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JAPANESE EXTENSION SEMINAR - SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY, 2016

On Saturday, 27th February 2016, Japanese Extension students accompanied by their teacher(s) are invited to attend a morning of lectures and presentations on the prescribed visual text, "*Departures*". The morning program will be as follows:

8:30am: Assemble at Barker College (details to be emailed later)

9:00am – 10:15am: *Film Techniques in "Departures"*

Mr Damon Cooper, English Anime Specialist Central Coast Grammar

10:15am – 11:30am: *Responding to the Prescribed Text of "Departures"*

Ms Mami Izuishi, Pymble Ladies' College

11:30am – 12:00am: Morning tea (for the teachers)

Students are advised to bring their own refreshments.

12:00am – 1-15pm: *An introduction to the themes and issues in "Departures"* Extract 1~4

Ms Francoise Reeves-Smith, Meriden School

These presentations will focus on the prescribed excerpts from this text. There will be an opportunity at the end of each presentation for students and teachers to ask questions.

We are confident that this will be a most worthwhile morning and look forward to your company.

JTAN NSW express their gratitude to **Jessica McKinlay** for starting this Seminar for students and we thank **Jessica McKinlay** and **Keiko Hosogoe** for their dedication and hard work over many years of convening the Extension Seminar.

From 2016, JTAN will be the organizer of the Seminar and the Seminar will be held at Barker College in 2016. We express our deep appreciation to Jessica and Keiko for their outstanding contribution to professional learning for Japanese teachers and students in NSW.



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Application and Payment:

The cost of the seminar is **\$20** per student and per teacher. This will be used as an honorarium for each presenter in appreciation of their work, as well as printing costs for your worksheets.

The online application form is **OPEN**.

Teachers need to book seats under the **Events** tab on the JTAN website (www.jtan.org.au). The application is open to both JTAN members and to non-members, so login is NOT required.

You will receive the confirmation letter with payment method. **You will not be permitted to pay in cash on the day this year.** The invoice will be sent to the applicant's email address only, not to Shared Finance Service Centre (SSC). If your school uses SSC, take the invoice to your school accountant, who will contact SSC if necessary.

We have limited seats, so once the application numbers reach the max, we will close it even before the cut-off date (**10th February, 2016**).

If you have any questions, please send an Email to Kayo Cummins at kcummins1@parra.catholic.edu.au

Sally Mizoshiri, *North Sydney Girls High* (Extension Seminar coordinator)

Kayo Cummins, *Gilroy Catholic College* (Extension Seminar coordinator)

2016 JTAN EXAMINATIONS

This year, JTAN conducted a trial for an online downloading system of JTAN examinations. However, we have not heard any feedback from the purchasers. JTAN takes this as a sign that you are happy to download your purchased exams.

Therefore for 2016, JTAN would like to arrange for the exams to be available for **DOWNLOAD ONLY**; Examination CDs will not be mailed to your schools anymore. If you are against this idea, please let us know the reason why you must have the CD/s. Please send your response to enquire@jtan.org.au by **20th November** this year.



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2015 AGM REPORT

Please read the report under the **AGM** tab on www.jtan.org.au.

All participants received Certificates of Attendance for Teacher Identified Workshop, and volunteers also received Certificates of Volunteering. These can be used to log Teacher-Identified hours for BOSTES accreditation and professional learning.

JTAN CONTRIBUTION TO TSUNAMI VICTIMS

JTAN invited **Art Lab** to the 2015 AGM, who sell teaching realia and *Obori Soma-yaki* products from Fukushima Prefecture. **Art Lab** was able to send \$451.00 (from the profit of the sale of the day) to tsunami victims in Fukushima, and JTAN received thanks from the manager, Mrs Masayo Colley.

If you wish to invite **Art Lab** to your school events or wish to purchase some teaching realia, please contact Masayo at artlab.colley@gmail.com.



2015 AUSTRALIA-JAPAN RELATIONS ESSAY CONTEST

JTAN would like to congratulate every student who participated in this year's Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest. They have made their Japanese teachers proud.

The winners have been announced on
<http://www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/english/education/essay%20contest.htm>.

Please continue to encourage your students to participate in contests such as these and help to foster positive relationships between Australia and Japan!