



Thursday 6th October 2022 4:00 for 4:30pm Venue:
Griffith University Gold Coast Campus G39_4.27/4.47
(Science, Engineering & Architecture Building). Please
note our new room for the rest of the year.

Attendance:

Leigh Kirwan, (Griffith University), Peter Nyberg (Beenleigh SHS), Aileen Seidman (St Stephen's College), Anna Belousova (Russian Language School), Sellina McCluskey (Robina State High School), Tracey Somerville (Upper Coomera SC), Simone Sebban (St Hilda's School), Keiichiro Onoe (Saint Stephen's College), Giovanni Picarello (Southport State High School), Cathy Galligan (Benowa SS)

- ✚ Welcome
- ✚ Apologies: Matt Spiller, Cathryn Very, Jodi Ishizaka
- ✚ Confirmation of the Agenda
- ✚ Minutes of previous meeting and Business Arising: Leigh moved that the Agenda and the Minutes from the previous Minutes were approved, Aileen seconded and the Minutes were carried.

✚ **President's Report:**


- Japan reopens to foreigners. 11th of October restrictions are lifted but you need to have the proof of 3 vaccinations and international COVID certificate.


Masks are still on though they are not mandatory. The Griffith University tour to Japan is on this November.

- Japan Foundation grants are available for teachers of Japanese:

1. Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellowship Program
2. Grant Program for Japanese Studies Projects
3. Japanese Language Grants

See <https://www.jpf.go.jp/e/program/>

 **Webmaster's Report:** all information is up to date, note the change of the venue for Print and Multimedia Competition judging to **St Hilda's Senior Library**

 **Treasurer's Report :** 3 867 AUD, we are still waiting for 280 AUD to reimburse from Brisbane Head Office. There is also a pending discrepancy of 1800 AUD to be investigated.

 **General Business**

- Speech Contest

Members discussed the review of dates and a Survey Monkey was sent out. The Survey will be live for 10 days only as Leigh wants to discuss this date at the upcoming Executive Meeting. The dates suggested by members are: 30.07, 06.08.22, 20.08.22.

- Members discussed the letter from Sellina Mc Cluskey to EQ re homestays not allowed on overseas tours. Letter is attached to October's Agenda . Members discussed the content and came up with suggestions that it is important to add to the letter the information about the exact amount of savings, budget and student's well-being and affordability of such trip to students' families. Leigh suggested to bring the content of the Letter up to the attention of State Executives, QUT and Director-General of EQ.

- Print & Multimedia Competition update. Please start your registration now and don't forget to come in time for breakfast at the judging. Tea and coffee will be provided by St Hilda's School. The date is 29 October, 2022. The fee is \$3 per entry. The map of St Hilda's School is attached to the Minutes.

- Please come with your Christmas Party ideas and we will discuss it at the November meeting.
- PD: Keiichiro Onoe from St Stephens: Teaching Students to Learn Actively
Using pedagogy to increase student retention and move short-term memory to long term memory in order to reduce cramming.

Thank you for the wonderful and very informative PD, Keiichiro! Please see PPT with the presentation attached to the Minutes.

Future meetings:

Sat 29 October Print & Multimedia Competition Judging St Hilda's

Thur 03 November GC MLTAQ G39_4.27/4.47

Sat 10 December Christmas Party To be advised



Keiichiro doing his excellent presentation on memory