

# Newsletter Term 3, 2021

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# From the Principal: Lia Tedesco

#### Welcome to Term 3!

Our Languages and Careers Forum held on 9<sup>th</sup> June was a very successful evening. Lynn Arnold, former SA Premier and Minister of Education, chaired the panel, which was comprised of Sean Keenihan, Olga Kostic and Angus Acton-Cavanough.



Lynn Arnold, Sean Keenihan, Olga Kostic and Angus Acton-Cavanough at the Languages Forum.

Click on the link below to enjoy the videos taken on the evening:

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We are looking forward to another round of our school holiday activities this July. Please refer to the calendar at the back of this newsletter for the dates, and contact Kerrin White at our school office for more information.

And don't forget our poster competition – you will find details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lastly, I am delighted to welcome a new parent representative onto our school Council. Marina Maxy is a parent representative for Arabic. Her two children are both learning Arabic with us.

#### **Mobile Phone and Digital Devices Policy**

Our newly developed Mobile Phone and Digital Devices Policy comes into effect in Term 3.

In summary, the requirements are that:

- Primary students are not to have mobile phones or digital devices during lessons or the lesson break. If they do have a device, it must be kept in their bag.
- Secondary students can only use their mobile phone or digital device when authorised by a teacher for a learning activity. They may access their devices during the lesson breaks.

For further information, including information about exemptions, please refer to the policy on our website.

#### **German Award**

We are delighted to congratulate one of our 2020 High Level IB Diploma students, Lena Blaschta, whose achievement as the top performing High Level IB German student in SA for 2020 has been recognised by the German Teachers Association.

She was presented with the Gebrüder Grimm Prize at the annual conference for teachers of German on 15 May.

# Re-enrolment of Year 10 and 11 students

Parents/caregivers of all students currently enrolled in Year 10 and 11 will receive an SMS in Term 2 Week 10 with a link to our website where there is information outlining our re-enrolment process for 2022. This process will take place in Term 3 Week 6. Students who indicate that they intend to continue studying with us in 2022 will receive a Letter of Acknowledgement in Term 3 Week 9 in class, and a Confirmation of Re-

enrolment letter in Term 4 Week 6/7 in class. If the student is absent in the relevant weeks, this information will be posted home.

# **Opinion Surveys**

In Term 3, Years 3 – 7 students learning French, Japanese, Khmer, Arabic, Korean, Indonesian and Afrikaans will be surveyed. Students will be given paper copies of survey forms, which will be completed in class.

All students in Years 8-12 (including Year 7 students in secondary classes) will be completing their surveys online using Survey Monkey.

All parents will be surveyed through a link to be sent via SMS in Week 4 of Term 3. We urge you to take the time to respond to these surveys, as they provide a valuable means through which we can identify areas for ongoing improvement.

#### **Final lessons for Year 12 students**

Year 12 students have their final lessons for the year as follows:

# Final lessons in Week 10, Term 3:

- Japanese Beginners
- Spanish Beginners

#### Final lessons in Week 1, Term 4:

- Auslan Continuers
- Arabic Continuers
- Bosnian Continuers
- Chinese Beginners
- Croatian Continuers
- French Beginners
- German Beginners
- Hindi Continuers
- Khmer Continuers
- Korean Background
- Persian Continuers
- Polish Continuers
- Punjabi Continuers
- Serbian Continuers

# Final lessons in Week 2, Term 4:

- Korean Beginners
- Korean Continuers

- Italian Beginners
- Japanese Background

#### Final lessons in Week 3, Term 4:

- Indonesian Beginners
- Italian Continuers
- Spanish Continuers
- Chinese Background

# Final lessons in Week 4, Term 4:

- Indonesian Background
- Chinese Continuers
- French Continuers
- German Continuers
- Indonesian Continuers
- Japanese Continuers Vietnamese Continuers
- Vietnamese Background

Final lessons for IB classes are yet to be decided.

#### **SACE EXTERNAL WRITTEN EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2021**

The SACE Board Subject Outlines, which outline course content and the structure of the externally assessed examinations, are available on the SACE web site: <a href="www.sace.sa.edu.au">www.sace.sa.edu.au</a>. Past exam papers are also available on the same web site for some languages.

The **SACE** Board makes the **timetable** for the **2021** oral **examinations** for Stage 2 languages available between **Monday 6 September and Friday 10 September 2021**. The **examinations** will be conducted between Monday 11 October and will conclude Friday 29 October **2021**.

Please find below the SACE Board timetable for the written examinations, which has been updated since our Term 2 newsletter.

