

## END OF TERM EVENT SUSHI PARTY



## Term 3 Info

- 2nd of July:  
Beginning of Term 3, 2012
- 2nd of July - 4th August:  
Kanji Class
- 22nd September:  
The end of Term Event

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

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

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## Onsen 温泉 - Hot spring

As Winter has officially began, the days have become shorter and colder. It's the season where Japanese people love to visit the hot springs!

Onsen written in Kanji is 温泉.  
'温'(on) means "warm" and '泉'(sen) means "spring".

Japan is geographically situated on a number of volcanos with 3,133 onsens and further 28,033 untapped geothermal fountains still remaining in Japan.

Onsen waters are known to contain minerals believed to have therapeutic healing properties which revitalise the body and the mind.

Ryokan, a traditional Japanese style inn (Hot Spring Hotels) are located away from the major cities and found in deep mountain sides or seaside towns of Japan.

Housing design is very unique. The traditional baths also and local food sets the perfect mood for a relaxing and rejuvenating experience for all who visit. Onsen resorts are the most popular travel destination for Japanese people.

Luxurious baths called "roten bruo" (outdoor bath), will usually face the mountain side or sea and are designed to make you one with nature. A pleasant cool breeze often encourage Japanese people to drink warm sake while immersing themselves in the pleasant warm waters roten bruo.

The image of Japanese mountain monkeys having a bath is very famous around the world. If you haven't seen them please visit the iJapanese Facebook.

These days many hot spring facilities offer 'Higaeri onsen' which means you can use the hot

spring without staying overnight. They usually provide a delicious lunch package, have become very popular.



The 'Super Sento' is also very popular. 'Sento' means 'Folksy Public bathhouse' which are different from onsens since they use boiled tap water or spring water. They also provide Jacuzzi spa bath, sauna and traditional outdoor baths. Restaurants and therapeutic massages are also found in these sento's.

Not quite the same as natural onsens but it provides convenience as there located close to the major cities.

You can also find onsen's right here in Melbourne. Why not give them a try?

Peninsula Hot Spring  
[www.peninsulahotsprings.com](http://www.peninsulahotsprings.com)

The Japanese Bath House  
[www.japanesebathhouse.com](http://www.japanesebathhouse.com)

Did you know that in Japan onsen's are enjoyed by users totally in the nude?



## Let's try cooking Japanese sweets!



**That's  
Doraemon's  
favorite !**

### **Dorayaki (Pancake with bean jam )**

#### **Ingredients:**

2 Eggs  
70g Sugar  
1tbs Honey  
80g Flour  
1/2tsp Baking powder  
4 tsp Water  
Red bean paste



#### **Method:**

1. Mix eggs and sugar. Then add honey and beat until smooth.
2. Add sifted flour Baking powder and Mix. Put 2 teaspoons of water and Mix.
3. Let the dough rest for 15mins.
4. Heat pan over medium-high heat and cook dough 8cm round shape.
5. When you see bubbles forming in the pancake, flip it.
6. Continue cooking more until the other side is brown.
7. Cool the pancakes by covering with wet tea towel.
8. Fill red bean paste between pancakes.

## Student's Story - Subin Jose

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I am Subin Jose born in Kerala in the southern part of India. I came to Melbourne in 2009 and started studying hospitality.

As a hospitality student I have a great passion for Cooking, I like travelling around the world and like to taste different styles of cuisines. My favourite Japanese foods are Tofu Steak, Agenesu Dengaku ,Aka Dashi and Yaki Daifuku.

Also I like Japanese rice beer-Koshihikari Echigo. Currently I am working as a Chef in Oakleigh.

I am a great fan of Japanese Martial Arts. I currently training Kyokushin Karate and weapons in Melbourne.

During my training session, I met many Karate Masters from Japan. I find out that if I want know everything about Japanese martial Arts, I must know Japanese language and culture.



I plan to have a holiday in Japan next year and work on my martial arts skills. One of the other reasons I joined this school is to help me to understand Japanese language and it's culture.

I love coming back to this school every week. The people are so friendly and I have learnt so much.

どうもありがとうございます



## iCulture Workshops 文化講座

We will continue to hold our iCulture Workshops as they have been welcomed by our students.

### Calligraphy Workshop

In this workshop, you will learn the basic skills of calligraphy writing while mastering the correct style of brush techniques and tool usage.

You will create your very own calligraphy works of art on traditional

Japanese fan paper or paper board to take home.

You will also have the opportunity to keep your calligraphy

Date : 28th June

Time : 6:00pm - 8:00pm (2hs)

Fee : \$33 (Session only)

\$58 (Include calligraphy set to take home )

### Kanji Class

In this Kanji class, you will be able to learn Kanji with associated images as well as understanding it's meaning.

This fun class provides Kanji with the meaning and related terms each lesson, so it's easier for you to memorise them.

This Class is suitable for beginner level.

Date : 12th Jul - 9th Aug

Every Thursday (5 classes)

Time : 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Total Fee : \$115 (Including materials)

## From Mari まりより



I would like to suggest, "Now is the time to study Japanese even harder!"

The Japan National Tourism Organization recently announced that the number of foreign tourists who visited Japan in April of this year totaled 780,800. This is up by 163.9 percent compared with the same time last year. It shows that the number of tourists has bounced back to the figure before Japan was hit by the earthquake.

