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JTAN July Newsletter 2017

Welcome back to Term 3!

JTAN held a successful **Student Holiday Workshop** for Japanese Beginners, Continuers and Extension students at University of Sydney. We also held the **Year 12 Beginners Day Workshop** on Saturday 22nd July at SHORE School. Thank you to all the teachers who were involved in the running of these events. We value any feedback to help improve our future events.

NESA has released the new school based assessment requirements for Languages, which become effective from Term 1 2018 for Year 11, and Term 4 2018 for Year 12. The new requirements reflect the [*Stronger HSC Standards*](#) reforms and provide a consistent approach to school-based assessment for all Stage 6 courses. Further information is available from <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/stage-6-languages/extension/japanese-extension-syllabus>.

This year, a Japanese Teacher Conference will not be held by the NSW Department of Education. Instead, they will be facilitating online professional learning modules which are developed by the **Languages Advisory Network Group (LANG)**. These modules support teachers of all languages, including those in geographically isolated schools, with registered professional learning. Upcoming is the ***Languages and Literacy module***. Please see the Resources section for further details.

Applications for the **AGM & Workshops 2017** (Saturday 21st October) are now open via our website (www.jtan.org.au). There will be a session on Differentiating the Japanese classroom: Growth Mindsets and Visible Thinking and a second session on unpacking the new K-10 syllabus. Participants are also invited to a networking and drinks gathering after the event. We would love to see you all there!

Finally, we are holding a new teacher workshop to accommodate the needs of our members. The **Assessment and Marking Workshop** will be held on Saturday 2nd December at the Japan Foundation, Sydney. In this workshop, participants will hear from NESA regarding quality assessment design and engage in a practical marking session. Please see our website 'Events' tab for further details for both our workshops and their application forms.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind Regards,
2016-2017 JTAN Committee



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2017 JTAN WORKSHOP INFORMATION – UPDATED JULY

All applications for workshops are to be made through the JTAN website (www.jtan.org.au → 'Events tab') and should follow the JTAN payment methods. **All payments must be received by the due dates.**

Date: Sat. 21st October 2017

09:15 – 16:15

(Networking drinks from 5pm)

Venue: Japan Foundation, Sydney

Application Due Date: 22 September 2017

AGM & Workshops

- Growth mindsets and Visible thinking
- Unpacking New K-10 Syllabus

\$45 for JTAN members

\$25 for JTAN member university students

\$90 for non-JTAN members

Date: Sat. 2nd December 2017

Time: 09:30 – 15:15

Venue: Japan Foundation, Sydney

Application Due Date: 15 November 2017

Assessment and Marking Workshop

- NESAs presentation on assessment design
- Practical marking session

\$20 JTAN members and non-JTAN members
(*Student members are NOT eligible to attend*)

*More events are on their way!
Please keep an eye out for updates in the future!*



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RESOURCES & EVENTS

***Disclaimer:** The following resources are introduced as a service to members, but JTAN does not endorse these and we do not hold responsibility for any activities associated with these resources.*

Languages and Literacy registered PL

The *Languages and Literacy* module has been designed by the Language Advisory Network Group (LANG) to meet the professional learning needs of **NSW public school languages teachers**. The module will be **delivered online in a blended learning mode** by accomplished languages educators. The *Languages and Literacy* module consists of three online webinars, pre-tasks and a post-task.

Participants are required to participate in **all webinars** which are facilitated via Adobe Connect from 3:30pm on:

- *Thursday 10 August*
- *Thursday 24 August and*
- *Thursday 7 September 2017.*

Successful completion of the module will contribute **4.5 hours of registered PD** addressing **standards 2.5.2 and 6.2.2 of the APST**.

NSW DoE teachers are required to enrol **through MyPL by 1 August**. Enter **Languages and Literacy** to search the catalogue.

Further information is available in the attached flyer.
For further enquiries, please contact [Janelle Byrne](#) Ph 9266 8540

Term 3 State-wide Adobe Connect Webinar

All secondary languages teachers are invited to participate in the Term 3 Adobe Connect webinar. This will include an update from state office, including information about their current projects.

NEW: For the first time, teachers are invited to share their project-based strategies in a TeachMeet style of presentation.

The webinar can contribute to 30 minutes of teacher-identified professional learning addressing Standard 6.2.2 and 7.2.2 of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.

