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WELCOME TO SEMESTER 2 2024

Welcome to the Semester 2 LTANT Newsletter for 2024. In this edition, we reflect on Semester 1 events as well as what plans LTANT holds for Semester 2 2024.

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TEACH MEET - MARCH 2024

Thursday 14 March Darwin Languages Centre

Teach-Meets are an informal opportunity for teachers to gather and share resources and effective strategies for the language classroom. There was also a presentation from Michelle Turner regarding the amazing resources available to all languages teachers at [the DLC Library](#). Our wonderful language teachers shared a strategy or resources in their short 5-minute informal presentations.



JAPAN FOUNDATION DAY - MAY 2024

Friday 24 May 2024

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Traegar Campus), Alice Springs

The Japanese PD 2024 day was held by the Japan Foundation at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Traegar Campus) in Alice Springs. It was a great opportunity for Alice Springs LTANT members who attended in person and Darwin members attended online.



TEACHERS IN ACTION - APRIL 2024

Friday 26 April 2024 - Darwin Languages Centre

LTANT hopes to upskill members on ways to manage language activities with groups of students and to strengthen connections between Languages educators. This event was a great opportunity to observe 'Teachers in Action' rather than just reading about activities in a textbook or hearing the retelling of practice. Various teachers prepared and delivered lessons that other educators may observe throughout the day. A big thank you to our sponsor The Confucius Institute for the event and Darwin Language Centre for hosting LTANT's event.



Reflection

"Teachers in Action" Professional Development Day was an incredible event that provided an amazing way to combine an excursion for students and professional development for teachers. As teachers, we often get caught up in our own classrooms and routines. "Teachers in Action" provided a great opportunity to step back and see what our colleagues in other languages can do in their classes. It was inspiring to witness the innovative and creative approaches they use to engage their students and enhance their learning. We were able to gather new ideas and strategies that we can implement in our own teaching practice. The PD day allowed us to step out of our classrooms and experience teaching and learning in a different setting. It was refreshing to see how our students interacted with their peers from other schools and the enthusiasm they had for learning. The excursion aspect of the day added an element of excitement and adventure for the students, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved. In addition to the professional development aspect, the PD day was also a lot of fun. We enjoyed engaging in various activities with the students, such as cooking and quizzes. These activities not only brought us closer as a team but also allowed us to see our students in a different light. It was a joy to witness their enthusiasm and passion for learning outside of the traditional classroom setting. Overall, I want to express my gratitude to the LTANT for organising this wonderful event. The Teachers in Action PD day provided a unique and valuable learning experience for both students and teachers. It was an opportunity to grow professionally, collaborate with colleagues, and have fun with our students. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such an enriching day. Olga Aryan

WORLD CONGRESS OF LANGUAGES TEACHERS: FIPLV, AFMLTA, NZALT



World Congress was held in the Southern Hemisphere this year! FIPLV, NZALT and the AFMLTA (LTANT's parent association) hosted World Congress in Auckland. These holidays, Zoe Saliba (Immediate past Treasurer), Candice Slingerland (Secretary) and Darcy Fitzgerald (President), headed

over the ditch to New Zealand (Aotearoa) to represent our Language Teachers' Association internationally. Darcy and Candice attended the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers' (AFMLTA) annual assembly, as well as the International Federation of Language Teacher Associations (FIPLV) World Congress.

Assembly

Attendance at the AFMLTA Assembly highlighted the important work AFMLTA does for associations such as LTANT. Similar to LTANT in the Northern Territory, AFMLTA advocates for and represents language teachers on a national level. It also accommodated a productive meeting between the various presidents of different state and territory Language Teachers Associations. This allowed presidents to collaborate and share the important work they are doing in their jurisdictions. Fellow presidents were very impressed with the achievements of LTANT. They especially praised the variety of professional learning opportunities LTANT offers. The AFMLTA assembly also saw the nomination of Candice Slingerland to the role of AFMLTA Secretary. We would like to offer our congratulations to our colleague Candice for extending her passionate advocacy for languages education onto the national stage. It is a great honour to have an LTANT member serve on the national executive for AFMLTA.



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World Congress



Following the assembly, Candice and Darcy continued to the FIPLV World Congress. Darcy and Zoe participated as learners, whilst Candice both learned and taught.

Candice again represented LTANT, this time on the international stage through two informative and skilled presentations. Commendations must also be given to Dr.

David Moore from Alice Springs Language Centre, a fellow LTANT member who also presented at the World Congress.

