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JTAN April Newsletter - 2012

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Every year we just seem to get busier and busier! Assessments to set and mark, feedback to give etc so hopefully the JTAN resources and past exams come in handy and save you some time.

The recent Workshop on Exam Writing was well attended and Howard Jacob's talk was so informative that he had all of us wishing that he could stay and speak more. So we are hoping to have Howard present again sometime this year. Thank you to Naoko and Sally for their organization for this workshop, and to Teruko for the organization of the first workshop which is always of so much help to beginning teachers.

The next things on the agenda are the Year 12 & Year 10 Days (more information later in this newsletter). Please try to register this Term to avoid disappointment as we have a limited number of places available and deadlines come around so quickly!

Please remember also to order your JTAN exams on time to avoid late fees. The writers and Committee members have been working hard on the preparation of these exams, so thank you again.

Have a great Easter break!

Liz Sugimoto

Upcoming Workshops

9 June (Sat.)
Year 12 Continuers Day
\$25.00 per student
Payment deadline:
Friday 18 May, 2012
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19 July (Thu.)
Year 10 Day
\$20.00 per student
Payment deadline:
Friday 18 May, 2012
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21 July (Sat.)
Year 12 Beginners Day
\$25.00 per student
Payment deadline:
Friday 18 May, 2012
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20 October (Sat.)
AGM & Workshop
Free to Teacher members

JTAN Exams
Payment Deadline - 30 April 2012
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Our online application forms and invoices for membership, workshops and exam orders are available on www.jtan.org.au .



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From the JTAN Treasurer

Please note that JTAN does not have a PO Box at Belrose any longer. Please make sure that your school accountant has the right JTAN address - PO Box 6453, North Sydney 2060.

Teachers who are sending payments through bank transfer, please write your name and/or school name in the description box. If you do not receive a receipt within a week, please contact pobox6453@jtan.org.au.

How to apply membership, exams and workshops

Before sending your JTAN membership payment, please fill in the online application form.

To apply for your membership, please open <http://www.jtan.org.au> and click the '**Join us tag**' on the top right hand corner of the Home page. It is above **Japanese Teacher's Association of NSW** and on the right side of the **Newsletter** tag (Last year's log in and password are NO LONGER VALID so please do not attempt to enter these details). You will see the page, **2012 JTAN Membership** and the rules. Underneath the membership rules, you will see the green button for the **Online Application Form**. After filling in the application form, please print the **invoice**.

Upon receipt of your membership fee, we will send you a new Login name and Password for you to enter into the Teacher Main Area (resources files) of www.jtan.org.au

For workshop applications and invoice, please click on the '**Events**' tag on the Home page.

For exam orders and getting the invoice, please click the '**Exams**' tag on the Home page.

Please remember that Exam orders and payments close on **30 April**. Please remind your school accountant to send the payment on time, otherwise a late order fee of \$50 will be added to the exam cost.



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Assessment and Exam Production Workshop

JTAN held a very successful workshop on March 10th at the Japan Foundation Sydney.

In the morning, Mr Howard Jacobs from the Board of Studies gave an excellent presentation on using “Outcomes in Curriculum and Assessment”.

His presentation was both entertaining and informative and there was excellent interaction with the audience. The sample unit of work presented was linked to the outcomes – a very novel way of thinking for many JTAN teachers! We thanked Howard for sharing his expertise and time with us!

After lunch, members from the Japan Foundation discussed the changes relating to the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (N1-N5) and how it may be of interest to NSW students of Japanese and teachers. The test will be held at UNSW in December. For more information regarding the examination go to: www.jlpt.jp/e/

Then finally we divided into small groups linked by school textbook and worked on creating assessment materials for Year 10 Examinations. Groups worked collaboratively for over 2 hours and developed a wide variety of resources appropriate to Year 10 students.

The day was a resounding success. Thanks to all attendees for their participation and we look forward to seeing you at the next JTAN Event – Yr 12 Continuers Speaking Day in June.

Note: Howard Jacob's PowerPoint Presentation is now available on the JTAN website, under Teaching and Assessment.

Sally Mizoshiri - JTAN Workshop Coordinator



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2012 Japanese Language Proficiency Test

Teachers are encouraged to make Japanese students aware of this excellent opportunity to extend their skills and gain formal recognition for their Japanese language ability. The test is organised by the Japan Foundation and will be held on Sunday, 2 December 2012. If you would like more information please visit <http://www.jlpt.jp/e/index.html>

HSC Japanese Oral Examinations

The BOS has released the dates for the HSC Oral Examinations.

Japanese Examinations are as follows:

- Japanese Beginners - Saturday 25 August, 2012 (9am-4pm)
- Japanese Continuers – Saturday 11 August, 2012 (9am-4pm)
- Japanese Extension - Saturday 25 August, 2012 (9am-4pm)
- Japanese Heritage - Saturday 11 August, 2012 (9am-4pm).

Also a reminder to teachers that you can apply for examining/marking online at The BOS website under “markers online” by Thursday 5 April, 2012.

Resources for Sale

- **Stage 5 Listening Items Resource - \$80**

This resource has a total of 71 listening items with higher order thinking questions that have been professionally recorded. The content is based around Stage 5, however, they can also be used for the Beginners Course.

- **Year 11 Beginners Course Semester 1 Assessment Kit (2008) - \$110**

This resource has a range of Listening, Reading and Writing tasks. The tasks are fully editable and are of varying levels of difficulty.

If you would like to order either of the above resources, please email the JTAN Treasurer, Teruko Sharif, pobox6453@jtan.org.au for an invoice.



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2012 JTAN YR 12 CONTINUERS SPEAKING/LISTENING DAY

INFORMATION

AVAILABLE ONLY TO JTAN MEMBERS

This is a day for Year 12 Continuers Course students to practise their Speaking/Listening Skills with other Teachers. Practice will be in the style of the HSC Speaking Exam and students will receive individual feedback from Teachers.

All students must be accompanied by JTAN Teachers from their school (at least one JTAN teacher per 20 students) and JTAN will require active involvement from all Teachers.

Please note that Assistant Teachers/ Student Teachers may accompany a JTAN member teacher but cannot conduct Speaking Practice. They must be registered by their Master Teacher and stay with them for the Session.

Detailed information will be sent on receipt of the Application and payment.

Date: Saturday, 9th June 2012

Location: North Sydney Boys High School,
Falcon Street, Crows Nest 2065

Student Sessions: 9.30am – 12.00pm **OR** 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Cost : \$25 per student

Apply online at jtan.org.au under the Events tag

**CLOSING DAY FOR REGISTRATION & PAYMENT IS FRIDAY 18th
MAY 2012**



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