

TERM 3, 2023

From the Principal: Lia Tedesco

Italian in the Workplace

On Tuesday 9th May, two of our students attended the **Italian in the Workplace** event organised by Dr Enza Tudini, University of South Australia. This event was attended by about 90 students from 20 different schools; and was also recorded for other students unable to attend. The aim of the day was to showcase the importance of Italian language skills in expanding career opportunities; and to encourage students to continue studying Italian.

The MC for the day was Ms Antonietta Cocchiario, OAM. It commenced with an opening speech by the Italian Consul, Dr Adriana Stendardo, and included presentations from industry leaders (Professor Nicola Sasanelli: High Tech; Rosa Matto: Gastronomy; Associate Professor Angela Scarino: Education and Dr and Cavaliere Philip Donato, OAM: Health), interactive activities with mentors representing different careers, and some engaging games.

The speakers outlined key points to highlight the importance of learning other languages:

- Most people in the world are multilingual.
- Learning a language is a transformative experience, and makes life more fun!
- It enhances creativity and career prospects.

And in terms of the Italian language in particular:

- Travel: Italy has many UNESCO world heritage sites.
- Manufacturing: The Made in Italy brand is well known worldwide for quality products. Italy is the second largest manufacturing country in Europe after

Germany, and the first in Europe for agriculture.

- Italian is easy to learn
- There are many current and emerging work opportunities in Italy and in Australia for Italian speakers (eg Italy is the third country in Europe, after Germany and France, for space and high tech.)

In summary, the students found it to be a very productive and informative day!



Our 2 students who attended the event: Graziella de Maria and James Kotorac, with Dr Enza Tudini and Ms Antonietta Cocchiario, OAM.

Principal Position

Lia Tedesco is stepping down from her role as Principal at the end of this year, after more than 20 years at the helm of the school. During this time, the school has attracted numerous state and national grants and Languages projects; and more than doubled in size, with more Languages on offer in more Teaching Centres; providing greater access to Languages study to more students!

The Principal position is being advertised nationally; and an announcement regarding the new Principal is likely to be made in Term 3.

Let's Talk!

During the April holidays, we once again ran the **Let's Talk!** state government funded program offered state-wide to Years 10-12 students studying Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish. In total 129 students attended 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.

This time we were very excited to welcome the Deputy Premier, the Hon Susan Close, MP, and the Minister for Education, the Hon Blair Boyer, MP who visited both the Let's Talk! and Languages Alive! programs. They interacted enthusiastically with the students and were suitably impressed with the high-level engagement they saw. It may have been the school holidays, but the corridors of the School of Languages were abuzz with the sound of so many languages being spoken!



The Minister for Education, the Hon Blair Boyer, MP and the Deputy Premier, the Hon Susan Close, MP

Let's Talk! will also be offered during the next school holidays on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th July from 10.00am-3.30pm at the School of Languages. For further info go to our website <https://schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au/lets-talk-3/>

or register at:

<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/letstalk>

Languages Alive!

In the April 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. This popular program funded by the State Government took place over 5 days: 2 days at our school site, and then further afield at Bridgewater Primary, Berri Primary and Auburn Primary.

Over the 5 days, a total of 196 students experienced the delights of other ways of thinking and being through interactive language learning experiences in Auslan, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Serbian and Spanish. The program is designed to generate a love for learning other languages and an appreciation of other cultures.

We are delighted that the program is in high demand and becoming increasingly popular, with tickets for the programs held at our school selling out within the first day of opening.

Don't miss out in the July school holidays! Languages Alive! will be offered on the following dates and at the following schools:

- Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th July, at the School of Languages
- Thursday 13th July, at Pilgrim School, Aberfoyle Park
- Friday 14th July, at Mitcham Primary School
- Friday 21st July, at Victor Harbor Primary School

For tickets go to:

<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive>

Further details available on our website:

www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au



**Students enjoying activities at the April Languages Alive!
April program**

Mobile Phone Policy

From the beginning of Term 3 our new Mobile Phone Policy will take effect. This means that students will not be allowed to access their mobile phones during lessons and during the breaks, unless for a designated learning activity authorised by their teacher. All parents/carers have been sent an SMS with a link to the policy, which is also on our school website.

2023 Poster Competition

Discover Yourself, Discover the World!

Entries for this year's Poster Competition opened on the 14th June and will close on 4th August. Get creative! Use humour! Be playful! Reflect on how learning a language has opened you up to new thinking, feelings and possibilities! How has it helped you to connect with other people?

Find a unique angle around the theme:

Discover Yourself, Discover the World!

Poster Guidelines and Entry Forms are on our website and promoted through our social media platforms: Facebook and Instagram. Winners from each category will receive \$100 prize money and a Certificate of Excellence. All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Car Park Reminder

A reminder to parents whose children attend lessons at our West Croydon site.

As you may be aware:

- Our staff car park is not accessible by parents.
- Parking is available on Brown Street.
- Please park carefully when you drop off and pick up your students; and walk them to the gate or to Reception.

We are exploring options with Charles Sturt Council for enhancing safety on Brown St and will keep you informed of any changes that the council puts in place.

School Communications

As you may be aware, our communication with parents and carers is mainly through email and SMS messages. Please be aware that any links that are in our SMS messages are safe to click on. The mobile number that you will receive our messages from is **0418 149 916** - please save this in your contacts so that you know that the communication is from our school. If you have any concerns about the authenticity of text messages you receive from our school do not hesitate to contact our Front office.

Spanish Awards!

