

TERM 2, 2021

From the Principal: Lia Tedesco

Term 1 commenced well; and we now have 2162 enrolments at this point in time – our highest enrolment ever!

Languages with the most enrolments this year are Chinese (394), Spanish (277), French (198), Japanese (168), Khmer (151), Italian (139), Nepali (129) and Vietnamese (126).

Since our last newsletter, we have established another new teaching centre: Sunrise School at Marion, where we are teaching Afrikaans, Auslan and Chinese at primary level.

We have just completed an External School Review. The Report will be available on our website by the middle of next term. We are really pleased with our improvement journey as a school, and we look forward to the Review Report, which will provide directions as we develop our next 3 year plan.

We are, like you, prepared for any school closures that may arise due to Covid 19, and prepared to return to online classes at short notice.

From time to time, we may also need to cancel face to face classes in a particular Teaching Centre. In these cases, we will offer the lesson online at the usual time. We understand that not all students may be able to participate; but please remember that all teaching materials are always available on Edmodo.

I wish you all safe and rewarding April school holidays; and hope that the students are all looking forward to returning to their language studies in Term 2!

Staff News

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

- Chinese: Yuhan Liu
- French: Francoise Finlayson
- Indonesian: Julian Trudinger

We have also welcomed the following Pre-service teachers from the University of Adelaide, who will be with us in Term 2:

- Chinese: Yijin (Grace) Wang
- Italian: Joseph De Maria
- Japanese: Aisha Irons-Ellis
- Spanish: Diego Valencia Morales

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held in Term 2 Week 3 (10-15 May). These interviews will be conducted online or by phone again this year.

Should you prefer a face to face meeting, you are very welcome to negotiate a mutually convenient time and location with the teacher.

These interviews provide a valuable opportunity for parents/caregivers and teachers to discuss student progress and to explore ways of helping them to achieve success in their language studies. You will receive an SMS on Tuesday 27 April, with an attached letter outlining the Parent Teacher Interview process for this year.

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.

Languages Forum and Reception: CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL'S 35 YEAR MILESTONE

On Wednesday 9th June 2021, the School of Languages will be holding a **Langauges Forum** followed by a cocktail reception, for parents, students and invited guests to commemorate our 35 Year anniversary. The forum will showcase the importance of languages capabilities in a range of careers. Speakers will include:

- Sean Keenihan, prominent lawyer, and former Chair of the South Australian Tourism Commission.
- Olga Kostic, former Business SA, Export Adviser with extensive experience as a Senior International Executive.
- Angus Acton-Cavanough, External Relations Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

When: Wednesday 9th June 2021
6:00-7:00pm (Panel)
7.00-8.00pm (Reception)

Where: The Italian Centre, 262 Carrington St, Adelaide

Cost: FREE

How to register: An SMS will be sent to all parents when registrations open in May, with a link to Ticketebo.

Please refer to the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Looking back over our 35-year history

Did you know?

- The School of Languages is a government school established in 1986 to offer language learning that complements and supplements languages programs in mainstream schools and ethnic schools.
- In 1986 the school taught 6 languages to 155 secondary students. The school's name was the South Australian Secondary School of Languages (SASSL). We were based at 71 Rose Street, Mile

End until 2006.

- In 2021, we offer 24 languages to over 2,160 students from all schooling sectors, in 29 different locations (Teaching Centres) around the metropolitan area .
- Our goal remains the same: to enhance access, choice and continuity in quality language learning for SA students.

To find out more interesting snippets on our school's history go to our website at: www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au and submit a comment, or post your own memories of our school.

To promote the value of languages education go to the School of Languages Facebook page and like/follow our page.

