b>Henrik Wallgren:</b>	<i>Parent representative: Chinese</i>
<b>Matthew Brown:</b>	<i>Parent representative: Japanese</i>
<b>Isabel Feng:</b>	<i>Modern Languages Teachers Association representative</i>
<b>Adireddy Yara:</b>	<i>Multicultural Education and Languages Committee representative</i>
<b>Darryl Buchanan:</b>	<i>Ethnic Schools Association representative</i>
<b>Maribel Coffey:</b>	<i>Staff representative: Term 2</i>
<b>Adriana Bašić:</b>	<i>A/Principal: Term 2</i>
<b>Lia Tedesco:</b>	<i>Principal</i>

There is still one student representative vacancy. Please contact Adriana Bašić if you are interested: [Adriana.Basic481@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Adriana.Basic481@schools.sa.edu.au)

### Key Dates Term 2

#### Week 3

Parent/Caregiver/Student/Teacher interviews

#### Week 5

Tuesday 28th May, 7pm – School Council meeting

#### Week 7

Monday 10th June – Public Holiday - All classes cancelled

End of Semester 1

#### Week 8

Semester 2 begins

#### Week 9

Year 12 midyear written examinations

#### Week 10

Year 12 midyear oral examinations

Saturday 6th July - last day of term

### TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**7th July – 21st July**

Term 2 reports emailed

Term 3 newsletter distributed

### Year 12 Vacation School

11th July

### Language Alive!

10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th July

### Let's Talk! Holiday intensives

17th, 18th July