

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear members of the School of Languages community, as 2022 draws to a close, I would like to thank all students, parents and staff, and Governing Council members, as well as our colleagues in the various teaching centres around the metropolitan area, for your support in making this year another successful year for our school!

We are now taking enrolments for 2023. You will find our timetables and enrolment information on our school website or ring us on 8301 4800. Lessons in 2023 will commence in the week beginning Monday 6th February.

Please note that the school office will be closed from 12:00pm Friday 23rd December until Monday 9th January.

I wish all students, parents and the School of Languages broader community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

During the course of the year, our School Council became a Governing Council with a new Constitution. The new Constitution is on our school website.

Please note that our 2023 AGM will be held on Tuesday 28th March at 7:00pm. The guest speaker will be Ms Adriana Christopoulos, Chair of the South Australian Multicultural Commission, who will speak about the government's new Multicultural Charter. All members of the school community are invited! The meeting will be held in our Conference Room, and also be available online through Teams. Please save the date! Further information will be provided next year.

FAREWELL TO STAFF

We recently farewelled the following teachers:

- Parneet Ahluwalia (Punjabi)
- Alicia Alfaro (Spanish)
- Bintang Butar Butar (Indonesian)
- Abby Du (Japanese)
- Trinh Kieu (Vietnamese)
- Yuhua Liu (Chinese)
- Chharida Mann (Khmer)
- Ljubica Prce-Simic (Croatian)
- Ehab Sorial (Arabic)
- Mai Xie (Chinese)
- Lan Zhang (Chinese)
- Yuwei Zhang (Chinese)

We thank them for their contributions to our students and to our school; and we wish them all well in their future endeavours!

ENHANCING STUDENT VOICE

Student Council

This year Kate Dospisil, year 12 student of Korean who has been studying at the School of Languages since 2018, took on the role of Chair of the Student Council. The aim of the Student Council is to provide students with opportunities to engage more actively with school activities and strengthen student voice.

Governor's Reception

In her capacity as Chair, Kate, together with Tessa Johnson, Year 12 student of Spanish, attended the recent Year 12 Student Leaders' Reception at Government House. Tessa and Kate enjoyed representing the School of Languages at this prestigious event and meeting the Governor of South Australia, Ms Frances Adamson.



Tessa Johnson (Year 12 Spanish), Ms Frances Adamson (Governor of South Australia), and Kate Dospisil (Year 12 Korean and Chair of the Student Council)

Student Forum

With the aim of improving student voice, Liana Rebelos (Year 9 Japanese), and Hala Elaffify (year 11 Spanish), were also selected to represent our School at the recent state-wide Student Forum hosted by the Department for Education, to inform the development of a Statement on Public Education.



Maribel Coffey (Assistant Principal Public Relations, the Minister for Education the Hon Blair Boyer MP, and Hala Elaffify (Year 11 Spanish) at the Student Forum

CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

On Tuesday 6th December we held our Celebration of Achievement at Elder Hall, University of Adelaide, after 2 years of not being able to host this wonderful celebration due to Covid restrictions. The event was held in two sittings; one for primary award-winning students, followed by one for secondary award winners a bit later in the evening. Over 530

students, parents and invited guests were in attendance.

Kate Dospisil was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The guest speaker at the primary sitting was Valeria Alonso, a former student, who spoke about her language learning experiences. At the secondary sitting we heard from the Minister for Education, the Honourable Blair Boyer MP, who acknowledged the key role that the School of Languages plays in the provision of quality languages education in South Australia. The keynote speaker, Mr Angus Acton-Cavanough from the Department of Foreign Affairs, shared the huge impact that learning languages has had on both his professional and personal life, and he emphasised the importance of knowing other languages for careers in foreign affairs, diplomacy and trade.

Congratulations to all the award-winning students! The event was filmed; and the film will be on our school website as soon as it is edited.



Year 12 Award of Excellence recipient for Chinese, Xiangfan Chen, with the Minister for Education, the Hon Blair Boyer, MP.



Matt Brown (Coordinator/Japanese Teacher), and Eri Brown (Japanese Teacher) with their daughter Alisa Brown, who received a poster competition award.

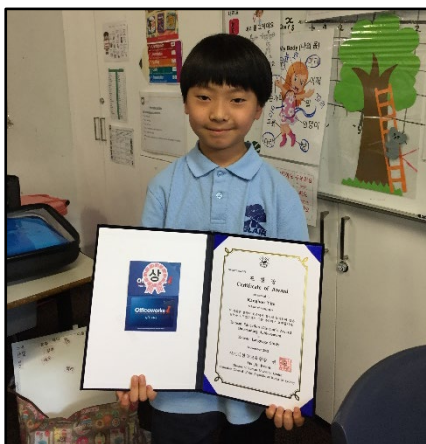
KOREAN NEWS

Korean Education Centre Awards

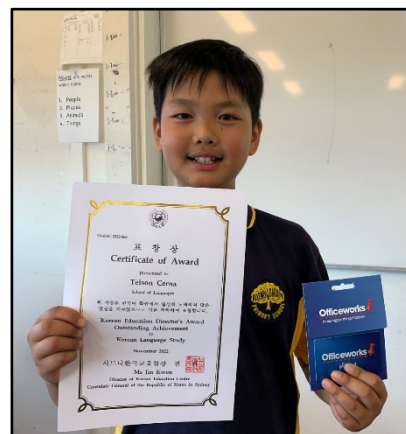
The Korean Education Centre (KEC), based in Sydney, provides Korean teachers and students with tremendous support every year.