2021 School of Languages poster competition

On the 9th June, the School of Languages will once again be inviting R-12 students to demonstrate their appreciation for languages and cultures by using their creative and artistic skills to design a poster. This year the theme will be **Languages give you the edge!**

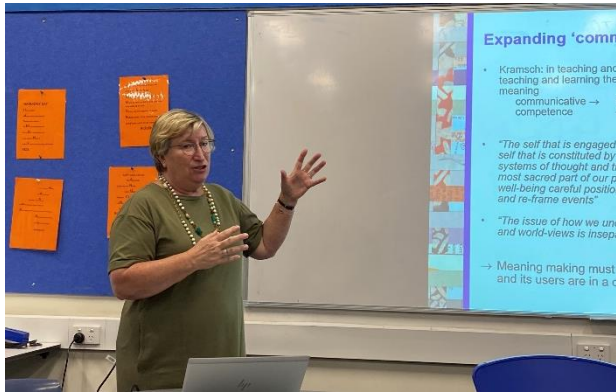
Entries will be categorised according to four groups:

- Category A: Junior Primary (R-3 students)
- Category B: Primary (Years 4-6)
- Category C: Middle Years (Years 7-9)
- Category D: Senior Secondary (Years 10-12).

Entries will close on the 21st July. Winners from all categories will receive \$100 prize money and a Certificate of Excellence. All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation. Selection of winners will be made by a judging panel with representatives from the School Council and the School of Languages student body. All winners will be notified in writing by the end of August 2021.

School Council News

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 23rd March. We were delighted to hear a presentation by Associate Professor Angela Scarino, from the Research Centre for Languages and Cultures at the University of South Australia, on *Contemporary Research in Languages Education: An International Perspective*



Associate Professor Angela Scarino, guest speaker at our AGM.

I am pleased to introduce Council members and Office Bearers for this year:

Dr Margareta Rebelos:	<i>Chair; Parent representative: Japanese (Margareta is also studying Auslan with us!)</i>
Henrik Wallgren:	<i>Treasurer and Secretary; Parent representative: Chinese</i>
Matthew Brown:	<i>Chair: Public Relations Committee; Parent representative: Japanese</i>
Chharida Mann:	<i>Parent representative: Khmer</i>
Thorl Chea:	<i>Parent representative: Khmer</i>
Herbert Schwarz	<i>Parent representative: Chinese</i>
Kirsty Munro:	<i>Parent representative: German and Spanish</i>
Kazuko Glass:	<i>Modern Languages Teachers Association representative</i>
Adireddy Yara:	<i>Multicultural Education and Languages Committee representative</i>
Darryl Buchanan:	<i>Ethnic Schools Association representative</i>

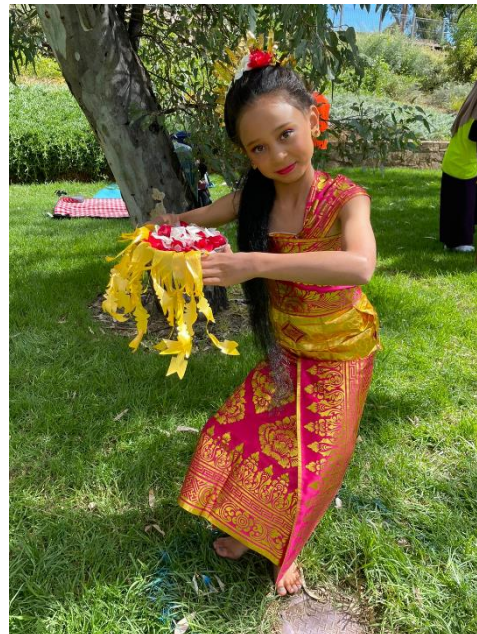
Lachlan Perry:	<i>Student representative</i>
Craig Bowyer:	<i>Staff representative</i>
Lia Tedesco:	<i>Principal</i>

There is still one parent representative vacancy. Please contact Lia Tedesco if you are interested: Lia.Tedesco771@schools.sa.edu.au

Community Festivals

We were delighted to have publicity and information stalls at the recent Thai Community Festival and INDOfest.

One of our students of Indonesian, Selma Smith, year 6, took part in INDOfest by performing the traditional Balinese dance 'Tari Pendet' with two other friends from the Indonesian community.



Selma Smith, Year 6 student of Indonesian, performing at INDOfest

We are looking forward to also having a stall at the Kodomo no Hi Japan Festival on Sunday 2nd May. Please refer to the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for further information.

