

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear members of the school community, as 2023 draws to a close, I would like to thank all students, parents, carers, 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!

As many of you know, I am retiring, and therefore this is my last newsletter. I look back with pride on all that the school has achieved; I look back with gratitude to all the staff, parents, carers and students who I have worked with over the years; and I feel privileged to have met such a diversity of community and stakeholder groups, all of whom have contributed extensively to the success of the school.

My strong belief is that all students should have access to languages education, as it expands their world view and benefits them in the longer term, for example in relation to career opportunities, travel, friendships; not to mention the sheer wonder of being able to think and see the world from multiple perspectives.

Our students gain so much from their language learning; so much that goes beyond communication in the target language (as important as that is): they gain a deeper

understanding of the world around them; an understanding of other peoples and their way of thinking; an understanding of commonalities and differences.

Since 2000 when I was first appointed to the school, we have introduced many new languages, we have expanded into the primary levels, and at the same time we have continually increased our presence and our enrolments.

We provide a vehicle through which to offer a richer diversity of Languages than any individual school can manage, and thus be more responsive to the individual needs of the thousands of students who have come through our doors. We have indeed come a long way since the schools establishment in 1986; which augurs well for the future under the leadership of the new Principal, Dr Michelle Kohler.

We are now taking enrolments for 2024. You will find our timetables and enrolment information on our school website or ring us on 8301 4800. Lessons in 2024 will commence in the week beginning Monday 6th February.

Please note that the school office will be closed from 12:00pm Friday 22nd December until Monday 8th January.

Thank you for being our partners in encouraging and supporting your children to pursue their language studies!

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

FAREWELL TO STAFF

We recently farewelled a number of our teaching staff:

- Carmen Arias Espinal – Spanish
- Ayoub Hassine – French
- Charan Kaur – Auslan
- Daniel Micklen - Indonesian
- Minh Nguyen – Vietnamese
- Minh Phamm - Vietnamese
- Majeda Rizk - Arabic
- Nuch Saendi – Thai

as well as a number of our school leaders. They have all worked tirelessly to deliver the best possible service to all students and to the school community as a whole; while providing clear direction and invaluable support to students and staff. We thank them for their valuable contributions to our students and to our school; and we wish them well in their future endeavours!



Anne Reuter, Assistant Principal, Student and Staff Services

Anne has been at the School of Languages since 2012, firstly as a teacher of German, then as Co-Ordinator and Assistant Principal. In that role, she has been responsible for

ensuring smooth and efficient daily operations for all students and staff.

Maribel Coffey, Assistant Principal, Public Relations

Maribel has been at the School of Languages since 2019, as Assistant Principal, responsible for all our marketing and promotions, our community relations, all our school holiday programs and study tours, and key school events.



Sonia Zocchi, Coordinator Primary Pedagogy

Sonia has been at the school since 2016 as coordinator, and also teaching Italian. She has also provided state wide professional development to teachers of First Language Maintenance and Development Programs.

Matt Brown, Coordinator Primary Asian Languages

Matt started at the school in 2019 as Coordinator, and also teaching Japanese. He has looked after our hugely successful Languages Alive! holiday program for primary students.



Noelia Carvajal Balbin, Coordinator Primary Languages



Noelia has been at the School for more than 15 years, as a teacher of Spanish and in more recent years as Coordinator, with responsibility for a range of languages, for digital learning and for the International Baccalaureate.

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION

Johanna Manlapas (Spanish) and Rhea Shibichan (Korean) attended the recent Year 12 Student Leaders' Reception at Government House. Johanna and Rhea enjoyed representing the School of Languages at this prestigious event and meeting the Governor of South Australia, Ms Frances Adamson.



Johanna Manlapas (Year 12 Spanish), Rhea Shibichan (Year 12 Korean) & Ms Frances Adamson (Governor of South Australia)

CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

On Tuesday 5th December we held our Celebration of Achievement at Elder Hall, University of Adelaide. 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.

Anaya Mehta and Natasha Weber, the two Chairs of our Student Council, were the Masters of Ceremonies for the evening. The guest speaker was Tahlia Williams, a former student, who spoke about her language learning experiences at the School of Languages, sharing the huge impact that learning languages has had on her professional and personal life.

Congratulations to all the award-winning students!

Award of Excellence:

Salwa Tawadrous Award of Excellence for Arabic:	Mohammed Mohsin (Year 12)
Auslan:	Freya Garrett (Year 10)
Bosnian:	Armen Kasumovic (Year 12)
Chinese:	Zhi Qi Lim (Year 11)
French:	Kenza Claudon (Year 10)
German:	Isabella Xiang (Year 12)
Hindi:	Twisha Srivastava (Year 12)
Indonesian:	Padma Savitri (Year 12)
Italian:	Elisa-Grace Vigano (Year 12)
Japanese:	Lan Nakashima (Year 12)
Khmer:	Virak Teav (Year 12)
Korean:	Rhea Shibichan (Year 12)
Nepali:	Bhumika Dahal (Year 12)
Persian:	Amirhossein Afshari (Year 12)
Polish:	Aleksandra Zielinski (Year 11)
Punjabi:	Mehakdeep Kaur (Year 12)
Serbian:	Uros Brankovic (Year 12)
Spanish:	John Dwyer (Year 12)
Vietnamese:	Ngoc Tuong Vy Nguyen (Year 12)

