



**OAKLEIGH SOUTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**"TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"**

Dear Parents,

As I'm sure you would already be aware, in the last 18 months Oakleigh South Primary School has established a sister school relationship with Tamba Higashi Primary School in Japan. This relationship has grown over time from skyping each other to exchanging students to be hosted by the home school.

Last year we selected 6 children from our 2015 Year 5 class to be the inaugural students to commence this exchange program. The students were chosen while still in Year 5 as the exchange was scheduled to take place during the last week of the Christmas holidays and the first week of Term 1 in 2016. The children were informed of their selection early in Term 4, 2016 to enable me to give them extra briefing sessions on language, culture, diet and other experiences they might encounter while in Japan.

Early in 2017, we will again be sending children from OSPS to Japan for 2 weeks. After negotiations with the organising body in Tamba Higashi, we are hopeful that this time the number of students who are able to go to Japan will be increased from 6 to 12.

I am inviting any interested students and parents to come along to a preliminary information session on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00-6.30pm, in which I will explain our selection criteria, costs, itinerary and proposed dates for the 2017 exchange. I will also answer any queries you may have regarding the exchange. At the end of this session, when all the details of this exchange have been outlined, I will hand out application forms for all students who are keen to be a part of this exciting program. **It is therefore vital that a representative from families wanting to be a part of the program be in attendance at this meeting.**

If you will be attending this preliminary information session, please fill in the form attached and cut it and return it to me, Mami sensei, by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

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**OSPS JAPANESE EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2017**

**NAME OF STUDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETING** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_