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JTAN March Newsletter 2016

The JTAN Committee hopes that you have all spent the Easter Long Weekend well with plenty of rest and family time. We also hope that after eating all the chocolate, you are ready to tackle the last few weeks of Term 1!

Thank you to all the teachers and pre-service teachers who have signed up for 2016 membership so far. If you have just recently joined us, please feel free to browse our past newsletters on www.jtan.org.au for important information regarding Workshops and Examination Orders.

Coming up is our first **Teacher Professional Development Workshop (BOSTES Accreditation)** for the year on **Friday 29th April**. Positions are still available and applications can be made via the 'Events' tab on the JTAN website. This workshop will include a Q&A session with BOSTES Officers, as well as instructional methods for the teaching of *Senryu* Japanese poetry.

The **Year 12 Continuers Day** workshop is also coming up on **Saturday 18th June, 2016**. Applications are already OPEN and will close on 28th May. This workshop will allow HSC students to converse with Japanese teachers under examination conditions and receive constructive feedback for their oral examinations in August. Please inform your students well in advance in order to secure positions.

As the year progresses and official dates are released for HSC examinations, it is inevitable that alterations to some workshops be made in order to accommodate for these changes. Notably, the **Teacher Professional Development Workshop (ICT & Kurikku Nippon)** on 3rd September has been **rescheduled to Saturday 17th September, 2016**. We hope that the change in date has not caused too much inconvenience and we look forward to seeing many teachers attend this valuable workshop.

Furthermore, JTAN has decided to offer **Student Holiday Workshops** during 4th -6th July in order to help students achieve improved HSC outcomes. The holiday program will benefit students of Japanese Extension, Continuers and Beginners courses. For further information, please refer to page 2 of this month's newsletter. JTAN is also supporting a **Year 11-12 Student Workshop** at Karabar Distance Education Centre. For further information, please refer to page 4 of this month's newsletter.

An updated calendar of workshops and events has also been included for your convenience. JTAN hope that you and your students will be able to participate in all events we have planned for the year.

Kind Regards,
2016 JTAN Committee



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STUDENT HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS (4-6 JULY)

These workshops aim to provide HSC examination skills to participating students, increasing the likelihood of achieving an improved HSC outcome. Taught by experienced HSC Japanese teachers, the courses will consolidate and build on the work students have completed at school until June this year. This is a great opportunity for students to apply themselves diligently whilst recapping essential syllabus requirements. Details are as follows:

- When:** 10:00–12:00 and 13:00–15:00 (4 hours of lessons per day)
- Beginners Course – 4th and 5th July (4 skills, 2-day course)
 - Continuers Course – 4th and 5th July (4 skills, 2-day course)
 - Extension Course – 6th July (Speaking & Writing skills only, 1-day course)
- Venue:** University of Sydney
- Cost:** \$160 per student for TWO day Beginners or Continuers Course
\$100 per student for ONE day Extension Course
- Application:** The online application form will be open by late April. Teachers will need to apply for their students using the 'Events' tab on www.jtan.org.au. If you wish to make an invoice before the online application opens, please contact pobox6453@jtan.org.au with the number of participating students for each course.
- Payment Due Date:** **Saturday 4th June, 2016**

Further details:

- An honorarium will be offered to teachers who are able to take or assist with a course. Please contact enquire@jtan.org.au with a preferred course and we will be in touch.
- Please advise your participating students of expected behaviours and courtesies during the workshop. If a student does not conduct themselves in a responsible manner, they may be dismissed from the course without refund.
- Upon receipt of payment, JTAN will send you a Student Registration Form and a Consent Form for Emergency Cases. Please send both forms with their parent/guardian's signature as soon as possible by 10th June. The forms may be sent either by PDF scan to pobox6453@jtan.org.au or the original hard copies may be sent to JTAN at PO Box 6453, North Sydney 2060.
- JTAN will not be providing a Risk Management form on behalf of University of Sydney.



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2016 JTAN UPCOMING WORKSHOPS - UPDATED

Apply for workshops early to avoid disappointment through the JTAN website (www.jtan.org.au).

Date: Fri. 29th April 2016
Time: 09:30 – 16:15
Venue: Japan Foundation Sydney, Chippendale

Teachers' Professional Development Workshop

- Session 1: Teacher Accreditation (by BOSTES)
- Session 2: Teaching Senryu (川柳) to Stage 5-6

Payment Due Date: 22 APRIL

\$60 per JTAN teacher member (\$90 for non-JTAN)
\$30 per JTAN student member

Date: Sat. 18th June 2016
Time: 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 – 16:00
Venue: North Sydney Boys High, Crows Nest

Year 12 Continuers Day (for Students)

- Speaking practice

Payment Due Date: 28 MAY

\$15 per student
(Students must be taught by a member of JTAN)

Date: Mon. 4th July – Wed. 6th July 2016
10:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 – 15:00
Venue: University of Sydney

*** * Student Holiday Workshops * ***

- HSC Examination skills

Payment Due Date: 4 JUNE

\$160 for Beginners/Continuers – 2 days (4th-5th July)
\$100 for Extension – 1 day (6th July)

Date: Thu. 21st July 2016
Time: 09:30 – 14:30
Venue: University of Sydney (TBC)

Year 10 Students' Day

- Language activities, Aikido, Soran dancing

Payment Due Date: 22 MAY

\$15 per student
(Students must be taught by a member of JTAN)

Date: Sat. 23rd July 2016
Time: 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 – 16:00
Venue: Shore School, North Sydney

Year 12 Beginners Day (for Students)

- Speaking practice

Payment Due Date: 23 JUNE

\$15 per student
(Students must be taught by a member of JTAN)

