

## END OF TERM EVENT!

Please come along and join us for Okonomi Yaki party at iJapanese!

Let's enjoy making and eating Okonomi yaki with some fun games!  
All students are welcome to bring friends.

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



## Noriko's Thoughts

Autumn is also going season. The air is stimulating and the leaves have changed colour. Magnificently tinged leaves of red and yellow can be seen and many Japanese enjoy this.

For me, speaking of autumn, this is of course 'Autumn is for appetites!' There are rich, seasonal foods such as mushrooms, Pacific Saury fish and rice.

Although we can get foods during the whole year, seasonal foods provide great flavour and are a more sustainable choice.

## Autumn is a season for... 秋は○○の季節



Finally the cold is letting up in Melbourne in Japan the heat is leaving them and making way for autumn. This season offers the best weather for the year for doing just about anything. Many sports games and art festivals are held in this autumn, so Japanese people often say 'Autumn is the best season for ....'

しょくよく あき  
'食欲の秋' - 'Autumn is for eating'

どくしょ あき  
'読書の秋' - 'Autumn is for reading'

スポーツ あき  
'スポーツの秋' - 'Autumn is for sports'

げいじゅつ あき  
'芸術の秋' - 'Autumn is for arts'

Surprisingly we don't have any other expressions to describe other seasons.

In Japan it's generally said that.....

'Autumn is for eating' largely because in nature animals start preparing themselves for the winter days ahead by gathering food.

Japanese people eat more in Autumn than any other season and it's also the harvesting season in Japan when all the delicious foods are in season.



'Autumn is for reading'

Reading a nice book during the warm comfortable nights in Autumn while gazing up at the stars is also why we say Autumn is a time to read.

Some people believe 'Book Week' may have formed the Japanese habit of autumn reading.

'Autumn is for sports' during autumn it is not so hot and not so cold. It's said that we established sporting events after the Tokyo Olympic games were held in Autumn of 1964.

'Autumn is for art' is the same as sports, yet you can focus on the delicate areas of creative ideas. Painting is a perfect example of colourful vibrant colours only found during the Autumn season.



According to a survey, most Japanese images of Autumn is for eating second to none, followed by reading then art. And lastly for sports.

How about you?  
Do you start something new as seasons change?

## Important Information about Term 4 お知らせ

Our New Term 4 will commence from the 26<sup>th</sup> of September and run until the 10<sup>th</sup> of December.

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

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Please note:  
Tuesday the 1st of November is a public holiday (Melbourne Cup). Consequently there will not be any classes running on this day.  
We will replace these classes on the Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

If you have any questions regarding the above dates please contact your teacher.

## — Please Make Sure —

### Entrance Door

Due to security at the main entrance door, could you please notify your teacher when you are running late. We are sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding in this matter.

### 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 within the same term.

Group lessons;  
You will be able to reschedule and join another group lesson or reschedule a private lesson at a \$15 rescheduling fee.  
If you cancel a catch up lesson, you are still required to pay for it.

## PROMOTION

Where offering YOU  
our current students  
a promotion !!

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

[Conditions Apply]

## Student's Interview 生徒さんに聞く With Jenny Webby

Q:How long have you studied Japanese?

A: 5years

Q:Tell us a little about your life whilst living in Japan?

A: *I worked at Tokyo DisneySea, singing in a Broadway review show for 7 months. All of the Disney international performers lived in a big studio apartment block one train station and a little bike ride from the park. It was great fun and I met some wonderful people, but as all of the Japanese cast members were fluent in English – I didn't get to practice much Japanese!*

Q:What do you like the most about Japan?

A: *The differences in culture, the people and the food.*



Q:Why do you learn Japanese?

A: *Because I hope to one day get a little better at it.*

Q:What do you enjoy most about iJapanese Language & Culture School?

A: *Noriko-san!*

Q:Learning at iJapanese, what makes it different to other schools you have learnt Japanese?

A: *More conversation and less tests. (a good thing!)*

## Introducing Our New Teacher 新しい先生のご紹介



We are pleased to introduce our new teacher to iJapanese.  
Mari sensee desu!

Konnichiwa  
Hajimemashite.

My name is Mari Koshiba, and I am a new teacher at iJapanese. I have been involved in teaching Japanese for 6 years and have taught at a university, private language schools, and a secondary school, both in Australia and Japan.

Working as a teacher, I have met many people and not only shared thoughts and ideas, but also deepened my understanding of teaching a language to those who have different goals. Through my teaching experiences, I have generated the teaching philosophy that learning a language should provide students with a 'bridge' to the real-world. In order to build this bridge, I have been able to actively integrate a variety of materials and Japanese language into the curriculum so that the classroom can foster a strong foundation in language skills and cultural knowledge that students can actually utilise outside the classroom.

In Australia, where there are students with different cultural backgrounds, I have developed diverse skills to design an effective curriculum that can raise students' intercultural competence.

My hometown is Utsunomiya, Tochigi-prefecture, which is located above Tokyo. You may have been to Nikko, which is the northern part of Tochigi, or have seen photos of Saru (monkeys) bathing in hot springs! Utsunomiya is also famous for its delicious Gyoza.

During my spare time, I enjoy reading, cooking and running along the Yarra River. I also enjoy spending time at art galleries and jazz bars.

Last but not least, I would like to show my gratitude to Phillip and Noriko for allowing me to be apart of their school and to share great experiences with the students.

I look forward to seeing you very soon!

Minasan, douzo yoroshiku onegaishimasu.  
(Pleased to meet you.)

