

## TERM 3, 2022

### From the Principal: Lee Knight/Lia Tedesco

Welcome to Term 3. This term I say goodbye to the School of Languages community as Lia Tedesco returns from extended leave to her Principal role.

I know that Lia is really looking forward to being back on board and continuing to guide the school as she has done so well for many years.

I want to thank the school community for making me feel very welcome during my time with you. I have been in awe many times at the amazing learning your children and young people are doing every day at the School of Languages. You should be very proud of them, their language and communication skills as well as their persistence and determination.

By helping your children and young people commit to their language learning you are setting them up to be future leaders in our globalised world.

All the best  
Lee

### Reception to Year 6 -Crunch and Sip

Research suggests that a child who is well fed with nutritious food will more likely be engaged in their learning, with improved focus.

Given the length of time of R-6 classes held on Saturdays at the School of Languages we therefore, have decided to introduce Crunch and Sip breaks consistent with the policies of many day schools.



From Term 3 teachers are encouraged to give the students one five minute Crunch and Sip before the normal break time, and one 5 minute Crunch and Sip after the normal break time. These will be held in the classroom during normal lesson time.

Parents are asked to please prepare a few pieces of fresh fruit and a bottle of water to be consumed during the Crunch and Sip, in addition to their healthy recess.

We hope that the introduction of Crunch and Sip will support our students with their language learning.

### Our SoL website gets a new look!

Our website has undergone a facelift to make it more streamlined and improve accessibility and traffic.

The recently launched revamped website, has some exciting new features, including a multilingual function giving viewers the option of translating the content into 22 other languages. However, please be aware the translations are derived from *GTranslate* and may not always be 100% accurate.

We encourage our school community to check out our new website  
[www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au](http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au)

Why not give it a like or post a comment? Even better, why don't you consider following our school on all our social media platforms?



Find us on 

## Let's Talk!

During the July holidays, on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> we once again ran **Let's Talk!** our state government funded program for secondary students of languages. This time we were very excited to trial an online parallel delivery for some languages. Face-to-face sessions for Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish were run face-to-face on the Thursday but

**in addition**, 6 secondary students of Indonesian, Japanese and Spanish, including a student from the Northern Territory, joined in the activities on-line.

In total 80 students participated over the 2 days and took up this unique opportunity to develop their speaking skills in the language they are studying through the highly interactive learning experiences on offer. It may have been the school holidays, but the corridors of the School of Languages were a buzz with the sound of so many languages being spoken. This is what some students had to say about the program:

- *Today was really fun and I was able to learn and connect with others in common languages.*
- *It has been a really great experience and I would love to come again for more learning*
- *I thoroughly enjoyed this and would love to come back to build on what I have learned in this program again!*
- *I attended Let's Talk! last year and I found it beneficial enough to attend again this year on both days*
- *I definitely need more improvement and I feel this is a great way to improve in a kind and comfortable environment*
- *I would like to attend the program again to further prepare for my speaking exam and see the new friends I have made.*



## Languages Alive!

In the July school holidays the world of language and culture once again came alive in the R-6 **Languages Alive!** holiday program offered by the School of Languages. Children explored the mysterious and enchanting Burmese language, role played being a Japanese speaking Ninja Warrior, created their own French comic strips and discovered the ancient and exquisite art of Indonesian wax patterns. This popular holiday program funded by the State Government, is designed to generate a love for learning other languages and an appreciation for other cultures. Over 110 students participated in interactive language learning experiences in Chinese, French, Auslan, Burmese, Japanese, Indonesian and Spanish. This time we took the program further afield to the Eyre Peninsula towns of Streaky Bay and Ceduna!

Here's what one parent had to say about the program:

*Languages Alive has been such a great introduction to learning about other languages and cultures. My daughters have really enjoyed meeting other children from other schools in Adelaide and joining in such fun activities. They have been attending since 2019. As soon as it gets advertised, we sign up straight away, so we don't miss out. They get so excited about going!*



## Re-enrolment – Years 10 & 11

Parents/caregivers of all students currently enrolled in Year 10 and 11 were sent an SMS in Term 3 Week 1 with a link to our website where there is information outlining our re-enrolment process for 2023. This process will take place in Term 3 Week 6. Students who intend to continue studying with us in 2023 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 your student is absent in the relevant weeks, this information will be posted home.

## Staff News

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

### Starting, or returning, in term 3 we have:

New: Minh NGUYEN (Vietnamese)

Returning: Lucia GENTILCORE (Italian/Spanish)

### To the following staff we say farewell:

Hanaa ZEBIAN (French)

We also welcome the next generation of language teachers who will be here as pre-service teachers learning their craft with our expert teachers.

Pre-service teachers (UniSA):  
Marta MONTERO LOMAS (Spanish)  
Meixi (Macy) LIU (Chinese)

In addition, Ivana Quadrelli is on leave for Semester 2; and Barb Smith will be on long service leave for the first 4 weeks of Term 3 and will be replaced by Kerri RIDLEY & Hisako DIGGINS.

## Reports

Semester 1 reports have been completed and emailed to parents/carers. An electronic copy of your child's report has also been emailed to the Principal of students' day schools who will use them as they consider appropriate for their context. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please contact your child's teacher directly.