Community Awards:

Arabic:	Yaman Alkhret (Year 11)
Bosnian:	Alem Bekric (Year 11)
Chinese:	Xiangfan Chen (Year 12)
Croatian:	Josipa Pavlovic (Year 12)
French:	Tatiana Abdullah (Year 11)
German:	Joshua Sullivan (Year 11)
Indonesian:	Padma Savitri (Year 12)
Italian:	Kayla Fratini-Ellis (Year 12)
Japanese:	Owen Weil (Year 12)
Khmer:	Vichka Lim (Year 11)
Korean:	Mikayla Pasquini (Year 11)
Nepali:	Rajina Basnet (Year 12)
Polish:	Maja Szmaja (Year 11)
Serbian:	Uros Brankovic (Year 12)
Spanish:	Martin Orbes Naranjo (Year 12)
Vietnamese:	Victoria Thanh-Vy Phan (Year 12)

Poster Competition Winners:

Reception (Spanish): Felix Orinuella
Year 3 (Punjabi): Viraj Billing
Year 4 (Auslan): Juliet Carter
Year 6 (Auslan): Lillian Carter
Year 7 (Japanese): Dahlia Duigan
Year 8 (Vietnamese): Jenny Nguyen
Year 10 (Hindi): Kavya Katira
Year 11 (Hindi): Anjali Maurya

Primary Merit Awards:

Arabic: Annabelle Chou (Year 4)
Auslan: Bailee Coetzee (Year 4)
Jade Griffin (Year 4)
Madeleine Earl (Year 5)
Chinese: Lucas Li (Year 1)
Mia Maragondakis (Year 1)
George Nicolopoulos (Year 1)
Ryder Zhang (Year 1)
Luke Thomas (Year 2)
Sieng Hang Kong (Year 3)
Ruiya Ma (Year 3)
Nathan Yan (Year 3)
Stavroula Nicolopoulos (Year 4)
Jerome Armstrong (Year 6)
Layla Buckley (Year 6)
Luna Fenghuang (Year 6)
Lisena Holmes (Year 6)
Vincent Stanner (Year 6)
French: Levi Raboy (Year 1)
Antoine Robert (Year 1)
Joshua Williams (Year 2)
Kara Lange (Year 6)
Maliska Potter-Denton (Year 6)
Hindi: Rishaan Kumar (Year 1)
Ayana Gupta (Year 5)
Italian: Lucia Pedone (Year 1)
Eric Su (Year 3)
Keerath Kaur (Year 5)
Japanese: Lucas Chudecki (Year 2)
Mikihiro Hand (Year 2)

Aoshi Sawa (Year 2)
Madison Kitingan (Year 5)
Jasmine Hoy (Year 6)
Khmer: Richard Campoy (Year 1)
Emma Cabral (Year 4)
Anna Sem (Year 5)
Korean: Madelyn Schmidt (Year 2)
Jessica Kye Carson (Year 4)
Katie Hillman (Year 5)
Nepali: Prajana Pandey (Reception)
Punjabi: Rantaj Singh (Year 4)
Spanish: Isora Le Leu (Year 1)
Henelora Jelic Milankovic (Year 3)
Aiden Jovanovic (Year 3)
Ashley Pickering (Year 4)
Sharit O'Connor (Year 5)
Daniella Pagano (Year 6)
Thai: Jayden Veitch (Year 2)
Kobe Siriawatna (Year 6)
Vietnamese: Mason Chieng (Year 2)
Keira Tran (Year 4)

Primary Outstanding Achievement Awards:

Arabic: Natalie Mesak (Year 6)
Auslan: Piper Sibly (Year 4)
Maysa Triyapanjawit (Year 5)
Caitlyn Ho (Year 6)
Chinese: Carter Chen (Year 1)
Joshua Buckley (Year 2)
Hannah Huang (Year 2)
Hui Yin Lam (Year 2)
Isabelle Schneider (Year 2)
Oliver Su (Year 2)
Clara Tay (Year 3)
Noah Buckley (Year 4)
Jacky Fu (Year 5)
Laura Thomas (Year 5)
Audrey Lee (Year 6)
Ella Tay (Year 6)
Raynee Wong (Year 6)

French: Raphael Beumer (Year 3)
 Heloise Coly (Year 4)
 Alexandre Robert (Year 4)
 Elspeth Bickford-Johnson (Year 5)
 Luke Martin (Year 6)

Hindi: Shivakshi Gupta (Year 2)
 Trisha Khubber (Year 5)

Italian: Ivy Freni (Year 4)
 Antonio Colangelo (Year 5)
 Domenic Bucco (Year 6)

Japanese: Evan Kitingan (Year 2)
 Annika Weber (Year 2)
 Xinyu Saw (Year 5)
 Isla Smith (Year 5)

Khmer: Monica Pisith (Year 2)
 Mary Keo (Year 4)
 Sopheak Hing (Year 6)

