

International Mother Language Day Essay Competition 2021 (Fiji)

Mother Language Day is held on 21st February every year to celebrate linguistic diversity around the world. Since USP Linguistics is “going into SPACE” this year, we are focusing our essay competition on language and technology.

USP’s School of Pacific Arts, Communication & Education (SPACE) therefore invites students aged 11-19 to write an essay on the following topic for their age group:

(Ages 11-15) **“How can you use your mother tongue more often when you use technology?”**

(Ages 16-19) **“What future does your mother tongue have in the sphere of technology? Should we be doing more to make sure English doesn’t take control of technology?”**

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 at the 2021 USP Open Day.



Deadline: Friday 28th May 2021

Conditions of entry:

1. Essays may be written either in any of the vernacular languages of Fiji or in English.
2. Essays should be a maximum of 500 words long and they should be based on students’ own ideas. Any cases of plagiarism will result in disqualification of all entries from that school.
3. 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
4. (For post submissions, please send to: Mr Rajendra Prasad, Linguistics, Laucala Campus, USP)