

# iJapanese Newsletter

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## END OF TERM EVENT!

Please come along and join us for dinner at a Japanese restaurant. Let's enjoy Japanese food and games! All students are welcome to bring friends.

**Date:**  
**Time:**  
**Place:**  
**Cost:**  
**RSVP:**



## PROMOTION

Where offering YOU our current students a promotion !!!

All you need to do is introduce a friend & you both receive 1hour Bonus Lesson!

[Valid Until 30/04/11]  
[Conditions Apply]

## Welcome to our brand new look newsletter issue!

### 新しいニュースレターをお届けします！

At iJapanese we've decided to present a more interesting format of newsletter in the hopes that some of you may actually read it, fingers crossed. On a more serious note we hope to bring topics that are of interest to you and your studies as well as, a few facts, games and updates of what is happening at your Japanese school.

Not much of a summer this year, was it? Only a handful of hot days. Now it is getting cooler and the day are getting shorter with autumn season now approaching.

Bearing all that in mind it's a different story in Japan with the season of Cherry blossom 'sakura'. It's by far the most beautiful season in Japan and there is nothing more Japanese than Cherry blossoms.

Cherry blossom festivals are being held around many places throughout the country. Japanese people can be seen enjoying Cherry blossom parties underneath what they call "Hanami" (Cherry blossom).

Once cherry blossoms are in full bloom, they will usually only last for about a week before all the petals fall to the ground. Sakura was considered an ideal flower for samurai warriors who hoped to live full lives and die at the peak of their life without regret, like sakura.

Although many Japanese people think the cherry blossom, or "Sakura", is the Japanese national flower, there is no flower designated as such. This, however, this may, be by far, the most beloved flower in Japan since ancient times.

Have you ever seen sakura?  
If not, we highly recommend visiting Japan during the sakura season towards the end of March!

## Important Information about Term 2 お知らせ

Our New Term 2 will commence from the 11<sup>th</sup> of April and run until the 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

In order to organize our new term schedule we ask that you please confirm your next term scheduling with either Phillip or Noriko.

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Public Holidays..... as much as we love our public holidays we also now hate them now because we miss out on our Japanese Class but luckily for you will be replacing these classes with the following days:

\* Monday Class  
25<sup>th</sup> of April ⇒ 27<sup>th</sup> of June  
13<sup>th</sup> of June ⇒ 29<sup>th</sup> of June

\* Tuesday Class  
26<sup>th</sup> of April ⇒ 28<sup>th</sup> of June

\* Friday Class  
22<sup>nd</sup> of April ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> of July

\* Saturday Class  
23<sup>rd</sup> of April ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> of July

If you have any questions regarding these dates please contact Noriko.

## Please Make Sure!

## 1. Entrance door

Due to security of the main entrance door, we are sorry for the inconvenience for some students but could you please notify your teacher when you are running late.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

## 2. Cancellation system

If you are unable to attend your class, we ask that you notify us as soon as possible.

Private Lessons;  
48 hours notification is required to reschedule lesson.

Group lessons;  
You will be able to reschedule and join another group lesson or reschedule a private lesson at a \$15 rescheduling fee.

## Student's Interview 生徒さんに聞く

With Laurence Punshon



Q: How long have you been studying at iJapanese Language & Culture School?

A: *Around 6 and half months!*

Q: Why are you learning Japanese?

A: *Predominately so that I can live, work and travel around all of Japan for an extended period but I am also motivated by the desire to be able to engage in range of native materials; specifically films, literature & manga.*

Q: What is the most you would like to gain from your Japanese study?

A: *My ultimate goal would be to work in Japan in my field of study which is field Graphic Design. In the more foreseeable future I'd like to travel all of Japan and meet lots of cool people. I also would like the ability to work in translation groups on media that I am interested in.*

Q: Why do you like learning Japanese at iJapanese?

A: *Study at iJapanese is pleasant and enjoyable. We move at a good pace, constantly covering new ground whilst affirming what we previously learned. I never feel overwhelmed and unable to cope rather that I am continuously progressing.*

Q: What do you like most about Japan, and Why?

A: *Films, music, manga, books, art, food, history, the people and more. If I could choose one single reason probably wouldn't be as motivated as I am to master the language. Gambarimasu!*

## Recommended websites お勧めウェブサイト

Would you use websites for self studying?  
Do you know any good websites?

If so, we like to know which sites you visit!

Here is a few we found and would like to share with you.

If you are interested in Japanese Anime or Manga, try this website:

Japanese in Anime & Manga  
(アニメ・マンガの日本語)

<http://anime-manga.jp>

You can learn Japanese expressions and Kanji playing with Anime Characters.

If you are an advanced Student and interested in Japanese onomatopoeia (mimetic word/ sounds of animals or natural phenomena), browse this site:

Nihongo o Tanoshimoo  
(日本語を楽しもう)

<http://dbms.ninjal.ac.jp/nknet/Onomatope>

This is published by The National Institute for Japanese Language. It sounds bit serious but you can learn many kinds of onomatopoeia, and what situation to use them in with Manga.



## iJapanese free service for students

### Write a diary in Japanese! 日本語で日記を書こう！ And Noriko will check your writing anytime for free!

The best way to improve your Japanese is to use it on a daily basis.