Join online via the [Secondary Languages Adobe Connect room](#) on Wednesday 9 August 2017 from 3.30-4.00pm.



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Seeking primary schools to communicate in English with Japanese schools

The Department of Education, Tanba City, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan is seeking primary schools for Skype meetings in English. The class size is approximately 20-30 students. The teachers in Japan may not speak English well. Examples of topics include self-introductions and likes & dislikes. If interested, please contact Tomomi Tanikawa at tanikawa-tomomi@city.tamba.lg.jp

Skype time: 9:00 - 12:00 Japan time, for approximately 45 minutes

Calligraphy workshops at the Consulate-General of Japan, Sydney

On 19 June, the Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney held a calligraphy workshop for 46 students studying Japanese language at Central Coast Grammar School, and earlier, on 15 June, for 34 students studying Japanese language at North Sydney Girls High School, as part of the school visit program.

The Consulate-General of Japan offers the school visit program, including calligraphy workshops, for schools in NSW and NT. Please contact the Information and Culture Section at the Consulate-General of Japan in Sydney for more information:

TEL: 02-9250 1000

Email: cginfo@sy.mofa.go.jp

Nara City Council Promotion Videos

Nara City Council have provided promotion videos which may be used as teaching materials. While the Japanese may not be easy, Furigana is provided. Please make use of them in your classrooms!

- 1 <https://youtu.be/j-qjCh9Z4-w>
- 2 <https://youtu.be/u4kdTiT98bU>
- 3 <https://youtu.be/qi3kA1e1xLo>

Studio Ghibli Festival at Event Cinemas

AWAY, to the high adventure of PORCO ROSSO and the raw emotion of WHEN MARNIE WAS THERE, the films of STUDIO GHIBLI are renowned for their beautifully realised worlds and uniquely imaginative storytelling.

FROM 24 AUGUST TO 20 SEPTEMBER!

They are, quite simply, some of the most revered and beloved animated works to have ever graced the big screen. And for the first time ever, Madman presents a month-long theatrical celebration of the entire catalogue of STUDIO GHIBLI film works. Please click on the link below for further details.

https://www.eventcinemas.com.au/EventsFestivals/StudioGhibli?utm_source=dd-mm-yy-campaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cinebuzz



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Japan Foundation Intensive Seminar for Teachers and Pre-service Teachers

This is a courtesy reminder that the submissions deadline for The Japan Foundation's next Intensive Seminar, to be held in Sydney **from September 25 to 28 (Monday to Thursday), 2017**, for **pre-service and current primary year teachers (i.e.: teachers of F-6 in Australia and Y1-8 in New Zealand)**, is **Monday 31 July, 2017**.

The eligibility criteria has been updated in regards to the required minimum number of Japanese teaching hours per a week for teacher applicants. This has been lowered from '**4 hours a week**' to '**3 hours a week**'. The Application Guidelines, available for download on the Japan Foundation website, have also been updated to reflect this change.

Please refer to the information table below for dates and general details about this seminar:

Event:	September 2017 Intensive Seminar for Teachers and Pre-Service Teachers
Dates:	Monday, September 25 to Thursday September 28, 2017
Target Participants:	Primary Year Teachers (F-6 in Australia, Y1-8 in New Zealand) and pre-service teachers
Participation Fee:	FREE – However, seminar participants are not eligible for <i>The Japan Foundation Travel Grant for Professional Development Event</i>
Application Submissions Deadline:	Online application submissions <u>close Monday 31 July, 2017</u>

More details, including links to the downloadable application guidelines and forms, can be found on the website: <https://jpf.org.au/language/for-teachers/professional-development/intensive-seminar/>
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kylie Ha at coordinators@jpf.org.au.

Video Matsuri 2017 – Student Short Film Contest

Video Matsuri is an annual short film contest for students of Japanese. There are 4 categories – Primary, Junior Secondary, Senior Secondary and Tertiary. Students create their own films in Japanese language of 3 minutes or less using the 2017 signature item – 'button' somewhere in the film. Prizes include trophies, DVDs and Gift cards from Madman Entertainment.

Submissions are all online, and details can be accessed at <https://jpf.org.au/language/for-learners/contests/video-matsuri/> - some entries for previous years can be seen on the site under the 'Hall of Fame' tab.

Entries close on **20 October 2017** and the results will be viewable online.

For further enquiries, please contact Ben Trumbull at coordinators@jpf.org.au.



