TERM 2 2015

From the Principal: Lia Tedesco
Term 1 commenced well, with strong enrolments across most of our courses. Hungarian and Kaurna are the only languages for which we received no enrolments. In total, we have 24 languages this year, with 1670 enrolments at this point in time.

We have enrolled 108 international students, 97 students into the International Baccalaureate Diploma level, 37 home schooled students; and 699 students at primary level. Languages with most enrolments are French (265), Chinese (216), Italian (189), Spanish (171), Japanese (156), Khmer (142) and Persian (101).

Late last year some of our Year 6 and 7 students of Italian entered a competition organised by the Dante Alighieri Society of S.A. Their entry won the second prize overall, and a special mention for their work and commitment. I was delighted to be presented with the prizes at the Carnevale Festival on Sunday 8 February, which were:
- a $200 voucher for the Ciao Italia Bookshop in Melbourne
- a 2015 calendar of Venezia
- a children’s book version of La Divina Commedia for our resource centre

Congratulations to the winning students:
- Lachlan Bellifemine
- Adriana Bianco
- Olivia Whyte
- Amelia Solomon

Student Achievement Term 1
Reports for the first term will be mailed out during the school holidays. Please read the reports carefully and do not hesitate to contact the teacher if you have any questions or you would like more information about any aspect of the report. The list of students receiving Principal’s Awards for Term 1 is on the school website.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held in week 3 of term 2 (11th – 16th May). These interviews provide a valuable opportunity for parents/caregivers to meet with teachers to discuss students’ progress and to explore ways of helping students to achieve success in their language studies. The letters of invitation will be mailed home with reports. If you are unable to attend the interview, please note that our teachers can be contacted by ringing our office on 8301 4800 or by e-mail (the email address appears on the weekly Teaching and Learning Plan that your students are given each lesson).

Year 12 Vacation School
We are once again pleased to be able to offer this exciting opportunity for year 12 languages students.

Location
School of Languages, 255 Torrens Rd; West Croydon

Date and Time
Wednesday, 8th July, 8:30 am to 4:00pm

Languages
Stage 2 Continuers level: Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish.

Program
- A focus on the SACE curriculum statement and preparation for the year 12 exam
- Opportunities for oral exam practice in the target language.

Contact
- Registration forms will be sent to schools during Term 2. They will also be available on our school web site at: www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au
- For further information about this program please contact Thorl Chea: Thorl.Chea707@schools.sa.edu.au

Rescheduled and cancelled classes
Monday 27th April (week 1)
Persian classes at OLSH relocated to Adelaide High School

Wednesday 6th May (week 2)
Hindi classes at William Light relocated to the School of Languages, 255 Torrens Road, West Croydon

Monday 9th June (week 7)
Public holiday: all classes cancelled
New Staff
Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed the following staff to the school:

- French: Mary Smallwood
- Italian: Sara Foschini
- Khmer: Chharida Mann

We welcome the following teachers back from maternity leave:

- Japanese: Eri Brown
- Chinese: Jiadi Wang

We are also pleased to welcome the following student teachers in term 2:

from the University of South Australia
- Vietnamese: Thinh Nguyen

and from the University of Adelaide
- Japanese: Shuwen Yang
- Spanish: Miriam Pineda-Gonzalez
- Chinese: Wai Chau
- French: Benjamin English

School Council
The School Council AGM was held on Tuesday 17th March. I am pleased to introduce Council members and Office Bearers for this year:

Dr Kate Cameron — Chair; Parent representative: Italian
Olga Kostic — Treasurer; Parent representative: Italian
Dr Michelle Kohler — Secretary; Parent representative: Italian
Craig Bowyer — Chair: Community Relations/Marketing and Promotions Committee; Parent representative: Italian
John Kiosoglous — Ethnic Schools Board representative
Sumeja Skaka — Ethnic Schools Board deputy representative
Andrew Scrimgeour — Modern Languages Teachers Association representative
Tala Sabri — Multicultural Education Committee representative
Kathryn Sergeant — Parent representative: French, Indonesian, Italian, Spanish
Gupta Rakesh — Parent representative: Hindi
Thori Chea — Parent representative: Khmer
Wathnak Vy — Student Representative
Salwa Tawadrous — Staff Representative
Lia Tedesco — Principal

Students who wish to raise any matters for consideration by School Council are invited to contact their representative via email: wathnakvy@outlook.com.au

Student Behaviour Code
Our Student Behaviour Code makes very clear our expectations of students and the consequences that will follow when these expectations are not met. The Code emphasises that students are responsible for their own behaviour and that all behaviours, positive and negative, are a choice and lead to consequences. It is underpinned by the assumption that teachers have the right to teach and students the right to learn in an environment that is safe and free of harassment and discrimination.

The management of student behaviour is a responsibility shared by the School of Languages, parents, students’ day schools and of course the students themselves. Parents can expect that lateness, absence, disruptive classroom behaviour, failure to complete work on time will be followed up by teachers or coordinators at the School of Languages. Where appropriate students’ day schools will be contacted. Please note that the student Code of Conduct, our Attendance Policy, Cyber Safety Policy and Drug Policy are on our school website: www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au

Key Dates Term 2

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School holidays: 6\textsuperscript{th} July – 19\textsuperscript{th} July

- Term 2 reports distributed
- Term 3 newsletter distributed
- Year 12 Vacation School – Wednesday 8\textsuperscript{th} July