

Announcements

- Cultural Group - Enrolment is opened to members of our community. We know there is a wealth of talent among us and together we can make this group more vibrant. Ready to join? Simply send us an email at info@yswa.org.au or contact the coordinator (Mrs Bukola Esin) or any member of the management team

- Language School - Our Language school resumed for term 1 of 2024, we thank the Principal, teachers, coordinators for their commitments. We thank the parents for the patronage and subscription. We encourage members to enlist their young ones to join the vibrant community of learners in our warm and child-friendly environment. The enrolment is free for children of financial members and comes at a token cost for wards of non-financial members. Please visit our website www.yswa.org.au for further information. We are also pleased to inform you that the Language school has a new Principal in our own respected mother and elder of the association - Mrs Bola Osinaike. We thank you again for your commitment and wish you a wonderful tenure.

- YSWA Foundation - If you know any community in need, you can reach out to our YSWA foundation through its chairman (Dr 'Shola Oyewopo) or management team members. The foundation reaches out to our communities back home for charitable ventures.

- Yoruba Day 2024 - This year's Yoruba Cultural day Celebration will come up on November 16, 2024 at the Abruzzo Molise Sporting Club. Further details will be communicated in the course of the year.

- Website - Our website is currently undergoing an upgrade, we encourage you to make your payments directly into the association's account using our BSB (066-000) and account number (17269734) rather than through the website. We will advise when the payment facility is available through our website. Other programmes including membership registration are still active on the current website.

- Association Account - The association's previous bank account with Bankwest is being phased out as Bankwest is closing all business accounts. As such, we have changed our banking details. Please endeavour to take note of our new account details when making your payments.

Payment of annual membership fees can be deposited into our bank account BSB: 066000 Account number: 17269734 Couple \$120, Family \$150, Single (Adult) \$70, Student \$30



Message from the President

Mo ki gbogbo ọmọ egbe Yoruba ni iwọ oorun Australia. I welcome you all to 16th edition of our quarterly newsletter, the first of 2024 and I trust this message finds you in high spirit. In September of 2023, the management committee for 2023- 2025 term was elected and joyfully sworn in during the enchanting Yoruba Cultural Day Celebration of the same year. A heartfelt thanks goes to the outgoing committee for their outstanding contributions and remarkable achievements during their tenure. I also applaud members of the current management team who have raised their hands to serve the community. The elected officers of the association are:

- **Dr Adewale Olatunji- President**
- **Engr Toluwalope Olu-Ojo- Vice President**
- **Dr Kamil Ogundipe- Secretary**
- **Mrs Abosede Owode- Treasurer**
- **Mrs Dayo Oduneye- Financial Secretary**
- **Mr Timilehin Adeyemi- Assistant Secretary/PRO**
- **Mr Ifedapo Oduneye- Youth Secretary**

Revisiting the magic of our Yoruba Cultural Day on November 11, 2023 where our rich cultural heritage took centre stage, I commend specially our drama and cultural group for their great performance. I extend the association's gratitude to the principal, teachers and coordinators of our language school for their dedication in nurturing the children and for their beautiful presentation on the day. I equally thank our members for gracing the occasion; and a special appreciation to our amiable sponsors.

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The association held its first event of the year tagged "Ọdun Ayo" on January 27, 2024, this programme was again well attended by members and it was indeed another opportunity for community integration and networking. We are encouraged by the huge turn out and enjoin us to continue to attend our other programmes for the year. In due course, we will bring you updates on our upcoming events.

I warmly welcome all our new members, please keep abreast of our programmes through our WhatsApp and website platforms. The association's financial year is from January to December and it is important to pay our annual membership fee. As most associations/organisation do not thrive well without adequate funds, your membership fee payment will go a long way in helping the association soar to higher levels, it will also afford you the numerous benefits the association offers to its members.

Finally, please reach out to us for suggestions, and remember that we are here to serve you. I anticipate a year filled with beauty, growth and collective accomplishment.

Yours in Service

Adewale Olatunji

PRESIDENT

GBA ÀKÀRÀ, GBA DÙNDÚ NI I MU INÚ OMODÉ DUN

Kókó ọrọ wa tonii ni ọrọ awọn àgbà, ti o wipe ti ọmọdé ba sun mo agbà yóó ba agbà jeun, bakanaa, àgbà ti o ba toju omodé ni yoo ri irọrun láti odo awọn ewe.

Eléyíí lo mu àkọlé oke jade.GBA ÀKÀRÀ, GBA DÙNDÚ NI I MU ORI OMODÉ. Bawo ni tabi kin ni àlàyẹ ọrọ yíí?

Awọn àgbà náà lo so wipe inu dídùn ni i mu ọrọ ya.

Ti a ba fẹ ki èniyàn máa tesiwaju lati máa se awọn iwúrí ti i mu inu didun wa a ni láti máa yin fún awón nnkan ti irufe eni bẹẹ ba sẹ yala nínú ilé, àdúgbò, tàbí ilú; agaga ni orilẹ-ede.

Awọn tun so wípé omo ti o ba sipa(ọmọ ti a yo ọwọ sí láti gbà ba seré ni a o fa lẹwọ soke, sugbon ti a ba yó owó sí ọmọdé làti ba seré ti o ko lati yo owó sí wa, a máà fi silẹ, ki o jókòò re). Itumọ eleyii ni pè ti èniyàn kan ba sẹ wa lóore, ti a ba dupẹ, yóó tùn rorun lati se oore miiran fún wa. A ko gbodo ya alai-moore, o ye ki a máà dúpẹ ni oorekore.

