



Term 1 Week 1 2019

THE VINE

The Fortnightly Newsletter of the International Chinese School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I trust that all families of the School enjoyed a blessed Christmas as our community celebrated the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. After six weeks of vacation your children (as well as parents) may be looking forward to their return to school.

I have some exciting news regarding progress on a new site for the School. For some time, the Board has been considering a site in St Leonards. The site, which will include a newly renovated building large enough to house a K-6 school, is situated adjacent to Gore Hill Park which Willoughby Council is in the midst of upgrading. A Heads of Agreement document was signed and exchanged just before Christmas, and formal exchange of contracts is due to occur in late January.

KEY DATES

2019

Teachers commence

Thursday 24th Jan

Students (Yr 1-4)

commence

Wednesday 30th Jan

Kindergarten Students

commence

Thursday 31st Jan

Chinese New Year

Tuesday 5th Feb

Meet the teacher evening

Wednesday 6th Feb

Easter Service

Friday 12th April

Term End

Friday 12th April

The Teachers will be returning on Thursday 24th January with students (Years 1-4) commencing on Wednesday 30th, Kindergarten on Thursday 31st. Kindergarten students have individual testing on Wednesday. For those wishing to purchase some last-minute uniform items these can be purchased through Mrs Tse on reception on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Tuesday January 29.

We value the partnership we share in the education of your children. Parents are encouraged to touch base with teachers as needed at pick-up time each afternoon. Further, I have an open-door policy and am more than happy to speak with parents should issues or concerns arise. I can be found out and about around the School, or in my office adjacent to reception. Alternatively, parents can contact me via email principale@intcs.nsw.edu.au or by phoning the School.

We enjoy a very special school community. I look forward to another profitable year of learning where we will see your children grow to embrace their God given potential.

"For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6



Peter Jamieson
Principal



STAFF NEWS

THE TEACHING TEAM

Welcome back Mrs Yu

Mrs Yu will be returning to school after her maternity leave. She will be assuming the newly formed role of Curriculum Director and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in teaching and learning, especially in the bilingual setting. Mrs Yu will be present Mondays and Tuesdays and will have mixed teaching responsibilities in Creative Arts, Library, and general curriculum. She will have the equivalent to a full day off class to focus on the further development of teaching and learning across the school.



Mrs Yu

Kindergarten, Year 1/2

Miss Nguyen and Miss Su will continue teaching Kindergarten and Year 1/2. Miss Su will be the Mandarin teacher of Kindergarten on Mondays & Tuesdays, and of Year 1/2 Wednesdays and Thursdays. Miss Nguyen will be the English teacher for Year 1/2 on Monday and Tuesday, and of Kindergarten Wednesday and Thursday. On Fridays, students have a mix of English and Mandarin classes.

Miss Nguyen will also be contributing to the staff leadership team. As parents of her class from last year would know Miss Nguyen has amazing organisational skills and will be focussing on general administration relating to teaching and learning.



Miss Nguyen

Year 3/4

Mrs Llewelyn will continue as English teacher for Years 3/4. She will be at school Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. She is a very competent teacher with great enthusiasm and this no doubt contributed to the fine NAPLAN results of Year 3 students last year.



Miss Su



Mrs Llewelyn



Mrs Liu



Miss Melody Tang

THE TEACHING TEAM CONTINUED

Mrs Liu will be teaching Mandarin to Year 3/4 on Wednesdays. It was with reluctance that she made the decision to work at ICS one less day to provide support for her daughter her finishes her HSC studies this year. We were very pleased to retain her on staff and she will continue to set the foundation for the further growth of Mandarin at the school. A new teacher, Miss Melody Tang, will job share with Mrs Liu, and teach Mandarin on Tuesdays. Miss Tang is a native speaker of Mandarin, having spent her childhood on mainland China. She completed her education degree through the University of NSW and has undertaken study in varying places around the world, including London, Boston and Singapore.

Music

This year Mrs Llewelyn will be teaching music to all classes. Mrs Llewelyn is a very accomplished musician and is highly competent in a number of instruments, including the guitar and drums. She is very excited to have the opportunity to share her love of music with our students. Music lessons will continue in the Friday afternoon timeslot.