Nepali

We are very pleased that the SACE Board has approved the development of a Nepali curriculum at SACE Continuers level. Our three teachers of Nepali, Lok Poudyel, Jai Bhandari and Mohan Gautam, will develop the curriculum, which will be distributed for national consultation in Term 3. It will be introduced at stage 1 level in 2022, and at Stage 2 level in 2023.



Danielle Popovic (SACE Board), Dr Michelle Kohler (Assistant Principal: Teaching and Learning), Ben Anderson (Co-ordinator: Student Connections), Mohan Gautam and Lok Poudyel (teachers of Nepali) and Lia Tedesco (Principal), celebrating the development of the new Nepali course.

Key Dates Term 2

Term Two begins week beginning Tuesday 27th April

Week 1

Monday 26th April: Public Holiday - All classes cancelled

Sunday 2nd May: Kodomo NoHi Festival

Week 3

Parent/Caregiver/Student/Teacher interviews: please make an appointment for a telephone or online interview with your teacher, via email.

Week 5

Tuesday 25th May, 7:00pm: School Council meeting

Week 7

Wednesday 9th June, 6:00 – 8:00pm: Languages Forum at the Italian Centre, Carrington St, Adelaide

Launch of Poster Competition

End of Semester 1

Week 8

Semester 2 begins

Monday 14th June: Public Holiday - All classes cancelled

Week 9

Years 11 and 12 midyear written examinations

Tuesday 22nd June, 7:00pm: School Council meeting

Week 10

Years 11 and 12 midyear oral examinations

Saturday 3rd July: Last day of Term Two

TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

4th July – 18th July

Term 2 reports emailed

Term 3 newsletter distributed

Languages Alive!:

- **Tuesday 6th July** at the School of Languages
- **Wednesday 7th July** at the School of Languages
- **Thursday 8th July** at the School of Languages
- **Friday 9th July** at the School of Languages
- **Tuesday 13th July** at Eastern Fleurieu R – 12 School, Strathalbyn campus
- **Wednesday 14th July** at Auburn Primary School
- **Thursday 15th July** at Stirling North Primary School (Pt Augusta)

Let's Talk!:

- **Thursday 8th July** at the School of Languages
- **Friday 9th July** at the School of Language



2021 LANGUAGES FORUM CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL'S 35 YEAR MILESTONE!

The School of Languages is delighted to invite you to:

Come and discover how learning a language can enhance career opportunities and employment in a highly connected and globalised world through a panel of renowned speakers, including:

- Sean Keenihan, prominent lawyer, and former Chair of the South Australian Tourism Commission.
- Olga Kostic, former Business SA, Export Adviser with extensive experience as a Senior International Executive.
- Angus Acton-Cavanough, External Relations Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

AND

Attend a cocktail reception following the panel to celebrate our milestone anniversary.

When: Wednesday 9th June 2021

6:00-7:00pm (Panel)

7.00-8.00pm (Reception)

Where: The Italian Centre, 262 Carrington St, Adelaide

SAVE THE DATE!

REGISTRATIONS WILL OPEN IN MAY THROUGH TICKETEBO

Our school had humble beginnings in 1986, offering 6 languages to 155 secondary students. Today we offer 24 languages to over 2,140 primary/secondary students, in 29 Teaching Centres. Our growth is largely due to our extensive partnerships. Our invited guests have been highly valued partners and contributors to this growth.

**HAPPY 35 YEAR ANNIVERSARY TO THE
SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES!**



Government of South Australia

Department for Education

Japan Australia Friendship Association
proudly presents

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Kodomo no Hi Japan Festival

South Australia's largest Japanese cultural festival

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2021



2018

The Australia Day Council of South Australia
Community Event of the Year Award

2013 The City of West Torrens
Community Event of the Year Award

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Community Event of the Year Award

Entry \$2/person, \$5/family (max)
Limited Free Parking • Come in Japanese Costume

Martial Arts • Kimono Dressing • Maid Cafe
Origami & Calligraphy • Japanese Food & Drinks • Ikebana
Taiko Drumming • Train Simulation • Performances • plus more!

