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**JTAN NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2011**

Hi everyone,

The end of the year is approaching quickly and I am sure we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break! Japanese HSC marking and judging is well underway and we wait in anticipation to celebrate the results with our students.

We would like to remind all teachers to keep a close eye out for the January mail out which will include important information and dates in relation to membership fees, workshop applications, resources and purchasing of JTAN examinations.

As the new JTAN secretary for 2012, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Belinda Gerometta and I will be contacting members on a regular basis with updated newsletters and reminders so.....

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**President's Message**

Dear JTAN members,

After being Secretary of JTAN for more years than I would like to remember, I appreciate your vote of confidence in electing me as President for 2011-2012 at the 2011 AGM.

In saying this, I would like to sincerely thank Cathleen Jin, the retiring President, for her leadership over the past 2 years, and also to Ken Gillespie and Aaron McLuckie. Thank you for the hours and hours of work you put into JTAN. Thank you also to Kyoko Kusumoto and Liberty Campbell who again spent so much of their own time perfecting the exams.

Some Committee members remain, as always, faithful to the cause, with Teruko Sharif taking on the new role as sole Treasurer, and Naoko Henschke remaining as Vice President. They were inaugural members of JTAN and have always been active, hard-working members of the Committee.



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We have been joined by some new members, Belinda Gerometta as Secretary, Sally Mizoshiri as Workshop Co-ordinator, and Yuji Okawa and Kyoko Rodgers as Exam Directors. It is great to have 'new young blood' and I am sure that their enthusiasm will inspire us all.

Cathleen, and our IT expert Hai, began the re-vamping of the [www.jtan.org.au](http://www.jtan.org.au) website and we hope that all will be ready for the new school year. We can all still be contacted at [enquire@jtan.org.au](mailto:enquire@jtan.org.au) .

Again in 2012 we intend to run more workshops, make professional exams and I would like to see us take a Year 12 Speaking Day to country areas. Please continue to upload resources onto the JTAN site so that they can be shared with members.

Have a good holiday and a Happy New Year to all members.

Liz Sugimoto



**2011 committee members**



**2012 Committee Members**

### **Japanese Teachers' Association of NSW AGM Conference**

A fantastic conference was held in conjunction with the AGM on Saturday 22nd October. This was an outstanding professional development opportunity for all 40 participating teachers. JTAN would like to sincerely thank all presenters for their expertise and the innovative ideas presented. Cathy Jonak and Michie Akahane and Rie Kishida presented a session on the Learning Language and Culture through a new DVD, "Summer Wars". Pam Furney presented



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Incorporating ICT effectively in language and Machiko Naito presented an informative session on effective strategies to teach mixed ability classes. These resources will be uploaded to the JTAN Website next year. Unfortunately 15 teachers were absent on the day, which resulted in a lot of morning tea and lunch food waste. However, it was great to see some regional members attend the workshop. Regional members are reminded that JTAN will pay for your travel and accommodation expenses for you to attend ONE workshop each year. If you would like more information about this, please don't hesitate to contact JTAN at: [enquire@jtan.org.au](mailto:enquire@jtan.org.au).

Naoko Henschke

**Term 4 Workshop**

The 'Teacher Essentials Workshop' was held at Japan Foundation Sydney on 5 November. The venue was packed with very keen beginner teachers, practice teachers and university graduates as well as experienced teachers. This workshop was extremely well-received by those participants. Throughout the day, the participants received a lot of valuable, practical information. Some participants hope that JTAN will provide similar courses again.

The JTAN Committee would like to sincerely thank all the presenters;

Teruko Sharif and Sally Mizoshiri (Essential documents),

Joe El-Khoury (Classroom management)

Mami Izuishi and Kyoko Kusumoto (Preparing your students for HSC).

**Upcoming JTAN Workshop Dates 2012**

**Teachers' Workshop, Term 1 2011** date tba

Writing a Year 10 Yearly Examination –creating resources and questions

**Year 12 Continuers Day** Saturday June 9 2012 (June long weekend)

**Year 10 Day** Thursday 19 July 2012



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**Year 12 Beginners day**

Saturday 21 July 2012

**JTAN AGM Term 4 2012**

date tba

**Japan Foundation Grants**

The Japan Foundation's 2012-2013 Head Office Grants are now open. Please assist by disseminating the following information to the Japanese teachers in your network.

Please be advised the Japan Foundation 2012-2013 Head Office Grants are now available. The grant programs, which support Japanese Language Education Overseas, include;

Training Programs for Teachers of the Japanese Language

a.. Short-Term Training Programs for Foreign Teachers of the Japanese Language

b.. Long-Term Training Programs for Foreign Teachers of the Japanese Language

Training Programs for Leading Teachers of the Japanese Language

a.. Graduate Program on the Japanese Language and Culture (Master's Course)

b.. Advanced Training Program for Teachers of the Japanese Language

Japanese-Language Programs for Specialists

a.. Japanese Language Programs for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields

All grant information and application forms are available from our website [www.jpj.org.au/grants/language.html](http://www.jpj.org.au/grants/language.html)

Please note the deadline for applications is Thursday 1st December 2011.

For any queries please contact the Japanese Language Department by email [language@jpj.org.au](mailto:language@jpj.org.au) or by phone on (02) 8239 0077.



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### **JTAN 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](mailto:pobox6453@jtan.org.au) for an invoice.

### **JTAN cheques**

Some cheques that JTAN has sent to contributors have not been deposited. Please deposit them as soon as possible.

If you expected some payment from JTAN and you have not received it, please email the JTAN Treasurer, Teruko Sharif, [pobox6453@jtan.org.au](mailto:pobox6453@jtan.org.au)

**Thank you to all teachers whose contributions this year have made JTAN such a huge success. The committee would like to wish all its members a very happy and safe Christmas break.**



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