With so many engaging sessions to recount, here is a short explanation of some of the most thought-provoking sessions:

The first keynote address came from Professor Hēmi Whaanga, an experienced linguist and Māori educator. Professor Whaanga highlighted how far Māori bilingual education had come in Aotearoa, whilst also reminding attendees of the progress yet to be made. This was especially relevant to educators in the Northern Territory who teach in communities with very strong connections to local indigenous languages.



Like our upcoming LTANT Conference on November 1st, this conference also shared a focus on technology. Jackie Mikami, a Japanese teacher from the Gold Coast, presented pragmatically on the technology us language teachers have at our disposal. Games such as Gimkit, presentation tools such as Canva Magic Write, Flipgrid and Slides Go, as well as AI tools such as Copilot, Langotalk and Chat GPT4, are all at our disposal.

Fiona Taylor also shared the wonderful tools the Microsoft Suite incorporates. This is especially useful for Northern Territory teachers, most of whom have free access to Microsoft on their school laptops. Fiona Taylor showed us how to set up speaking tasks through Microsoft Teams and have the AI program assess students. She also shared with us Magic Schools. With so many programs mentioned, if you are interested in learning more, contact LTANT President, Kevin 'Darcy' Fitzgerald (kevin.fitzgerald@education.nt.gov.au)

Overall, it was a wonderful opportunity for LTANT members to attend both the AFMLTA Assembly and the FIPLV Conference, allowing LTANT to learn from the rich quality of languages education worldwide, as well as represent our tiny association on the world stage.

OTHER SEMESTER 1 LTANT EVENTS

2nd February NTBOS Awards

7th February Senior Years Language Program Set up 2024

13th February Flexible Language Programs

15th February LTANT AGM

22nd February Writing rubrics for v9 Language assessments

18th May MLTAT Partnership Conference

23rd May PTANT AGM

2024 SEMESTER 2 KEY DATES

15th July - Language Fest 2024 Opens

16th July - Align your teaching to how students learn in Language Classrooms

7th August- Clarifying Semester 2 Language Assessments

15th July - Language Fest 2024 Opens

22nd August- Committee Meeting

23rd August - Language Fest 2024 Uploads close

28th August- Teacher Sharing

9th September - Derived Results and Predicted Stage 2 Language Exam Results

13th September - Language Fest 2024 results announced

17th October - Committee Meeting

1st November - LTANT Conference

28th November - Committee Meeting



LANGUAGE FEST 2024

SPEAKING COMPETITION

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP ENTRIES

PRE-RECORDED
VIDEO ENTRIES

SPEAK
YOUR
LANGUAGE

T- YR12

VIDEO UPLOAD CLOSES
23 AUGUST [TERM3 WEEK5]

LANGUAGE FEST 2024

REGISTRATION OPEN 15JULY-26JULY

POSTER COMPETITION

DESIGN AN A3 POSTER
EITHER DIGITALLY OR PRINT
WHICH INCLUDES IMAGES,
ILLUSTRATIONS AND TEXTS.

POSTER UPLOAD CLOSES
23 AUGUST [TERM3 WEEK5]

4 DIVISIONS
T-YR3 / YR4-6 / YR7-9 / YR10-12

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Competition Guidelines will be sent along with this newsletter

2024 LTANT CONFERENCE: TRANSFORMATIVE TECHNOLOGY IN LANGUAGE CLASSROOMS TODAY



LTANT 2024 Annual Conference

Friday 1 November

TRANSFORMATIVE TECHNOLOGY IN LANGUAGE CLASSROOMS TODAY!

Submissions for papers are now open

We invite proposals across all themes related to planning, preparing for, resourcing, teaching, assessing and advocating for language learning. Our presentations will reflect and represent a vast range of languages. Presentations will run for 45 minutes. Please collect the paper submission template from www.ltant.org and email us by Friday 6 September 2024.

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TEACHER SHARING EVENT

- ✓ Programs and resource share.
- ✓ Language specific break out session.
- ✓ Collegiate support and networking with language teachers.



TEACH MEET

with **LANGUAGE TEAMS**

Darwin Languages Centre

Wed 28 Aug 4-5pm

Online available

www.LTANT.org

Register
now



Check out these language teaching resources, subscriptions, tour and exchange companies:



For more information, visit the resource library on eLearn.

This is LTANT's third newsletter. If you have some exciting language news to share in future, please send the details to ltantconnect@gmail.com