

日本語 NIHONGO



(Japanese) 2017

In 2017, Japanese will look a little different. Site East will be for Junior Primary students and Site West for Upper Primary.

Konnichiwa, my name is Leesa and I started at Mawson Lakes in 2015. I have taught Year 1, Year 3 and been a specialist Teacher in Japanese, Art and Science. My room is located in E44. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself on Acquaintance night, Tuesday 14th February from 5:45 - 6:30pm.

Regards,

Leesa Sensei (Leesa McDonald)

JAPANESE AT MAWSON LAKES

Throughout the year I aim to develop students' communicative skills in the Japanese language and their understanding of the life and culture of Japan. Students will have the opportunity to learn to respond to instructions, name objects, give short talks, play language games and engage in role-plays. The Japanese Program is integrated with other learning areas such as English, Mathematics, Physical Education and The Arts including Music and Drama.

JAPANESE WRITING

There are 3 writing systems in the Japanese Language: Hiragana; Katakana and Kanji. Hiragana will be introduced to varying degrees. Junior Primary students will be exposed to this writing system through making connections between characters, words and phrases. They will have the opportunity to copy and trace simple words and sentences. Students in years 3 will be actively involved in Hiragana by learning to read and write the characters, as well as deciphering the meaning of words and phrases.

JAPANESE CULTURE

It is important that the students experience a variety of Japanese cultural practices and are able to make connections between values, practices and the language used in Japan. In looking at Japanese culture we will discuss and carry out activities associated with the many traditions and celebrations that take place during the year.

