

# THE VINE

6 March 2017 Term 1 Week 6

Dear parents,

Healthy Harold will be visiting our school on Thursday, 9th of March!



Kindergarten students will be involved in a fun interactive learning experience on the topic of "Harold's Friendship", the module covers topics such as how to build friendships and care for others, emotions and feelings, safe and unsafe situations and safe places/people we can turn to for help.

Year 1/2 students' topic is "Safety Rules", it aims to empower children to make safer and healthier choices and recognise safe and unsafe environments, behaviours to maintain friendships and how to care for others.

There will also be a parent session first thing in the morning if you're keen to learn more about this fantastic Life Education program.

The program cost is covered and the note attached only needs to be filled and returned if you would like your child to be **OPTED OUT** of the program. If we do not receive a response, your child will naturally be part of this fun incursion.

Have a great week!

Wendy Yu

## DIARY NOTES



INTERNATIONAL CHINESE SCHOOL  
国际中文学校  
An Anglican School  
圣公会学校

### Week 6 - Term 1

Mon: 6/3 School Banking/Assembly

Wed: 8/3 No Waste Wed

Thurs: 9/3 Healthy Harold - 9.30am start (optional parent workshop before school)/ Library Day

Fri: 10/3 Sports Day/Music Day

### Week 7 - Term 1

Mon: 13/3 School Banking/Assembly

Wed: 15/3 No Waste Wed/Pizza Wednesday

Thurs: 16/3 Library Day

Fri: 17/3 Sports Day/Music Day

## NOTICE BOARD

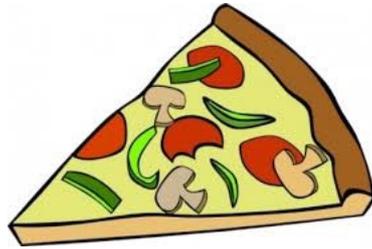
### Pizza Wednesday

will be 15 March!

Students will be able to have up to 2 slices of pizza each.

Choose from 3 options: Vegetarian, Ham & Cheese and Cheese.

**\$3 for 2 slices**



Please order on the morning of March 15 in lieu of normal orders. Pizzas are made without egg and nut.

However, this cannot be 100% guaranteed. Pizzas may contain traces of allergens due to store operations.

Please return your Chinese questionnaire and your Chinese language learning contracts as soon as possible to Liu Lao Shi.

**Gardening Club** is starting up again on Thursdays!

Keen greenies can meet Miss Merle during lunch times to work on the garden. Garden Club will occur weekly except in extreme weather.



A reminder that Primary Oshcare (who runs Before and After School Care) and ICS work together but are two separate entities.

If you require last minute before or after school care, the first place to contact is Primary Oshcare to ensure there is a space available for you.

Once confirmed, please then call the school so that the teachers know where to send your child after 3:30pm.

Both places need to be contacted for any last minute changes.

### Winter Uniform for Kindergarten Students

Winter uniform is nearly ready for pick up. Please arrange an appointment time with Mrs Tse via:

[admin@intcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@intcs.nsw.edu.au) to organise a fitting time on one of the following dates:

28th of March

20th of March

4th of April

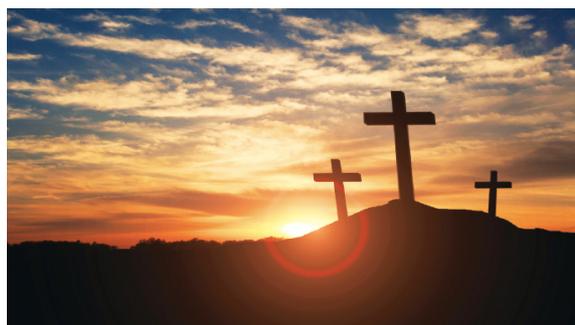
6th of April

Winter uniform is worn in Term 2 and Term 3 of each school year.

### Easter Save the Date

This year's ICS Easter chapel will be a combined event with St Paul's Anglican Church. Students and their families are expected to attend as they will be singing a couple of Easter songs and will participate in the Kids Church programs.

This will take place during the 9.30am service on **Sunday, 2 April.**



## CHINESE

### 2017 National Chinese Eisteddfod

International Chinese School is organising a team to participate in the 2017 National Chinese Eisteddfod. The Chinese Eisteddfod is an annual national event sponsored by the Chinese Language Educational Council of NSW. It is a poem or prose reciting competition for Australian students who study Chinese Language to have a chance to use and practise their acquired skills in our multicultural society.



The 2017 National Chinese Eisteddfod will be held on Saturday, **20th of May** at Strathfield Girls High School (Albert Road, Strathfield). Parents need to provide transportation on the day.

All students will be learning the poem but there is a selection process to decide who will represent our school due to limitation on numbers of group participants. Students who wants to be part of of the individual competition component can contact Liu Lao Shi for detailed information.

Please fill in the attached form below if your child is interested in participating in this event, and return it to Liu Lao Shi by **8th March**.

### Healthy Harold Life Education

I would like my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to be **opted out** of the Healthy Harold Life Education Program this Thursday.

**Parent signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*No need to return slip if you do want your child to attend this program, all costs covered.*

### Expression of Interest Form

My child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ would like to take part in the selection process for the 2017 National Chinese Eisteddfod. I understand I will provide transportation for my child if he/she represents the school for the competition.

**Parent signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## CHAPEL CHATS

As we enjoy the change in weather from those extreme hot days to today which is cooler and wet it reminds of how often we are to face change.

Thankfully we can be confident that God and his plans never change. Recently in Chapel the children learnt how Jesus called the disciples to follow him.

They saw the power of Jesus in allowing Peter, James and John to go out in their fishing boats after a night of no catches and for them to miraculously fill their nets with more fish than the nets could hold.

After this amazing catch Jesus called the men to leave their fishing business and to follow him. They were told from now on they were to call others to follow Jesus as well.

This was a bold move on the part of the disciples. They left everything because they trusted in Jesus.

Jesus never changes. Not like the weather and our attitudes to all things.

He is the one and only who is perfectly trustworthy. Who promises never to leave us or forsake us. Through the good and the bad Jesus is with his children.

I would love all the children to know this truth. That no matter what is going on around them, Jesus is always with them and wishing to be their friend.

Once again I'd like to offer the opportunity for any parent who would like to learn more of what the children learn in chapel to contact me. It would be a pleasure to share the same with you so that you can have a conversation with your child as to what they are learning.

Blessings

Deb Gould  
Assistant Minister