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Dr Marcella Mariotti – Talk at the Japan Foundation, Sydney

On August 3, the Japan Foundation will be hosting a talk by **Dr Marcella Mariotti** of **Ca' Foscari University of Venice** entitled “**Citizenship formation and foreign language education: Classroom interactions**”.

Dr Mariotti will speak about three case studies conducted at Ca' Foscari University of Venice, through which she examined how language learning generated collaboration between students and native speakers, and fostered a sense of contribution and responsibility in the target-language community.

Date: Thursday, August 3

Time: 6.30-7.30 pm (doors open at 6 pm)

Venue: The Japan Foundation, Sydney seminar room (Level 4 Central Park, 28 Broadway, Chippendale NSW)

RSVP: Either Leah Sourris: leah_sourris@jpf.org.au, or directly to Associate Professor Rebecca Suter, University of Sydney: rebecca.suter@sydney.edu.au

For further information, please see the attached flyer, or visit <http://sydney.edu.au/arts/japanese/about/events/index.shtml?id=9734>.

Tokyo FRUITS Exhibition – Japan Foundation, Sydney



Join The Japan Foundation, Sydney for the exhibition opening of

Tokyo FRUITS - 20 years of street fashion on

August 4, 2017 (Friday)

6:30pm-8pm (doors open 6pm)

Events are free. For guaranteed entry, please RSVP at reception@jpf.org.au.



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Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education (TMBoE) Special Program

There are 25 partial scholarships available for the 12-day intensive high school program to Japan in December 2017. This is another great opportunity that perhaps some of your students might be interested in, as the subsidy from the TMBoE reduces the program fee to \$3,500. You can go to the link for more information: <http://afs.org.au/about-afs/scholarships/#afs-nav-public-scholarships>

Applications open now until 30 September!

Eligibility is open to Australian applicants who:

- Attend high school in New South Wales, Queensland or Tasmania
- Are in Year 9, 10, 11 or 12 during the program dates (9 – 20 December 2017)
- Have an active interest in Japanese language or culture (please note that you do not need to be enrolled in Japanese language classes at your school)
- Meet the AFS Australia application requirements as well as country criteria for Japan
- Complete the AFS online application process, including payment of the required deposits as part of the application process.

2017 Language Maintenance Immersion Weekend - JLTAV

The JLTAV is pleased to launch the 2017 Language Maintenance Immersion Weekend at the Bellinzona Grange Hotel, Hepburn Springs from Friday 13 October to Sunday 15 October. Click on the link below for further details of this professional learning event and a draft schedule.

<http://www.jltav.org.au/events/language-maintenance-immersion-weekend-2017/>

The mentors for this year's immersion weekend are:

Yuichi Deguchi

Yuichi has been teaching Japanese at Catholic primary schools in Warrnambool and the district for 20 years. He likes creating new fun activities.

Takanori Hayakawa

Takanori has been teaching Japanese at Rosehill Secondary College in Niddrie for 18 years. He is also a member of The Australian Haiku Society and has participated in haiku activities in Victoria.

Junko Nichols

Junko Nichols has taught Japanese and English as a Foreign Language at pre-primary, primary, secondary and tertiary levels in Japan, China, England and Australia over the past 20 years. She has taught at a Japanese immersion program at Central Queensland University and has been involved in language teaching and language teacher training at a variety of schools, using a range of methodologies and approaches.



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7th Art Writer Award for High School Students – University of Tsukuba

The Art Writer Award for High School Students is a contest for essays about art, and it is held by the University of Tsukuba, School of Art and Design. The contest asks for submissions of essays written in Japanese by high school students all over the world. The online application deadline is **Wednesday, October 11th, 2017**. Please encourage your students to participate in this contest.

Applications: <http://www.geijutsu.tsukuba.ac.jp/~awa/>

Application Guide

The Art Writer Award for High School Students is an essay contest for high school students that gives them the opportunity to develop the ability to convey their ideas and think about art in their own words. The contest has been held every other year since 2005 at the University of Tsukuba.

Task

Write and submit a 2000-Japanese-character essay about the connection between art and you.

Essay Topic Sectors

- Creative Experience: Write about your experience of creating art works.
- Work Research: Write about the work that the professional artist created.
- Artistic Support: Write about the interaction between art and people.

