School Vision Statement
The School of Languages aspires to excellence in student achievement, professionalism in teaching and richness in learning, to promote a deeper understanding of language and culture in the school community and beyond.

TERM 1 2015

Message from the Principal
– Lia Tedesco

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all members of the school community to the 2015 school year. I particularly wish to welcome students and parents who have joined the school for the first time. I look forward to meeting many of you as I visit teaching centres over the coming weeks.

Our term newsletter is a key means through which we communicate with our school community. As such, it has been mailed to all parents and our feeder schools at the beginning of every term and at the end of the year. It is also available on our school website.

This is the last newsletter that will be mailed home to parents. In the future, parents will receive a text message with an electronic link to the newsletter. Our feeder schools will continue to receive a hard copy. Any parents who wish to continue receiving a hard copy, or who wish to receive it via email, are to advise our Front Office.

We would like to congratulate year 12 students who studied either a SACE or an International Baccalaureate language course at our school last year.

230 students in total completed a SACE Stage 2 language with us; and of those:
• 36.95% achieved an A
• 41.74% achieved a B.

The following 5 students deserve a special mention for receiving an A+ with merit, and were presented with Merit Certificates at Government House on Tuesday 10th February:
• Rahul Malhotra: Hindi Continuers
• Jordan Daniel Noble: Indonesian Continuers
• Luisa Fernando Rozo Losada: Spanish Continuers
• Quynh Hoai Phuong Nguyen: Vietnamese Background Speakers
• Linda Phi Nguyen: Vietnamese Continuers.

Jordan also received the Azhar Abbas Memorial Medal for being the top student in the state for Indonesian. Congratulations Jordan!

Last year there were also 34 year 12 students who studied an IB language course with us. We would like to congratulate the following students who achieved a perfect score of 7, and whose achievements were acknowledged at a ceremony at the Adelaide Town Hall on Monday 9th February:
• Huequyen (Kim) Dinh: French ab initio
• Sarah Izzah Ishak: Indonesian ab initio
• Masaya Katagiri: Japanese B (High level)
• Asuka Takanashi: Japanese B (High level)
• Amanda Reyez Veliz: Spanish ab initio
• Ethan Ly-Ang Tang: Spanish ab initio
• Vy Ha Tran: Spanish ab initio
• Sofia Ines Valero: Spanish B (High level)

Languages offered in 2015
This year the school is offering after hours classes in:

| Afrikaans* | Japanese* |
| Arabic | Kurnura |
| Bosnian | Khmer* |
| Chinese* | Korean* |
| Croatian | Persian |
| Dari | Pitjantjatjara |
| Dinka | Polish |
| French* | Portuguese |
| German | Punjabi |
| Hindi* | Serbian |
| Hungarian | Spanish* |
| Indonesian* | Swahili |
| Italian* | Vietnamese |

*The Languages marked with an asterisk are available at primary and secondary levels.
Classes are held in 23 different school locations:
- Adelaide High School
- Alberton Primary School
- Belair Primary School
- Burnside Primary School
- Colonel Light Gardens Primary School
- Fremont- Elizabeth City High School
- Glenunga International High School
- Lockleys North Primary School
- Mitcham Girls High School
- Nairne Primary School
- North Adelaide Primary School
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College
- Prospect Primary School
- Roma Mitchell Secondary College
- School of Languages
- St John Bosco School
- Thiele Primary School
- Thomas More College
- Torrens Valley Christian School
- Unley High School
- Westminster School
- William Light R-12 School
- Woodside Primary School

A copy of the school timetable can be obtained by contacting the school office on 8301 4800, or on our website at www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

Enrolments
Confirmation letters have been sent to all students who have enrolled with us, together with our school Information booklets. If you have not yet received the package, please contact the school and we will mail one out to you.

Parent/caregiver information sessions are being held this term. Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for dates and times. If you have missed one or are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact the school for any information you may require.

Please note that invoices for payment of the school subject charges will be sent out after week 5 this term. Payment can then be made through Bizgate, EFT or credit card. (Cash payments are also possible at our School of Languages office only).

School Council
In 2015, the Annual General Meeting of the School Council will be held on Tuesday 17th March, at 7pm, at the School of Languages at 255 Torrens Rd, West Croydon.