In addition to this trend, many newspaper articles report that more and more Japanese companies are seeking to employ skilled foreign workers to increase its competitiveness in a time of globalisation and to combat the decrease in population. For example, Japan has tied an Economic Partnership Agreement with Philippines in 2006 and with Indonesia in 2007. Through this partnership, Japan accepts about 200 nurses and 300 caregivers each year from both countries. It has been reported that nurses and caregivers will hold special visas that will allow them to stay in Japan for up to three years and four years respectively. Also early this year, Japan decided to introduce a point-based immigration system that will allow more foreigners with professional skills to become residents of Japan.

So, for those who have been wanting to visit or work in Japan, now is the chance to achieve your dream by studying Japanese harder! But, it can be difficult finding opportunities to use and learn Japanese when you live outside of Japan.

However, with technology, you can access a variety of resources that will allow you to practice your reading, listening and speaking using authentic materials. Each learner has his/her own way of learning a language. As a teacher I hope to provide you with a variety of learning methods so you can find the way that suits you best.

This time, I would like to recommend three websites, which you may find interesting.

1) The Japan Times Online (<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/>)

Although this is an online newspaper written in English, it will provide you with a wide range of news so you can keep up-to-date on what is happening in Japan. By knowing the latest information, you can strike up a conversation with Japanese people and practice your speaking skills.

2) Children's News Weekly by Yomiuri Online (<http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/kyoiku/children/weekly/>)

Yomiuri Shimbun is one of the major newspaper companies in Japan. On their website, you can find a series of articles for children. While it is called "Children's News Weekly", it is widely read by Japanese adults too. The reason for its popularity is in the concise and easy-to-understand manner in which they report the latest news items. All articles have *hiragana* reading above the *kanji* so you can read the article smoothly and learn *kanji* in context.

3) Rikai (<http://www.rikai.com/perl/Home.pl>)

If you find that the Children's News Weekly is too difficult, you can try using Rikai, which is an online translation system. This is not a normal online translation website where you type a word into the system and it gives you a translation in another language. With Rikai, if you copy and paste the URL of a Japanese website into its system and then display the website, you can point your cursor to unknown words and it will give you the pronunciation and the English meaning in a drop-down box.

I hope you find these websites useful when studying Japanese outside of class. Good luck!



## Mari sensee's Wedding - まり先生の結婚式

I would like to express my gratitude to those who gave me warm messages for my wedding. As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, cherry blossoms were in full bloom on my wedding day, which made it more special and memorable. Our wedding was not a traditional Japanese wedding. It was less formal, small and very cozy. So from start to finish, my husband and I were able to enjoy chats and exchange smiles with our family and guests.



## From Phillip フィルよりー *Using Japanese on your computer!*

Do you want to use Japanese on your computer?  
If so, I'll show you how...

### How to install (Windows 7):

1. Go to [Control Panel] and Choose [Clock, Language & Region]
2. Click [change keyboard or other input method]
3. Under the tab [keyboard & Languages] Click [Change keyboards...]
4. Click [Add]
5. Add Japanese Japan - Microsoft IMF

### How to use:

1. Click [EN] and choose [JN]
2. Use [Alt]+[ ] when switching from Hiragana to Alphabet

### Tips

You might not know how to find hiragana.  
These are some examples.

を = wo

東京 (とうきょう) = toukyou

チョコレート = chokore-to (chocolate)

ディスカウント = dhisukaunto ((Discount)

If you want to type small あ. い. う. え. お.

type 'L' before typing 'a, i, u, e, o' such as わぁ = wala.

Now you can enjoy writing in Japanese and researching the web using Japanese.

## Did you know that...?

**Japan is the most.....  
in the world !**

### 1. The largest city in the world... TOKYO.

With a population size of 26.5 million,  
more than 20% of all Japanese people  
live there.

### 2. The most visited amusement park... Tokyo Disneyland.

Opened in 1983, more than 17 million  
people visit it each year.

### 3. The highest density of robots in the world...Japan

There are approximately 800,000  
industrial robots in operation around  
the world, and half of them are found  
in Japan.

### 4. The largest transportation tunnel... Seikan Tunnel.

It connects the main islands of Honshu  
and Hokkaido at a distance of 53.8km.

### 5. The oldest novel in the world... in Japan written over a 1000 years ago.

'The Tale of Genji' was written in the  
11th Century by Murasaki Shikibu.

## From Noriko のりこより

I have a habit of reading Japanese online  
news everyday. But, sometimes I don't  
understand the meaning of some  
Japanese words.

Languages are constantly changing, new  
words are created and I find it a little bit  
shocking when I can't understand them.

These days, new words are mostly  
Katakana and are created from English.  
In Japan, it's considered fashionable to  
use katakana words. Not only young  
people but people from all walks of life  
use them. Some words will disappear just  
as buzzwords do. For example most of  
Japanese people can understand  
'Meruado' (email address).

Meruado is shorten form 'Meeru  
adoresu'. Like this Japanese people also  
like using abbreviated words.

Sometimes I cannot follow new words  
anymore due to lots of new abbreviated  
words.

Since the number of letters in articles are  
limited, they might have to use  
abbreviated words. I find it challenging  
when they are used in conversation.  
And I am not alone!

The list goes on and on, but these are  
some of the words which I took the time to  
recognise while reading some articles.

スマホ (sumaho) - Smart phone

インフル (infuru) - Influenza

コピー (kopipe) - Copy & Paste

Sound strange or interesting?

## Thank You ご挨拶

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

We hope you have enjoyed learning Japanese with us and we will continue to grow  
and work hard towards building our school as the best in Melbourne.

So please, help us by filling in the questionnaire and give us your feedback. Looking  
forward to seeing you all during the new term starting early July 2012.

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