Date	Time	Language
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	1:30pm	Japanese Beginners
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	1:30pm	Spanish Beginners
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	1:30pm	Arabic Continuers
		Bosnian Continuers
		Croatian Continuers
		German Beginners
		Hindi Continuers
		Khmer Continuers
		Korean Background
		Persian Continuers
		Polish Continuers
		Punjabi Continuers
		Serbian Continuers
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00am	Auslan Continuers
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	9:00am	Chinese Beginners
		French Beginners
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	1:30pm	Korean Beginners
		Korean Continuers
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00am	Japanese Background
	1:30pm	Italian Beginners
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	1:30pm	Indonesian Beginners
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	1:30pm	Italian Continuers
		Spanish Continuers
		Chinese Background
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	11:15am	Indonesian Background
	1:30pm	French Continuers
		German Continuers
		Japanese Continuers
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	1:30pm	Chinese Continuers
		Indonesian Continuers
		Vietnamese Background
		Vietnamese Continuers

The IB examination timetable is not yet finalised.

#### **TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

**Languages Alive!**: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July

Let's Talk!: 8th and 9th July

#### **KEY DATES FOR TERM 3**

# WEEK 1 Monday 19 July

Term 3 lessons commence

Year 11 and 12 midyear exams are returned to students

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Poster competition closing date

#### WEEK 2

Tuesday 27th July: School Council meeting

#### WEEK 3

Student surveys for Years 3 - 7 students of French, Japanese, Khmer, Arabic, Korean, Indonesian and Afrikaans

Student surveys for all students Year 8-12

#### WEEK 4

Parent surveys conducted this week, via SMS link

# WEEK 5

Friday, 20 August: Staff Conference Day

#### WEEK 6

Tuesday, 24 August: School Council meeting

#### **WEEK 7**

**Tuesday 31 August:** Poster competition winners notified

Assessment Period 3 ends

#### WEEK 8

Friday, 10 September: School Closure Day

#### **WEEK 10**

**Tuesday, 22 September:** School Council meeting, 7pm, School of Languages

Last week of lessons for Year 12 Japanese Beginners and Spanish Beginners

Saturday, 25 September: Term 3 ends

#### **TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Sunday, 26 September – Sunday, 10 October

Student reports and Term 4 newsletter distributed to parents/carers and day schools.

Vacation School: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Languages Alive!: 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October





# 2021 SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES POSTER COMPETITION

As we celebrate our 35 year anniversary, the School of Languages is pleased to invite students to show their appreciation for languages and cultures by using their creative and artistic skills to design a poster around the theme:

# Languages give you the edge!

#### COMPETITION GUIDELINES

# 1. Who is eligible?

The competition is open to all R-12 students enrolled at the School of Languages. The entrants 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)

# 2. What do you have to do to enter?

Design a poster (hand-drawn/electronically) that reflects the theme Languages give you the edge!

#### HAND-DRAWN POSTER ENTRIES

- The title Languages give you the edge! MUST BE included bilingually on the poster.
- Each poster must be the original work of the student; NO GROUP ENTRIES.
- All posters must be the student's original, creative artwork, including illustrations and images.
- 4. Posters should be no larger than A2 size.

#### **ELECTRONIC ENTRIES**

In addition to points 1-3 above, any programs used for the design elements of an e-entry must be declared on the COMPETITION ENTRY AND DECLARATION FORM (see attached).

#### HELPFUL HINTS

Bold colours, clear artwork, and easy-to-read messages are best.

Any additional text on the poster, (apart from the 2021 theme, *Languages give you the edge!* must be in one or more languages taught at the School of Languages. Some thought starters for your design:

- Has learning a language opened you up to new possibilities and experiences?
- Why do you think learning this language gives you an edge?
- What do you like about the language that you are learning?

Get creative! Use humour! Be playful! Find a unique angle!



# 3. What are the prizes?

- All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.
- One winning entry from each category will be selected.
- Winners from all categories will receive \$100 prize money and a Certificate of Excellence.
- All competition winners will be acknowledged on our Website and at the 2021 Celebration of Achievement.

# 4. Competition entry and declaration form

- The winning posters must meet all the requirements in these Guidelines. Posters will be judged on the level of originality, visual impact, artistic merit and how creatively they've expressed the theme: Languages give you the edge!
- Artwork must be an individual student's original creation. Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way, except for the Student Entry and Declaration Form, which must be glued or fixed to the back of the poster to be
- Art paper used must be made of flexible material so that it can be rolled up in a mailing tube. Please roll up with poster side facing outward. Do not fold the poster.
- Selection of winners will be made by a judging panel with representatives from the School Council and the School of Languages student body.
- Winners will be notified in writing by the end of August 2021.

# 5. When does the competition start?

Competition entries are open from 9th June 2021 until 21st July 2021.

# 6. How do you submit your entry?

Entries can be mailed, e-mailed or personally dropped off at the School of Languages reception by 5pm on the 21st July 2021. Late entries will not be eligible.

#### 7. What are the conditions of the competition?

Entrants agree to be bound by the competition guidelines and the decisions of the School of Languages judging panel. They also accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or ineligible entries.

For further information on the 2021 Poster Competition, please contact:

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