The role of the Council is:
- to exercise a general oversight over the wellbeing of the school
- to provide advice on the educational needs of the school community
- to consider the general education policy within the school, and provide advice on the views of the school community regarding educational developments within the school
- to manage and monitor the distribution of school finances.

Membership is comprised of:
- 8 parent representatives
- 1 student representative
- 1 staff representative
- the Principal
and representatives of key Languages stakeholders:
- the Modern Languages Teachers Association
- the Multicultural Education Committee
- the Ethnic Schools Association
- the Ethnic Schools Board.

Parent representatives are appointed for a two year period; and student and staff representatives are appointed for a one year period. We will have a number of vacancies in 2015, and you are invited to attend the AGM and consider nominating for a position, to support the school through this important committee. For further information do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

Lessons and Homework
At the beginning of the year all students are provided with an outline of the year’s work. Each lesson they also receive a weekly lesson plan, which contains information on the lesson content, homework to be completed between lessons and assessment/s due the following week. Please use this information to monitor progress and do not hesitate to contact the school with any queries.

Students are strongly advised to spread their homework over two to three sessions during the week, rather than doing a week’s worth of homework all at once. Frequent and regular practice is the key to successful language learning. It is expected that students will spend the following times on Homework each week:
- Years R - 2: up to 30 minutes
- years 3 – 7: 30 – 60 minutes
- years 8-10: 1.5 – 2.5 hours
- SACE and IB students: 3 - 4 hours.

Learning and Communication Technologies at the School of Languages
The School of Languages encourages students to make the maximum possible use of learning and communication technologies. We provide access to technology in all teaching centres and, where necessary, we install the special fonts required for some of our languages.

Each class is developing its own eLearning space (Edmodo) where teachers can support and extend learning beyond the confines of the classroom. The Weekly Teaching and Learning Plans will be placed there each week along with a range of learning resources, and links to useful web sites and information about relevant community events and resources. Instructions for use are being distributed to all classes early in first term.
Student Attendance
Given that students have only one lesson each week, it is critical that they attend every lesson. If a student is not able to attend a lesson the School of Languages must be advised in advance. If it is known that a student will be absent for more than three lessons (e.g. family holiday, overseas trip) parents/caregivers need to seek permission in writing for an Extended Student Absence, prior to the absence.

Student Absences and SMS Messaging Information
To report student absences or lateness, please advise us in advance through one of the following means:
- by phoning the school on 8301 4800 between 8:30am to 3:30pm
- by emailing the teacher (the email address is provided on the weekly lesson plan)
- by sending a message to the teacher through edmodo (the edmodo access code can be found on the weekly lesson plan)
- for classes at Adelaide High School, by phoning the supervisor on 0403 607 566
- by phoning the teacher (if they have provided you with their mobile phone number).

In the case of unexplained absences or lateness, a SMS text message will be automatically sent to the mobile phone of the first named parent/caregiver (on the enrolment form), explaining that our records show that your child is absent from class, or late to class. The message will read as follows:

School of Languages records show <Preferred Name> is absent/late <Day> Date. Pls reply SMS or ph 83014800 giving student name/reason/abs/late date

The message will arrive on the phone displaying the number "0418149916". You should store this number in your mobile phone under “School of Languages” so that when the message arrives, you are aware the message has come from the school. You can then reply by pressing the reply option on your mobile phone, and with the name of the student, year level, date of absence/lateness and the reason they are absent/late; e.g. Steven Scott, Year 11 was sick yesterday (Tuesday 15th November); OR by phoning the school on 8301 4800, between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm.

School of Languages Staff 2015
Leadership Team:
Principal: Lia Tedesco
Assistant Principal, Teaching and Learning: Adriana Basic
Assistant Principal, Student and Staff Services: Anne Reuter
Coordinators: Ben Anderson, Andrea Corston, Halina Pietrzak, Carly Vause
Business Manager: Shaun Ryan

