

International Mother Language Day Essay Competition 2020 (Fiji)

Mother Language Day is held on 21st February every year to celebrate linguistic diversity around the world. UNESCO has given the theme of 'languages without borders' for 2020 and, since Fiji is celebrating 50 years of independence this year, we are focusing our essay competition on national unity.

USP's School of Language, Arts and Media therefore invites students aged 11-19 to write an essay on the following topic for their age group:

(Ages 11-15) ***“How learning each other’s mother tongues can help us live together happily.”***

(Ages 16-19) ***“English is not the only language that can help promote national unity in Fiji”***

The winning essay in each category will be published in *Kaila!* (ages 11-15) or *Wansolwara* (ages 16-19).

Prizes and certificates will be awarded during a ceremony at the 2020 USP Open Day.



Deadline: Friday 22nd May 2020

Conditions of entry:

1. Essays may be written either in English or in any of the vernacular languages of Fiji.
2. Essays should be a maximum of 500 words long.
3. Essays should be based on students' own ideas. Any cases of plagiarism will result in disqualification of all entries from that school.
4. A maximum of 3 entries are allowed per school in each age group. The selected essays must be submitted by a member of staff, confirming each student's name, age and school, preferably by email only: USPlinguisticscompetition@gmail.com
5. (For post submissions, please send to: Mr Rajendra Prasad, School of Language, Arts & Media, Laucala Campus, USP)