Korean: Sungjin Park (Year 1)
 Harper Coombe (Year 2)
 Yubin Park (Year 6)

Nepali: Riva Lamichhane (Year 3)

Punjabi: Auriel Sharma (Year 6)

Spanish: Ana Borges Guimaraes (Year 3)
 Elisa Fourcade Choco (Year 3)
 Ella Nelson (Year 3)
 Isabel Schrapel Gonzalez (Year 4)
 Ian Losada Castaneda (Year 5)
 Zavier Paz (Year 6)

Thai: Gavyn Turvey (Year 3)
 Taryn Turvey (Year 5)

Vietnamese: Annalena Le (Year 2)
 Kevin Nguyen (Year 5)

Secondary Outstanding Achievement Awards:

Arabic: Doaa Ali (Year 12)

Auslan: Lynda Denton (Year 8)
 Bella Crispin (Year 10)

Chinese: Sen Heng (Year 9)
 Charlotte Birse (Year 11)
 Jinyi Bai (Year 12)
 Yin Chen Liu (Year 12)

Croatian: Josipa Pavlovic (Year 12)

French: Hannah Cheong (Year 10)
 Tatiana Abdullah (Year 11)

German: Isabelle Bailes (Year 11)
 Katy Tran (Year 11)
 Samuel McCallum (Year 12)

Hindi: Anjali Maurya (Year 11)
 Aanhad Kaur (Year 12)
 Nidhi Sobti (Year 12)

Indonesian: Janumi Kalinga (Year 8)
 Alexander Welke (Year 12)

Italian: Anthony Schiava (Year 8)
 Yuchuan Yang (Year 11)
 Ella Cecere (Year 12)

Japanese: Dahlia Duigan (Year 7)
 Serene Deng (Year 10)
 Asya Moussali (Year 11)
 Gen Okada (Year 11)
 Joshua White (Year 12)

Khmer: Racheal Sim (Year 10)
 You Heng (Year 12)
 Ly Ty Taing (Year 12)

Korean: Alicia Chua (Year 11)
 Eugene Forster (Year 11)
 Charlotte Birse (Year 12)

Nepali: Rabina Subedi (Year 7)
 Shreya Rai (Year 8)
 Kshitize Adhikari (Year 10)
 Samira Basnet (Year 10)
 Dipjaan Bhandari (Year 10)
 Abhaya Chhetri (Year 11)
 Nabin Magar (Year 12)

Persian: Parsa Abedi (Year 11)
 Nargis Mohseni (Year 11)
 Farimah Goharipourfard (Year 12)

Pitjantjatjara: Konstantinos Barlas (Year 11)

Polish: Sebastian Szulczewski (Year 9)
 Roksana Nicieja (Year 12)

Punjabi: Japleen Gondara (Year 8)
 Prabh Kaur (Year 12)

Serbian: Damian Sindjelic (Year 12)

Spanish: Liam Hindmarch-Meredith (Year 8)

Clara Pinero (Year 10)

Rachael Dospisil (Year 11)

Spanish: Liam Luther (Year 11)

Roman Newall (Year 11)

Robert Cameron-Cagliuso (Year 12)

Vietnamese: Sophie Lam (Year 8)

Gia An Ip (Year 12)

Jennifer Ngo (Year 12)

Thi Thanh Thuy Nguyen (Year 12)

KOREAN EDUCATION CENTRE

We are delighted that 6 of our students of Korean were recently awarded the Korean Education Director's Award for Outstanding Achievement. They received a certificate and a book voucher. Congratulations!

- Kim Wonoo: Yr 1
- Noah Hajin Chai: Yr 1
- Elly Chai: Yr 3
- Kanghoo Yim: Yr 4
- Amelia Santhosh: Yr 11
- Bernice Chau : Yr 11

KOREAN SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Rhea Shibichan, Yr. 12 Korean Beginners student, who won a scholarship to attend the *2023 Korean Education Program for International Youth*, held recently in Korea from the 27th November to the 1st December. This is a fully funded program for Year 7-12 high school students learning Korean worldwide. Only 100 students in 32 countries around the world were awarded the scholarship; with Rhea being one of four students from Australia. To win this scholarship, Rhea applied for the 2023 Korean Speech Contest with a recorded speech in Korean in the first round; and she was selected to compete in the final round as one of 8 students in Australia on Friday 20 October. Her winning entry was her 5 minute speech in Korean on the topic, 'Why I learned Korean.'

In Korea, during her stay she met students learning Korean from all the other

countries that participated in the contest; and engaged in a range of interesting language and cultural activities; including a further speech contest in Korea, where Rhea won first prize!

Click on the video link below, to see Rhea being presented with the first prize by the Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister of Korea.



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Well done Rhea!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Student reports will be emailed to parents/carers and day schools in the week beginning Monday 18th December. If you do not receive your child's report, please contact us to 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 18th December, and the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) will release the Year 12 IB results in early January. We look forward to seeing how well our Year 12 students performed in their final year! Student achievement will be reported in our 2023 Annual Report, to be released next year; and it will also be reported on at our Governing Council AGM on 26th March 2024.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

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 2024.

In the meantime, happy holidays to all!