E jeki a wò, ti a ba rán ọmọdé ni işẹ boya o lo ba wa rà nnkan bíí oúnjẹ tabí awọn ele mīràn, a le jẹ ounjẹ yen ku fún ni tàbí ki a fún lara owó ti o ku to gba wa lati ibi ti a ràn nise. Sugbon ti a ba jèé tàn, ti o ba di olá ti a ba pe iru ọmọdé làti ràn nise, a wa aaye lati ko wa n'isẹ ni tori pe o ti mo pe alaje tan ni ẹní ti o n ran oun nise, iwa aláimoore ni eyi, ko dara bée.

Awọn ẹda kan wa, nínú ogbà ilé won ko si aaye lati mu ohunkohun bíí àpẹrẹ boya èso jije tàbí mímu wa nínú ogbà ko si aaye lati fún áwon èniyàn, sugbon ni ikeyin awọn ẹyẹ ati kòkòrò ni yóó ba awọn eso nàà jẹ, kin ni iwulo irúfẹ èniyàn nì àdúgbo tàbí ilú? E je ki a ni èmi im'oore lati máà dúpẹ lowo eniti o ba sẹ wa lóore nígbà gbogbo.

Awọn kan wa lenu lse ijoba tàbí isé adani, ko si ẹni ti o lẹ wọ inú ọfisi won, kokoro ilé işé owó won lo wa, gbogbo awon nnkan ti o to si awọn Osise awọn nikan ni o n joko le é, ti o ba wa di pe awon nilo iranlọwọ, awon eeyan a yera fun won. Mo ni akawe kan, nigba ti a wa ni ilé ẹkọ ti a n şişe awọn oga kan wa, ti won ni ọkọ ayọkẹlẹ (car), enikení ko le fi ara tabi owó kan mọto wọn, won ko le fi mọto wọn gbe ẹnikení, şugbon ni ojo kan, taya ese mọto bajẹ, wọn ko le da yo taya yíí, wọn ko ni enu lati pe fun iranlọwọ láti yo taya ọkọ wọn nitori pe nigba ti wọn n jẹ àkàrà àti dundu wọn, wọn ko fún ẹlòmíràn jẹ.

O ye ki o kúrò nínú ogbà ibise ni aago méta ààbò ọsán, sùgbón aago marun-un irọlẹ ni o to le kuro nigba ti awọn oşişe kan ti won n şeré lóri papa işere ri ti o duro ti ọkọ re, ti ko le pe fun iranlọwọ. Se irúfẹ iwà yíí daara, se o tọ sí omo eniyan rere?

Awọn àgbà bọ wọn ni ti iwọ ba sẹ réré ara kii yóó há ya o bí?

Ni ilé yorúbá ogbon, imọ ati oye ti o n se iranlọwọ fún àwa eda po, é jékí a sùn mo awọn àgbà wa lati kọ eko.

Lakotan ara owe àgbà kán şọ wipe, ko dara ki a şú (yagbe) le imí (igbé) ika. Ki a sọra fún iwa okanjuwa, oju-kokoro, Temi nikan, ki a máà rán ti orúkọ ti baba mi ko si ara mọto rẹ "AFI ỌLỌRUN, AFI ÈNÌYÀN".

Ko si ẹni ti o lẹ dá dúró bi o ti wu ki o ri ọlẹ, ọwọ àti iyí to, abukun ni o máa nigbeyin wọn. Ti a ba ni é jékí a fún ẹlòmíràn jẹ nítorí òní ko, sugbon nitori Ọlá ni.

Ki a máà rán ti ohun ti a ba gbín ni a o ka a ko le gbín àlùbòsà, ki a ka eso ìbépe lóri alubosa.

Mo kí wa, a ku ifara bale kika ati gbigbọ imọràn awọn àgbà, Olúwa yóó tubọ máa wa pẹlu wa. Amin.

Baale L.A.T Kujore, JP



YSWA Language school members at the end of year celebration in December



Music Sensation Drea Onamade

YSWA Sensation

Andrea Onamade best known as Drea, a young singer from the Nigerian Yoruba community, has recently made waves at Australian Idol. Her exceptional talent and captivating performances have won her praise from judges and viewers alike. Drea's journey from Nigeria to Australia has enriched her music with a blend of contemporary hits and traditional Yoruba songs, showcasing her cultural roots. Her dedication and passion for music are evident in every performance, inspiring others to pursue their dreams. Drea's journey at the Australian Idol did not only represent herself but also her community with at large. Her story is a testament to the universal language of music and the power it has to transcend boundaries. She serves a



L-R Some YSWA members at the just concluded Qdun Ayo, Kids being treated to ice cream during the

APPRECIATION

- The association appreciate and thank all our sponsors for past events and look forward to a continued partnership.
- We thank Dr Adenola Adeleye (Immediate Past President) for donating Yoruba books for use by the association and by extension the Language school
- The association is immensely grateful to Professor James Oladejo who has now moved into an advisory role in our language school. He was the pioneer and immediate past Principal of the school. Sir, we wish you well in your in your current and Future endeavours.



A O P'ara Wa L'ayo! Partakers at the just concluded YSWA Qdun Ayo! event in January 2024



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