Teaching Staff:
Afrikaans: Mirella Grove, Alma Jansen van Vuuren
Arabic: Salwa Abdel Nour
Bosnian: Muhidin Durmanovic
Chinese: Lynn Davis, Isabel Feng, Eric Guo, Barb Smith, Hong Tian, Shohret Yusoph, Menglin Zhao, Jing Zhou
Croatian: Branimir Cirjak
Dari: Amir Alikhani
Dinka: Peter Deng, Morwel Atar Morwel
French: Pauline Akele, Piero Barazin, Craig Bowyer, Bibbiana DePasquale, Jenny Ditillo, Elizabeth Entraigues, Olivia Gravier, Carole Mallett, Colette Merckel, Katherine Stewart, Ben Usher, Carly Vause
German: Ben Anderson, Mechthild Heusel-Timmins, Anne Reuter
Hindi: Amita Malhotra
Indonesian: Jinap Ato, Andrea Corston, Ellis Robb, Carly Vause
Italian: Stefanie Angelini, Piero Barazin, Ivana Bosnjak, Bibbiana DePasquale, Jenny Ditillo, Lucia Gentilcore, Daniel Lettieri, Natalie Piscioni
Japanese: Hisako Diggins, Satomi Glenn, Kelly Greatrex, Kellie Lenger, Chizuru Lock, Junko Okochi, Barb Smith
Khmer: Sokho Chau, Chimao Kang, Yok Le Ly, Lean Hor So, Rany Thach
Korean: Ben Anderson, Sung Hyun Hong, Yong Mi Muirhead
Persian: Amir Alikhani, Shahla Pakrou
Pitjantjatjara: Greg Wilson
Polish: Halina Pietrzak, Gosia Stolcz
Portuguese: Marina Ribeiro de Almeida
Punjabi: Satwinder Kaur
Serbian: Mia Uzelac
Spanish: Ben Anderson, ParkyAnderson, Lucia Gentilcore, Diana Gonzalez, Flor Groenen, Patricia Rosales, Ben Usher, Carmen Vasquez
Swahili: Andre Nitibesha
Vietnamese: Ly Le, Phuong Ngo

Support Staff:
Office Staff: Thorl Chea, Jenny Ivchenko, Hayley Fairs
IT technician: Rita Evdokiou
Key Dates for Term 1

Week 2
Classes begin in all centres (week beginning Monday 2nd February)

Parent/caregiver information sessions:
- for Italian at Burnside Primary School: Monday 2nd February, 4:15 – 5:00pm
- for Hindi at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart: Monday 2nd February, 4:45 – 5:15pm
- for Afrikaans, Chinese, French and Italian at Torrens Valley Christian School: Tuesday 3rd February, 4:30 – 5:15pm
- for Chinese, French and Spanish at Alberton Primary School: Wednesday 4th February, 4:15 – 5:00pm
- for Chinese at Woodside Primary School: Wednesday 4th February, 4:15 – 5:00pm
- for French at Prospect Primary School, Thursday 5th February, 4:15 – 5:00pm
- for Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Khmer and Spanish at Adelaide High School: Saturday 7th February, 9:00 – 9:45am.
- for Italian at Lockleys North Primary School: Saturday 7th February, 11:15am – 12:00pm

Week 3
Parent/caregiver information sessions:
- for Chinese at Westminster School: Monday 9th February, 4:30 – 5:15pm
- for Italian at Thiele Primary School, Tuesday 10th February, 4:15 – 5:00pm
- for French and Chinese at Belair Primary School: Tuesday 10th February, 4:15 – 5:00pm
- for Korean at Colonel Light Gardens Primary School: Wednesday 11th February, 4:45 – 5:30pm
- for French, Japanese and Spanish at Nairne Primary School: Wednesday 11th February, 4:15 – 5:00pm
- for Italian at St John Bosco School: Thursday 12th February, 4:00 – 4:45pm

Week 4
Parent/caregiver information sessions:
- for French at North Adelaide Primary School: Tuesday 17th February, 4:15 – 5:00pm
- for Italian at Adelaide High School: Wednesday 18th February, 5:15 – 6:00pm

School Council meeting – Tuesday, 17th February, 7pm

International Mother Language Day - Saturday 21st February:

Week 5
Parent/caregiver information session for secondary programs at School of Languages: Thursday 26th February, 6:30 – 7:30pm

Week 7
Monday 9th March - Public holiday – classes cancelled

Week 8
School Council AGM - Tuesday 17th March, 7pm

Assessment period 1 closes

Week 10
Saturday 10th April – Easter Saturday – classes cancelled

Week 11
Monday 6th April – Easter Monday – classes cancelled

Last day of lessons Saturday 11th April

TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: Sunday 13th April – Sunday 27th April

Term 1 reports and Term 2 newsletter distributed during school holidays.