Awards

Grand Prize – 3 entries Award for Excellence – 17 entries Winning Entries – 30 entries
School Prize

Schedule

Application Deadline: Oct/11/2017 (Wed)
Announcement of Results: January 2018 (online)
Award Ceremony: Feb/3/2018 (Sat)

Rules

Applicants must be high school students or students attending a public institution equivalent to high school. For applicants from outside of Japan, applicants must be students attending a public institution equivalent to an upper secondary school (high school) in the applicable country.

The essay must be 2000 Japanese characters or less and written by the individual in Japanese. Images and the list of reference material are not included in the character count. Please give each essay a title.

You may think and write logically about the topic like a short thesis.

You may talk about your personal feelings like a reminiscence.

You may also focus on reporting your topic like journalism.

In terms of “Art,” we assume that there will be visual arts focused on art and design; however, the essay writer can define art according to his or her own view.



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2017 JFF School Screenings

Dates, venues and film for 2017 JFF School Screenings have now been confirmed. This year's screenings include the youth-oriented comedy and drama [Chihayafuru](#) in major cities. Please refer to the information below:

Film Title (English): CHIHAYAFURU (Kami no Ku)

Film Title (Japanese): ちはやふる 上の旬

Genre: Drama

2016 | 111 mins

Copyright: © 2016 "Chihayafuru" Film Partners © Yuki Suetsugu / KODANSHA LTD.

Classification: All ages

Synopsis

Chihaya, Taichi and Arata are childhood friends, bound by their passion for competitive karuta (a traditional Japanese card game using poetry and lightning-fast reactions). Separated by circumstance, they are now teenagers on different paths – but energetic Chihaya believes the karuta national championship will reunite their friendship. But when classical poetry is not exactly cool, can Chihaya find enough students to start a karuta team?

2017 JFF School Screenings Schedule*		
City	Date	Venue
Canberra	October 13, 2017	Dendy Canberra Central
Adelaide	October 20, 2017	GU Filmhouse Adelaide
Brisbane	October 27, 2017	Event Cinemas Brisbane City Myer Centre
Perth	November 3, 2017	Hoyts Carousel in Cannington, Perth
Sydney	November 17, 2017	Event Cinemas George Street, Sydney
Melbourne	November 24, 2017	ACMI Cinemas, Australian Centre for the Moving Image

*All screenings are 10am – 12:45pm unless otherwise stated.

Booking and Ticketing Information

· Each ticket is subsidised at \$8.00.

Note: Further information about the 2017 JFF School Screenings (including booking/payment details) will be released soon.

Intext – Special!

Intext is offering teachers a special price on the [Kodansha Furigana Japanese/English/Japanese dictionary](#) at \$69.95 POST FREE until stocks last. Kodansha has changed its distribution and we cannot be sure of the cost in the future. At the usual price of \$90, this special offer is not to be missed! *Prepare your students for years 11-12 now!*

Orders online will be acknowledged post free: www.languageint.com.au



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Resources for Hiroshima Peace Day August 6th 2017

The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony is held each year on August 6th, the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Some 50,000 local citizens and visitors, as well as ambassadors and dignitaries from around 70 countries, gather here to console the spirits of those killed by the atomic bomb and to pray for lasting world peace.

http://visithiroshima.net/things_to_do/seasonal_events/summer/hiroshima_peace_memorial_ceremony_peace_message_lantern_floating_ceremony.html

Activities:

- Origami Cranes – you can send directly to Hiroshima
<http://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/shimin/heiwa/crane.html>
http://www.hiroshima-is.ac.jp/?page_id=228
- The story of Sadako – English and Japanese site with useful resources from Hiroshima
<http://www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/kids/>
- Eleanor Coerr's story in full text
https://archive.org/stream/SadakoAndTheThousandPaperCranes-English/SadakoAndTheThousandPaperCranes-A4-EleanorCoerr_djvu.txt
- Newspaper Article
<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2012/08/24/news/brother-keeps-sadako-memory-alive/#.WVYUWxOGPdQ>
- Toro nagashi – make lanterns
http://www.dickblick.com/lessonplans/pdfs/japanese_lanterns.pdf

AEF E-News

In an increasingly interconnected world, educators face a number of challenges to adequately prepare our students for future success in the workforce.

Read on to explore some exciting new opportunities for school students and teachers to develop their global competence and read comments from our Executive Director on the recent Census results.



Read on here:

<http://asialink.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/d/250A83A84FC467E9/9B14A2643895D958D3AB5F5EEC5F0895>

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