Dear Parents & Carers,

It is compulsory for students to complete a 100 hour language course. Throughout the year you will often see the acronym LOTE. This stands for ‘Languages Other Than English’. Students will engage in cultural activities and discussions. Students will learn to read, write and speak simple Japanese. Keeping an open mind and trying something new can be a lot of fun!

EQUIPMENT
Every lesson students will be expected to have:

- a 128 page exercise book
- 2x blue/black & red pens
- highlighters
- coloured pencils
- textas
- a pencil
- eraser
- glue
- ruler
- a USB.

RECYCLE
The LOTE Department would greatly appreciate donations of newspapers & magazines. This will enable students to participate in hands on lessons. Please bring donations to the English Staffroom or Y207.

APPS
To enrich your child’s Japanese learning experience it would be beneficial to have access to a smart device/tablet. There is no need to purchase a device. If students already have access, there are some great free Apps to reinforce hiragana. Extra practice of this Japanese alphabet at home would be an excellent study companion. During the year students will be shown how to use the Apps in class. There will be opportunities for students to use their own tablet/smart phone to practice hiragana in class as well, if available.

INCURSIONS
Sumo Suit Wrestling may be available to respectful, responsible learners this year. Incursions will only operate if a minimum number of students return their notes and pay the money by the due date. More information will follow closer to the time.

FEES
Please pay $20 at the front office by 14/3/16. Cash is accepted at the front office. Alternatively, call the school on 43531088 or fill out the credit card slip on the permission note overleaf to pay by credit card. Mrs Furey (Furey Sensei) is available in the English Staffroom if you would like to discuss a payment plan. This money covers consumables and cultural activities such as tasting Japanese foods, calligraphy or hiring Sumo Suits. Please ensure permission notes are returned to Mrs Furey personally so they are not ‘lost’. Money and credit card details should be given to office staff only please.
MOVIES
At various times there may be the opportunity to consolidate the student’s knowledge of Japan by watching a movie. Please inform Furey Sensei if you prefer your child to complete a written task instead. There may be Film Study opportunities and Anime reward days. The choice of movies may include:

- Spirited Away (PG)
- Laputa (G)
- Tokyo Drift (M)
- Totoro (G)
- Arietty (G)
- The Karate Kid (2010)
- Ponyo (PG)
- Nausicaa (PG)
- Anpanman (G)
- Sumo Do Sumo Don’t (PG)
- A Matter of Size (M)
- Ramayan (Not rated)
- Kobushi (G)
- The Ramen Girl (M)
- Princess Mononoke (M)
- Krishna (Not rated)
- Porco Rosso (PG)
- Naruto (M)

FOOD
Students may have the opportunity to try various Japanese treats and participate in a food unit later in the year. Please note your specific allergies in the permission note below if your child has any reactions or special dietary requirements.

PHOTO PERMISSION
As students participate in activities, they may be photographed. Photographs may be placed on the school website. Please complete the permission form and return ASAP.

Kirrily Furey
Japanese Teacher

Alan Lane
Head Teacher LOTE
I agree to pay $20 by 14/3/16 to assist with the cost of LOTE consumables and cultural activities. I am aware there are minimum numbers in order for Sumo Suits, the food unit and Obento cultural activities to proceed.

I give permission for my child to view the movies listed overleaf. I understand the classifications are G, PG and M and that there may be occasional language, violence or adult concepts in some movies. I understand the movie will be integral to the cultural concepts being raised, taught and discussed within the classroom.

I give permission for my child to participate in the Sumo Suit Competition. Under supervision, during class or at lunch, students will attempt to push each other out of a circle. Students are expected to be respectful and responsible at all times if they choose to participate. My child has agreed to speak respectfully and follow all instructions/rules in order to participate. I understand students must wear a padded suit and protective headwear.

I give permission for my child to be photographed at school and for the school to publish the photos on the school website or printed material.

☐ Yes, I give permission  ☐ No, do not photograph my child

I give permission for my child to try Japanese food if offered during class this year. I also give permission for my child to participate in a Tea Ceremony and food unit. I understand students have the option of tasting a Japanese meal containing Miso soup, Rice, Seaweed, Tuna Sushi rolls, Noodles, Green Tea, Soft drinks, Green Tea Ice Cream, soy beans, sour plums, chocolates, sweets, chewing gum and Mochi rice balls. I understand these items may contain sesame seeds, dairy, seafood and traces of nuts. I am happy for my child to be offered all of these foods but understand they will not be forced to try anything if they decline.

Allergies:__________________________________________________ ____________________________________

Dietary Requirements: ☐ Vegetarian  ☐ Other: ___________________________

My child does not like to eat: ____________________________________________

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NAME of Parent/Caregiver  Signature of Parent/Caregiver  Date

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT
I authorise WHS Office Staff to charge my credit card $20.

Student: ________________________________________                Class: _________

☐ VISA  ☐ MASTERCARD  ☐ Other: ___________________________

Cardholder Name: ________________________________________  Signature: ___________________________

Credit Card Number: ________________________________________  Expiry: _____/____/____  CCV: _______