The following students recently received the Korean Education Centre Director's Award (and gift vouchers) for Outstanding Achievement in Korean Language Study:

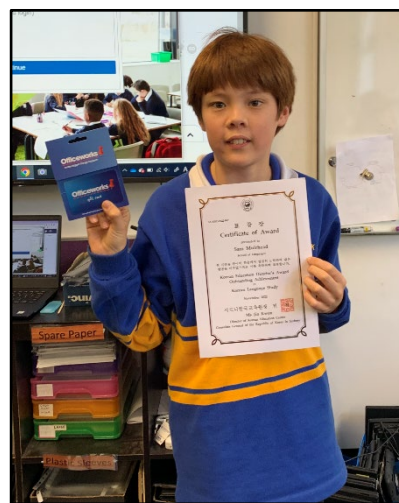
- Kanghoo Yim (Year 3)
- Tyson Cerna (Year 5)
- Sam Muirhead (Year 5)
- Katrina Champion (Year 9)
- Inara Eacott (Year 9)
- Eleanor Ashford (Year 10)
- Anqi Wang (Stage 1 Beginners)



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The students feel very privileged to have received awards and prizes from the KEC, and our Korean language teachers are also grateful to know that these opportunities provide students with good motivation to continue learning Korean!

Hangeul Day

In other Korean news, on the 5th of November, the Korean Language Teachers Association of SA (KOLTASA), in which our teachers are very active held Hangeul (Korean Alphabet) Day at the Education Development Centre.



KOLTASA members

It was a small event attended by approximately 25 people, and all had a great time. The best part was that some of our students came along with their friends and families to join the event.

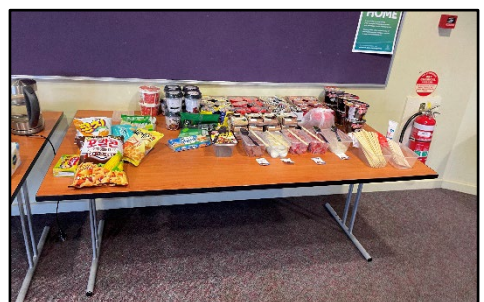
As part of the day, our teachers held a 2 hour session to promote our school Korean programmes, and students' learning experiences and achievements. Students who attended also learnt how to use chopsticks, how to make a popular Korean side dish (cucumber salad), how to write their own names in Korean calligraphy style; and they also tried out some traditional Korean tea and Korean instant cup noodle combinations.



Students learning to eat with Chopsticks



Students learning Korean calligraphy



Display of Korean instant noodles



Display of Korean items

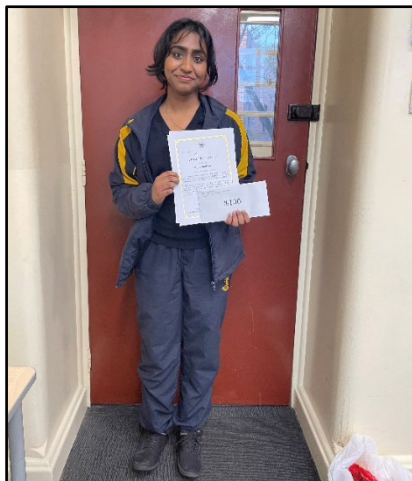


Workshop attendees

Korean Performance Contest

Last term, some of our students participated in a Korean Performance Contest held by the Korean Education Centre (KEC).

Rhea Shibichan won 3rd place for her oral presentation about her favourite Korean person.



Rhea Shibichan – 3rd place winner

A group of 5 of our students won 2nd place for their role play (video clip component) about ordering Korean food and drinks.



2nd place winners: Anne-Lyse Iranezereza, Katrina Champion, Rori Franks, Declan Seal (absent from photo) and Shella Mamayemo

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

As the year draws to a close, our teachers are finalising Term 4 reports. These will be emailed to parents/carers and day schools in the week beginning Monday 19th December. If you do not receive your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact the school and ensure that we have your correct contact details. It is important that we are notified of any changes to email addresses, mobile numbers and home addresses, as emails, text messages and letters to home addresses are our key communication channels.

Year 12 SACE results will be released by the SACE Board on Monday 19th December, and the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) will be releasing the Year 12 IB results in early January. We look forward with great anticipation to seeing how well our Year 12 students performed in their final year of school language study!

Student achievement will be reported in our 2022 Annual Report, to be released next year; and it will also be reported on at our Governing Council AGM on 28th March.

The Annual Report will also be on our school website, once it is approved.

Please remember to visit our school website, where you will find a range of key school documents and policies.

Our next Newsletter communication will be early next year and will include important dates to bear in mind for Term 1.

In the meantime, happy holidays to all!



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