Every year, the Spanish Teachers Association of South Australia and the Spanish Embassy recognize the efforts of students of Spanish (of both continuing and beginning streams) who meet high standards of academic excellence and who have given their best effort, often overcoming obstacles to their learning. The Award of Excellence is conferred to students of Year 12 who achieve a top mark for their results in Spanish as part of their SACE or IB.

Congratulations to Laura Pinto and Tara Roberts, two of our Year 12 students in 2022, who were recently recognised with this prestigious award, at the Year 12 Spanish Immersion Day organised by Flinders University.



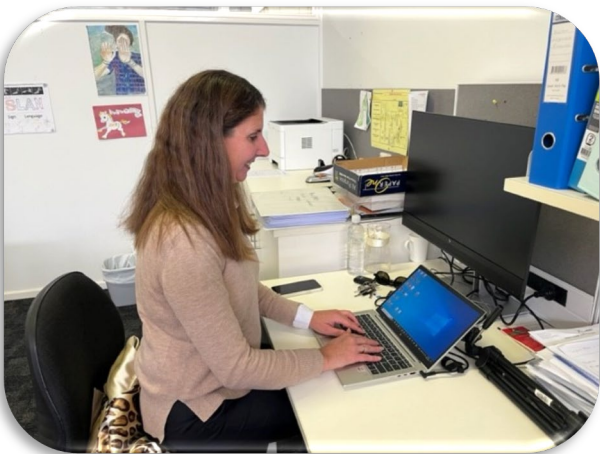
Laura Pinto, Flor Rangel (teacher) and Tara Roberts receiving their award



Auslan

We are thrilled that one of our teachers of Auslan, Sophia Borick, was invited by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to revise the Australian Curriculum for Auslan. This is in recognition of her knowledge, skills and experience as one of the most highly regarded teachers of Auslan across the country.

Sophia says: *"I was so privileged to be part of the ACARA Auslan team and I found it very rewarding to be involved. It was hard work but good to see how much we achieved!"*



Sophia Borick working on the Australian Curriculum for Auslan

Re-enrolment for 2024 – Years 10 & 11

Parents/carers of all students currently enrolled in Year 10 and 11 will be sent an SMS in Term 3 Week 1 with a link to our website where there is information outlining our re-enrolment process for 2024. This process will take place in Term 3 Week 6. Students who intend to continue studying with us in 2024 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.

Key Dates Term 3

July Holidays

Languages Alive! July dates

- Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th July, at the School of Languages
- Thursday 13th July, at Pilgrim School, Aberfoyle Park
- Friday 14th July, at Mitcham Primary School
- Friday 21st July, at Victor Harbor Primary School

Let's Talk! July dates

- Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th July at the School of Languages

Term 3 begins week beginning Monday 24th July.

Week 1

- SMS sent to parents/carers of current Year 10 and 11 students, regarding re-enrolment for 2024.

Week 2

- Friday 4th August: Poster Competition closes.

Week 5

- Tuesday 22nd August: Governing Council meeting at the School of Languages.

Week 6

- School hosting the annual National meeting of the Australian Network of Government Languages Schools.
- Re-enrolment process for current Year 10 and 11 students.

Week 7

- Friday 8th September: School Closure Day.

Week 9

- Acknowledgement letter regarding re-enrolment for 2024 given to current Year 10 and 11 students.

Week 10

- Tuesday 26th September: Governing Council meeting (on Teams).

**Last day of Term 3: Saturday 30th
September**

October Holidays

Monday 2nd October – Sunday 15th October

- Student reports and Term 4 newsletter emailed to parents/carers and feeder schools.

Languages Alive! October dates

- Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th October, at the School of Languages
- Tuesday 10th October, at Bridgewater Primary
- Thursday 12th and Friday 13th October, at Kangaroo Island

Term 4 begins Monday 16th October

Languages Alive!

Experience the delights of other languages and cultures.



Languages Alive! is a program of engaging and interactive language and cultural experiences for R-6 students.

Delivered by highly proficient speakers of the relevant language, the program will run during the July school holidays in metropolitan and country locations.

Workshops will explore a range of languages including Auslan, Croatian, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Nepali & Spanish.

WHO:

Reception to Year 6 students

WHEN:

July 2023

WHERE:

School of Languages: Tues 11th & Wed 12th July

Pilgrim School (Aberfoyle Park): Thurs 13th July

Mitcham Primary School: Fri 14th July

Victor Harbor Primary School: Fri 21st April

COST:

\$10 per day

FREE for School card/Healthcare card holders

Register online by 30th June at:
www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive



{ Let's talk! }

Intensive oral language
program in the school holidays



This program will offer intensive and interactive language learning experiences for South Australian students enrolled in **Year 10, 11 or 12 language pathways** in a range of languages.



Register online at:

<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/letstalk>

Registration close 5th July 2023

Key objective of all sessions is to improve proficiency through engaging and differentiated language/cultural experiences. Given that the focus of all sessions will be on the oral use of the target language, groups are capped at 12 students.

Note: Students will be able to register for either 1 or 2 days as the program for each day will be different.

Each day runs from 9.30am (Registration/Sign in) – 3:30pm (Finish). Three sessions of 75 minutes duration will be offered by highly proficient speakers of Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese & Spanish.

VENUE:

School of Languages:
255 Torrens Road, West Croydon SA 5008

COST:

\$10 per day
School card / Healthcare card holders **FREE**

WHEN:

Tuesday 11th July and Wednesday 12th July 2023



Government of South Australia
Department for Education