Minasan Konnichiwa (Hello everyone)

In term two, Prep, Grade one and two students are learning Japanese. I was overwhelmed by the students' enthusiastic participation during the lessons. Some prep students have already begun saying some Japanese! It is my great joy to be able to teach these eager students!

During this term, the focus for the prep students is Japanese listening and speaking skills development. The students will learn basic Japanese greetings, numbers, and classroom instructions. In each Japanese lesson, we will sing at least two Japanese songs and hopefully we will increase our repertoire through this term. They will be exposed to Japanese culture through craft activities and small group plays.

The grade one and two students will look up the basic geography of Japan such as the location of Australia and Japan and the national flags. In addition to talking about themselves in simple Japanese phrases, they will learn about the four seasons. The students will look up each season in Japan using Japanese language, and compare the seasons between the two countries; Australia and Japan.

Arigatoo gozaimasu (Thank you very much)

Tomoko Yamashita (Japanese teacher)