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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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2016 has been a very good year for the School of Languages, thanks to the dedication and commitment of the staff and Council members.

We look forward to 2017, when we will be introducing Auslan, and reintroducing Arabana. Auslan is the language of the Deaf community, and will be offered as a second language program, at both primary and junior secondary levels. Arabana is one of South Australia's Aboriginal Languages, and will be available at SACE level, for school aged students and adults.

2017 lessons start in the week beginning Monday 6th February. For an updated timetable, please visit our website at www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

For enrolment information call our office on 8301 4800. Please note that the Office will be closed from Monday 26th December to Friday 6th January.

I wish all students, parents, and the School of Languages broader community a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!



CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

Our Celebration of Achievement held on Tuesday 29th November at Bonython Hall was another successful event. Over 800 students, parents and invited guests honoured our award winning students, and were inspired by the keynote speech by the Minister of Education, the Hon Susan Close, MP.



The Minister of Education, the Hon. Susan Close, MP, at our Celebration of Achievement



FAREWELL TO STAFF

As the year draws to a close, we farewell the following staff:

- Ivana Quadrelli – Co-ordinator: European Languages
- Piero Barazin – teacher of French and Italian
- Alison-Jane Hunter – teacher of French

We wish them well in their future endeavours!

SPRING POETRY FESTIVAL

One of our Year 6 students of Indonesian, Lyora Lee, entered the Spring Poetry Festival and won first prize. She read her winning poem at our Celebration of Achievement on 29th November.



Lyora Lee with her teacher Ellis Rob

HANGEUL DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 21st October we were delighted to participate in celebrations to mark Hangeul Day. One of our students of SACE Stage 1 Beginners Korean, Chelsea Hayes, spoke about the study tour to Korea that she is looking forward to in January.

“At the end of this year, some of the students will be leaving for South Korea to experience 3 weeks of learning the language and living the culture that we have come to understand and love. We will be spending our first 2 weeks in South Korea’s capital city, Seoul, in a home stay and exploring different aspects of the Korean culture and language that we wouldn’t be able to experience here in Australia. In our third week

we will take the train down to Busan to visit our sister school at Gimhae. We will get to spend time with the students that we have only talked to online whilst also having a home stay in their homes, sharing different aspects of our different cultures with each other. We will also visit the seaside city of Tongyeong, the ancient Shilla capital Gyeongju and the major port city of Busan whilst in Gimhae. In January 2018, students from Gimhae intend to travel back to Australia with future Study Tour participants as we hope to continue these Study Tours many years into the future. Thank you to all the teachers who have organised this trip as we are very excited and grateful to be part of this experience.”