In the class we normally focus on speaking because we want to assist you to have confidence in communicating in Japanese.

We recommend writing a diary in Japanese, also. It would help your Japanese skill in not only writing, but also speaking, listening and reading.

Even a few sentences would be fine at the start. But try to think in Japanese; do not translate English to Japanese.

If you can't think of any ideas, you can use reading exercises in the textbook

For example, Reading text in Lesson12 in Minna no Nihongo is about supermarkets using comparative. Using this grammar, you can describe some restaurants or your hobbies.

Now, when you have finished writing, just ask Noriko to check your diary and she'll charge you by the minute! No just kidding. There's no charge for students! We are happy to help improvement your Japanese.

Please give your diary to Noriko in class, not by email.

We know you are very busy, but Ganbbate!



Please tell us your recommendations!

We need your help.....

We appreciate if you would tell us any good restaurants or websites.

Also if you wish to participate in 'Student's Interview', please let us know.

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## Let's try cooking Japanese food! 日本料理をつくってみよう！

Introduce Japanese food which is easy to make and tastes very nice!

Teriyaki Chicken 照り焼きチキン

Serve 1

### INGREDIENTS

1 Chicken Thigh Fillets

A { 2tbs Sugar  
2tbs Shooyu (soy sauce)  
2tbs Sake (Japanese Sake)  
2tbs Mirin (sweet cooking rice wine)  
2tbs Water  
2-3tbs Potato Starch



3. Mix in A in a small bowl
4. Stir-fry chicken until it becomes golden brown.
5. Put A into the pan and fry until slightly reduced sauce.
6. Serve on lettuce leaf or after green leaves.

Tip: You can also try fish or Tofu.

### METHOD

1. Cut Chicken into bite-size pieces
2. Coat Chicken with potato starch

## 2X2 Crossword

Try this simple Japanese crossword.

1.	3.
2.	

### Across

1. Human has two.
2. Right side is East, Top is \_\_\_\_.

### Down

1. Winter is coming after it.
3. When you lie, you are taken by it.

Crossword Answers on Page 4

# Questionnaire

Along with this Newsletter you will be given a Questionnaire!

We strongly ask that if you wish to participate please fill in and return to us.

Any feedback, Positive or Negative will be grateful and will help us to build a better and more enjoyable school for

## Noriko's Thoughts

When I was on Shinkansen (Bullet Train), an announcement repeated

'Due to snow, the train has been  
delay 4mins to Kyoto. We are very  
sorry for your inconvenience.'

What? 4mins late from Fukuoka to  
Kyoto?? So, what?

Melbourne Metro says 'ON TIME',  
even though train has been delayed  
for 5mins every day!

### Crossword Answer

<sup>1</sup> あ	<sup>3</sup> し
<sup>2</sup> き	た

*Across*

### 1. Leg

## 2. North

*Down*

### 1. Autumn

## 2. Tongue

From Phillip フィルより

As young as I remember I've always approached life's difficulties with a determination that's always helped me beat the odds, with help of course, but nevertheless I always came out on top!

So more than 1 year ago when I decided to open a Language School, not any language school but a Japanese Language school it had its challenges, just like any large endeavour.

Never started a business from scratch before there where many obstacles and challenges.

From Noriko のりこより

Have you experienced something which you don't understand or feel strange in Japan?

I have been in Melbourne almost for 3 years, and when I go back to Japan every year, I feel different about Japan. Most of the time I feel 'Yes, I am a Japanese', but sometimes I look at Japan with objective eyes and it feels strange.

The latest holiday in Japan, I realised there were so many signs and announcements which you should do or shouldn't do everywhere. When I went to the bathrooms in department stores, there were signs "Let's gargle for preventing colds" "Let's wash your hands with soap. The proper way of washing hands." Huh? I know it! Why do I have to be told by a sign!

When I got on the train, the signs said  
“Please give your seat to elders” “Don’t

Thanksご挨拶

We would like to thank you all for learning with us at iJapanese Language & Culture School.

iJapanesewill be soon celebrating 1 year since we opened our doors. We hope you have enjoyed learning Japanese with us, and we'll keep working harder to make sure that our school is the best in Melbourne.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in the new term!

Studying Japanese as a Beginner can be difficult for some individuals, perhaps language is not there strong suit, but however difficulty it seems if you're determined to succeed, you will.

At iJapanese we are here to help you achieve your goals!

So if there's something you don't understand or you're finding too difficult please talk to your teacher and they will help you.

Till next issues, take care and study hard!

use your mobile phone.” Okay, that’s fine. Those signs have been around for some time. But announcements also said “Please move inside so other people can board the train.” “Please wait for people getting off the train before you get on.”

I told this to my friend who is also a Japanese teacher in Japan, she thinks it's because Japanese people don't like saying something in public, so announcements or signs mention it instead.  
Yesss! That's the reason. I agree with her!

There is no announcement in Australia, people just say what they want others to do. 'I'm getting off!! Let me get by!' 'We can't get in! Move along!' I think that's much better, than pushing people wordlessly, like in Japan.

Do you feel Australian ways are strange perhaps, hrmmm?



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