## 2022 School of Languages Poster Competition

***Languages: connecting hearts and minds!***

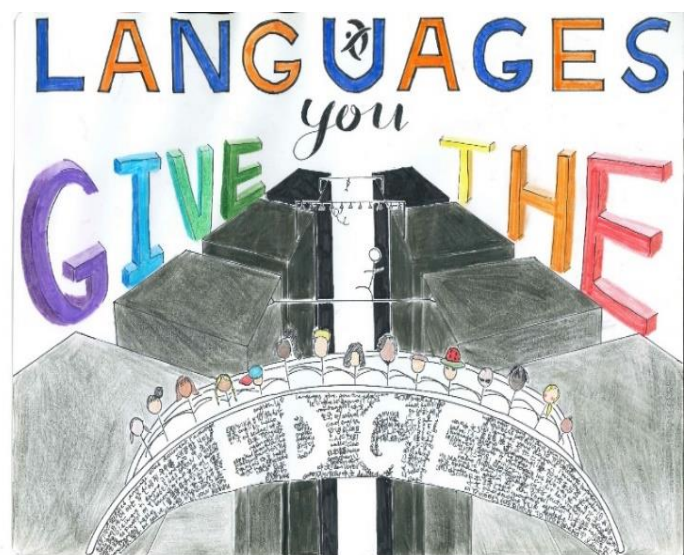
Entries for this year's Poster Competition opened on the 10th of June. Due to popular demand, the closing date has been extended to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Poster Guidelines and Entry Form have been posted on our website at [www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au](http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au) and promoted through our social media platforms, Facebook/Instagram.

Winners from all categories will receive \$100 prize money and a Certificate of Excellence. All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Get creative! Use humour! Be playful! Reflect on how learning a language has opened you up to new thinking/feelings/possibilities? How has it helped you to connect with other people? Find a unique angle around the theme ***Languages: connecting hearts and minds!***

Be inspired by **Cherrie Bo-Wan Cheung, a Year 10, Chinese language student** and Category C winner of 2021:



## Out and about at Career Expos



In term 2 we were delighted to receive invitations from Portside Christian School, Henley Beach HS and Parafield

Gardens HS to exhibit and promote our language learning opportunities at their Career Expos. The exhibition at Parafield Gardens included a *taster* Vietnamese lesson attended by 30 students who are thinking of enrolling with us next year.



Our Vietnamese teachers Phuong Ngo and Ly Le inspired the students to learn Vietnamese by immersing them in a traditional dragon dance.

It is anticipated that there will be an increased demand for this language in that school community. We look forward to welcoming many students from Parafield and surrounds to our school in 2023! This week we look forward to promoting our programs at the Temple Christian College Careers Day.

## Staff Professional Development Learning and Assessment Design project

At the start of 2022, our school commenced a 3-year project, in conjunction with Associate Professor Angela Scarino, Director of the Research Centre for Languages and Cultures at the University of South Australia, focussing on learning and assessment design as part of our school improvement plan.

Each year we will focus on developing our staff's professional knowledge and practices related to learning and assessment design in ways that make a positive impact on students' language learning.

We have begun an intensive professional learning series with our Leadership Team exploring contemporary theories and practices related to learning and assessment design, particularly for languages learning. As part of the leadership series, each leader has been designing an individual action research project focussing on a particular aspect of practice.

At the same time, all staff are developing their understandings of learning intentions and applying these in their lesson and module /unit planning.

The project is in its infancy, but we can already see some wonderful professional conversations and positive changes in practice. We will keep you informed of our progress as we travel this learning journey as a school.

## Korean at SoL

Our Korean students, taught by Parky Anderson, are enjoying their "game" of fly swatters used to help them revise vocabulary, phrases and grammar.

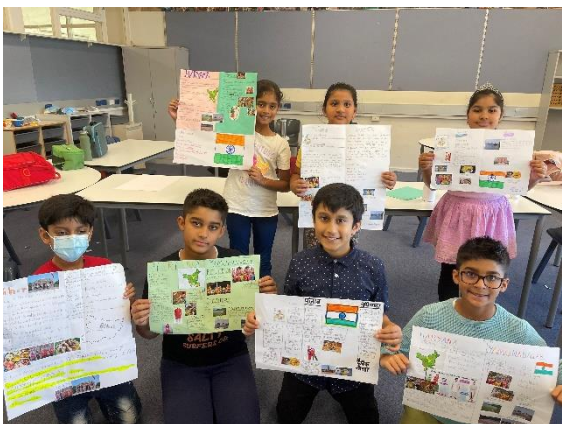


### Hindi at SoL

This term our Yr 4-7 Hindi class students created some wonderful memories in class whilst learning Hindi and expanding their knowledge of Indian culture.

The students were able to partake in yoga sessions and learn the art of performing yoga to commemorate International Yoga Day (Yoga Divas). They learnt numerous beginner's yoga postures that they can continue to practice at home and throughout their lifetimes, gaining the positive energy and health benefits from the postures.

The students also worked hard to create posters representing themselves and their cultural origins from India in an effort to connect to their heritages from which they feel a sense of belonging. They had incredible fun creating these posters through which they not only found out more about their cultural heritages, and places from where their families belong but they were able to use their Hindi language skills to understand their identities.



Amita Malhotra, Hindi teacher

### Year 12 Vacation School

Preparation is well underway for the annual School of Languages 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.

Vacation School will run on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 from 9.00am to 3.30pm at the School of Languages.

Save the date for these popular workshops, which have a focus on exam preparation; conversation and discussion, reading and responding, listening and responding, and writing in the target language.

### Key Dates Term 3

Term 3 begins week beginning Mon 25 July

#### Week 3

Year 10/11 re-enrolment opens see website:

<https://schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au/>

#### Week 5

Tues 23 August School Council 7-9pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Aug – Staff professional development

#### Week 6

Friday 2 Sept – School Closure Day

#### Week 10

Tues 27 Sept School Council 7-9pm

Sat 1 Oct – Final lessons of term 3

### TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**Sunday 2 Oct – Sunday 16 Oct**

Languages Alive! 4-7 Oct, and 14 Oct

Let's Talk! 13 Oct

Vacation School 5 Oct