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Examinations timetable for 2021

External assessment



Date	South Australia 9 am Northern Territory 8 am China, Malaysia 7.30 am Vietnam 7 am Vanuatu 9.30 am	South Australia 1.30 pm Northern Territory 12.30 pm China, Malaysia 12 noon Vietnam 11.30 am Vanuatu 2 pm
Tuesday 19 October		Nationally assessed languages* 2 hours 30 minutes Malay (background speakers) [2MLD20] 2 hours 50 minutes
Wednesday 20 October	Auslan (continuers) [2AUC20] (10 am) 2 hours	
Monday 1 November	Mathematical Methods [2MHS20] 130 minutes	Essential Mathematics [2MEM20] 130 minutes
Tuesday 2 November	English as an Additional Language [2EAL20] 160 minutes	English Literary Studies [2ELS20] 100 minutes
Wednesday 3 November	Geography [2GHY20] 130 minutes	General Mathematics [2MGM20] 130 minutes
Thursday 4 November	Specialist Mathematics [2MSC20] 130 minutes	Modern History [2MOD20] 130 minutes
Friday 5 November	Biology [2BGY20] 130 minutes	Italian (continuers) [2ITC20] 130 minutes Modern Greek (continuers) [2MGC20] 130 minutes Spanish (continuers) [2SPC20] 130 minutes Chinese (background speakers) [2CHD20] 130 minutes
Monday 8 November	Legal Studies [2LEG20] 130 minutes	French (continuers) [2FRC20] 130 minutes German (continuers) [2GEC20] 130 minutes Japanese (continuers) [2JAC20] 130 minutes
Tuesday 9 November	Chemistry [2CEM20] 130 minutes	Chinese (continuers) [2CHC20] 130 minutes Indonesian (continuers) [2INC20] 130 minutes Vietnamese (background speakers) [2VND20] 130 minutes Vietnamese (continuers) [2VNC20] 130 minutes
Wednesday 10 November	Psychology [2PSC20] 130 minutes	Accounting [2ACO20] 130 minutes
Thursday 11 November	Physics [2PYI20] 130 minutes	Nutrition [2NUT20] 130 minutes
Friday 12 November	Economics [2EMS20] 130 minutes	Tourism [2TOS20] 130 minutes
Monday 15 November	Music Studies [2MSI20] 130 minutes	

Subjects in blue text denote an electronic examination.

Notes

1. *Dates and times for the following examinations are yet to be advised:

Arabic (beginners) [2ARB20] 2½ hours	Japanese (beginners) [2JAB20] 2½ hours
Arabic (continuers) [2ARC20] 2 hours	Korean (background speakers) [2KOD20] 2 hours
Chinese (beginners) [2CHB20] 2½ hours	Korean (beginners) [2KOB20] 2½ hours
French (beginners) [2FRB20] 2½ hours	Korean (continuers) [2KOC20] 2 hours and 50 minutes
German (beginners) [2GEB20] 2½ hours	Latin (continuers) [2LTC20] 3 hours
Indonesian (background speakers) [2IND20] 2½ hours	Modern Greek (beginners) [2MGB20] 2½ hours
Indonesian (beginners) [2INB20] 2½ hours	Spanish (beginners) [2SPB20] 2½ hours
Italian (beginners) [2ITB20] 2½ hours	
Japanese (background speakers) [2JAD20] 2 hours	

The examinations timetable will be updated on the SACE website (www.sace.sa.edu.au) when dates and times have been confirmed.

2. *The written examinations for the following nationally assessed languages at continuers level will be held on Tuesday 20 October, 1.30 pm, South Australian time:
Armenian, Bengali, Bosnian, Chin Hakha, Croatian, Dutch, Filipino, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Karen, Khmer, Macedonian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala, Swedish, Tamil, Turkish, and Yiddish.
3. Please note: all subjects in **red text** will have additional time for reading only. Please refer to the day-by-day instructions, which will be provided to schools at the beginning of Term 4.
4. Schools with students enrolled in subjects that have examinations scheduled at the same time are to contact the SACE Board by 1 September to discuss special arrangements.