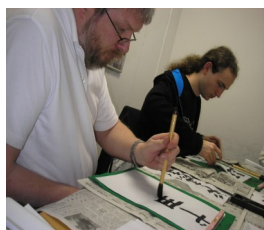
## Culture Classes 文化講座

iJapanese isn't just about learning a language, but also about culture. So we are now happy to announce our new cultural classes.

### iCalligraphy Workshop

This workshop consists of 2 sessions.

First session, you will learn basic skills of calligraphy writing while knowing the correct style of brush techniques and tool usage from a professional calligrapher.



In the second session, you will create your own calligraphy art on a traditional Japanese fan or paper board to keep. In particular you will be able to take home your tools to continue practising calligraphy at home.

This means we will continue to be providing advance workshops to improve your calligraphy skills.

#### Schedule

session 1: 13<sup>th</sup> Sep 6:00pm - 8:00pm

session 2: 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 6:00pm - 8:00pm

#### Price

\$85 (including calligraphy sets)

\$60 (only sessions)

These classes are also available !

#### Kanji Class

It is hard to learn Kanji, but Kanji has a meaning and structure. If you know its structure you will find learning kanji becomes more enjoyable!!

#### Origami Class



Origami is the art of folding paper which is beautiful and subtle craftsmanship. Japanese people enjoy creating various objects using coloured paper such as animals and flowers.

For enquires about our new culture classes please ask your teacher or contact us on **0401 886 629** or by email [info@ijapanese.com.au](mailto:info@ijapanese.com.au)

Let's try cooking Japanese food!

日本料理をつくってみよう！

Introducing a Japanese cooking recipe which is easy to make and tastes great !



#### EBIMAYO (prawn with mayonnaise)

Ingredients for 2 serves:

160g Prawns (take off shell)

3-4 tbs Potato Starch

3 bunches Asparagus

A 2 tbs Milk

2 tbs Mayonnaise

1 tbs Tomato Ketchup

0.5tbs Sugar

A little lemon juice

Method:

1. Put prawn with potato starch into a plastic bag and shake it lightly.  
Tip: Don't shake too much, just flip a few times.
2. Place oil into the pan and cook the prawns till crispy.
3. Steam asparagus and put aside.
4. Mix A ingredients together and add cooked prawns.
5. Serve prawn mixture topped with asparagus.

Please tell us your recommendations!

We need your help....

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

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

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## Did You Know ?

The Tsukiji market in Tokyo is the world's largest fish market.

The term 'karaoke' means "empty orchestra" in Japanese.

Geisha means "person of the arts" and the first geisha were actually men.

In the past men would shave their heads to apologize.

On average, it takes about 7-10 years of intensive training to become a fugu (blowfish) chef. This training may not be needed in the future as some fish farms in Japan are producing non-poisonous fugu.

## Questionnaire

Thank you for participating in our previous questionnaire! The feedback from you was great and helped us a lot!

Along with this newsletter, you will be given a new Questionnaire!

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

Any feedback, positive or negative, will be gratefully received and will help us to build a better and more enjoyable school for the future.

## iJapanese free service for students!

**Write a diary in Japanese!**  
日本語で日記を書こう!  
And Noriko will complimentary check your writing!

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

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

We are happy to help you improve your Japanese!

## From Phillip フィルより

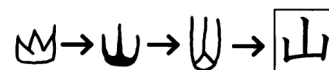
Have you ever thought about the word "Japan" and what it really means?

As some of you know in Kanji it's 日本 "Ni Hon" Ni meaning 'sun' and Hon meaning 'origin' hence it's meaning "The land of the rising sun".

Learning Japanese can be fun, learning to write Kanji also can be fun, but it also can be difficult to remember. What if I was to tell you there is an easy way to remember Kanji?

We all associate names with faces, right? Imagery is what we use to remember names, places, so why not kanji too? Images associated with kanji isn't anything new, in fact learning about the meaning behind Kanji can be quite interesting and will help you to better remember it.

For example:



This is 'Yama' which means Mountain.

Now you can see the process of kanji being created and its meaning and learning about it will not only help you remember but also help you to understand Kanji itself.

As of next Term we will be conducting Culture Classes to better enrich your knowledge of Japan and its language and Culture.

For more details please ask your teacher or contact us on 0401 886 629.

## From Noriko のりこより

I've been here for three & half years in Melbourne, but I sometimes still struggle with English.

It is very hard for Japanese people to find the difference in the pronunciation of 'V' and 'B' and also 'R' and 'L'. We don't have 'V' pronunciation only 'B' and this hiragana symbol 'ら' sounds in between 'la' and 'ra'.

For me though, 'S', 'SH' and 'TH' is very hard as well. For example I find it difficult to pronounce the differences between 'seat' and 'sheet'.

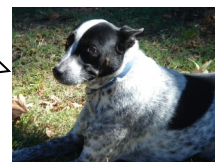
One day, when I ordered 'Three Lattes'

from a coffee shop, the shop staff gave me a 'SOYA Latte'.

Another time, I was playing with my friend's nephew and his dog. I said to the dog 'Sit', however because of my pronunciation, the 7 year-old boy was very surprised and said 'Oh! No! Noriko! You are a bad girl!!'

Can you imagine what he heard??

You want me to do WHAT???



## Thanks ご挨拶

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students for learning with us at iJapanese Language & Culture School and we hope you have enjoyed learning Japanese with us.

We are pleased to announce an increase in students and we are currently expanding our resources so that we can make sure that our school continues to be the best in Melbourne.

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



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