Date: Sat. 17th Sept 2016
Time: 09:30 – 15:30
Venue: Japan Foundation Sydney (TBC)

Teachers' Professional Development Workshop

- Session 1: Sharing ICT Resources
- Session 2: *Kurikku Nippon*

Payment Due Date: 23 JUNE

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\$30 per JTAN student member



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JAPANESE SPEAKING DAY – KARABAR DISTANCE EDUCATION CENTRE

Karabar Distance Education Centre is pleased to welcome JTAN teachers and students from surrounding districts to a Japanese Speaking Day. Year 11 and 12 Beginners and Continuers will be catered for with students choosing one of 3 levels. Japanese nationals will be on site to have 5-10 minute conversations with the Year 12 students in order to mimic the HSC speaking examination. JTAN teachers who attend are expected to participate by offering speaking sessions with students and giving pertinent feedback.

To apply, please contact the convenor, **Claire Lane**, at CLAIRE.LANE@det.nsw.edu.au with student numbers as soon as possible. Confirmations of attendance will be sent by **Monday 9th May, 2016**.

Date: Friday 20th May, 2016
Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Location: Karabar High School (Library)
Donald Road, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
Cost: Approx. \$5 to cover photocopying costs
BYO: Water, Lunch
Participants may choose to order sushi and bring cash on the day (\$15)

Japanese Speaking Day Program (To be confirmed)

Morning Session:

- Round robin speaking practice
- Game
- Morning Tea

Middle Session:

- HSC: What you need to know - vocab lists, kanji lists, syllabus, etc.
- Round robin speaking practice
- Lunch

Afternoon Session:

- Japan embassy visit - how to go to Japan, live in Japan, scholarships for Japan
- Photos and Evaluation

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RESOURCES & EVENTS

Disclaimer: The following information is introduced as a service to members of JTAN. However, JTAN does NOT endorse or hold responsibility for any activities associated with the following.



NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON JAPANESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION

Registrations for The National Symposium on Japanese Language Education 2016 will soon be opened. The NSJLE 2016 will be held at The University of Melbourne Law Building on **4-5 November, 2016**. Please register your interest at <http://jpf.org.au/NSJLE> to receive the latest information.

Shaberanaito: Japanese-speaking night! 日本語でしゃべらナイト

The next Shaberanaito will be back at **Daruma Japanese Restaurant** in Haymarket, Sydney. The food will be fabulous and plentiful with an authentic izakaya atmosphere. Join members of AJS-NSW and JET Alumni Association (JETAA) for a relaxed dinner on **Thursday 7th April**, speaking Japanese with other learners of the popular language!

The format will be the same as usual: shared dinner in mixed small groups. All are welcome. Don't worry if you are rusty or a beginner - this practice session will be fun! Feel free to bring other friends. The price includes good Japanese food, with drinks on your own account. Remember - from 6:30pm it is Japanese speaking ONLY!

Registrations are now open. Sign up and pay online at <http://www.ajsnsw.org.au>. If you or your company would like to donate a door prize, please get in touch with AJS.

Date: Thursday 7th April, 2016
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Daruma Japanese Restaurant, Prince Centre Level 1, 8 Quay St Haymarket





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Overseas Japanese Recitation Contest – For Junior High School students

This contest is open to all non-native Junior High School students learning Japanese. Students will be required to recite a Japanese piece called 'Ikiru' by **Shuntaro Tanikawa** and upload their video performance to the competition site.

This is an excellent opportunity for engaging students in Japanese speaking with great prizes up for grabs!

Please note:

1. This is a contest for students in **Years 7-9**
2. Applications are already open and will close on **April 15, 2016**



For further details, please visit their webpage at http://www.egg-or.jp/jsa/junior_contest2016

Nihongo Tadoku – Reading Nights at the Library

The Japan Foundation invites all budding Japanese readers to Nihongo Tadoku Reading Nights. All books are graded for difficulty, however a basic ability to read Hiragana and Katakana is required.

This is a great opportunity for learners of Japanese from elementary to upper-intermediate levels to engage in authentic and interesting reading material other than textbooks. At the conclusion of the night, short discussions will ensue amongst peers.

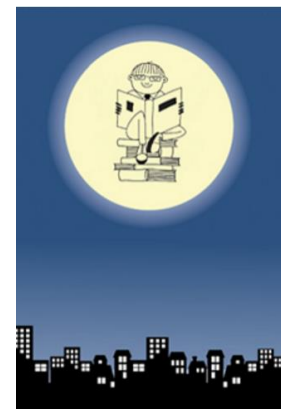
Tadoku Reading Nights are held twice every month from 6pm - 8pm. Please view the following website for further details on how to join: <http://www.jpf.org.au/library/nihongo-tadoku.html>

Upcoming Dates:

- 4 April (Mon)
- 19 April (Tue)
- 11 May (Wed)
- 23 May (Mon)

Venue:

The Japan Foundation, Sydney
Level 4, Central Park
28 Broadway
Chippendale NSW 2008





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Japanese Film Festival

Following international success last year, *Our Little Sister* and *An* are back on the big screen. *An* will have a limited national theatrical release in Australia and New Zealand, whereas *Our Little Sister* will be screening at the Young At Heart Festival in Canberra, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.



***We can't wait to see* Chihayafuru**

One movie that's already in our waitlist is *Chihayafuru* - a film about a group of high schoolers who play the traditional Japanese card game *Hyakunin Isshu* competitively.



More information on the Japanese Film Festival can be found at the following URL:

<http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/?u=4479fd1529d71c03a6bdfaf0&id=ff4aa7484f&e=0b4856562e>