PDHPE

External provider, Sportspro, will return to teach the Physical Education component of the curriculum. The professionalism of Sportspro has been very impressive with all teachers fully qualified and accredited with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). Our students have thoroughly enjoyed lessons from their educators in previous years.

OUR ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Late last year Mrs Keren Yu was employed part-time by the school to work in administration. She has proved a great asset and this year her employment has been expanded to five days a week. While assisting with reception and administration, as a native speaker of Mandarin she will also provide some support to students in language learning.

Our administration volunteers will continue with the school in 2019. Mrs Anthony Tse as Registrar, Mrs Christine Tse reception and uniform, and Mrs Flora Leung and Mrs Judith Jamieson reception and general administration.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

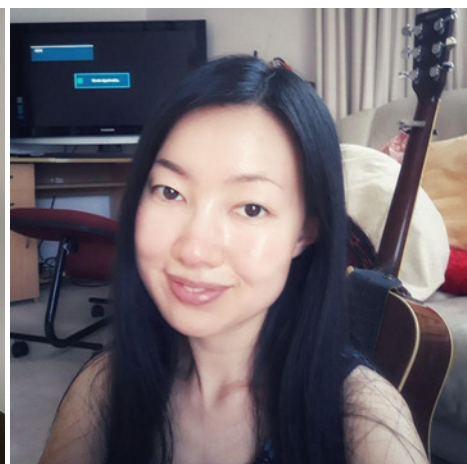
Establishing a regular daily routine is important to effective learning. It is really important to get the day off to a good start. As such it is vital for children to arrive on time each school day. The start of the day is an important time where students settle in their room and receive important information from their teacher regarding the day's learning ahead. Also students benefit from being well organised. The more involved children are in gathering items for school, packing their own bag and getting dressed into uniform nice and early, the more they understand the benefits of being organised. Sleep is also vital to a successful day of learning. Parents need to ensure their children have a regular bedtime routine and gain adequate sleep so they are attentive in class the following day.



Mrs Flora Leung



Mr Tse



Mrs Keren Yu



Mrs Jamieson



Mrs Tse



The table below provides an overview of daily staffing at the School:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Teachers	Mr Jamieson Mrs W. Yu Miss Nguyen Miss Su Mrs Llewelyn	Mr Jamieson Mrs W. Yu Miss Nguyen Miss Su Miss Tang	Mr Jamieson Miss Nguyen Miss Su Mrs Liu	Mr Jamieson Miss Nguyen Miss Su Mrs Llewelyn	Mr Jamieson Miss Nguyen Miss Su Mrs Llewelyn
Admin	Mrs K. Yu Mrs Jamieson	Mrs K. Yu Mr Tse Mrs Tse	Mrs K. Yu Mrs Leong	Mrs K. Yu Mr Tse Mrs Tse	Mrs K. Yu

Please note: Uniform can be purchased Tuesdays and Thursdays through Mrs Tse.

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Staff can be contacted through ringing the school on **ph. 8440 8450**. Alternatively email contact details follow. In respect for staff privacy generally staff mobile phone numbers are not published.

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Mrs Tang	melody.tang@intcs.nsw.edu.au
Mr Tse	registrar@intcs.nsw.edu.au
Mrs Yu	keren.yu@intcs.nsw.edu.au
Mrs Tse	admin@intcs.nsw.edu.au
Administration	admin@intcs.nsw.edu.au

CHINESE LANGUAGE ASSISTANT

Families who were at the school in 2018 will remember Ming Liu, our visiting teaching assistant from mainland China. We are fortunate to again this year be receiving a language assistant through World Education Program (WEP). Mrs Zoe (Yi) Zang will be with ICS for term one. She is very close friends with Ming Liu and as has heard such wonderful things about the school that she wanted to come here and experience it for herself. She is also a Christian and is looking forward to being part of a Christian School community.

Mrs Zang is from the Shanghai district of mainland China. She has studied English for 17 years, and also Japanese for a shorter period of time. While we have accommodation post her immediate arrival, and for the last six weeks, the school is seeking a family who may be able to host her for the first 5 to 6 weeks of school. If you are able to assist please email principal@intcs.nsw.edu.au. This would provide a wonderful opportunity for your child/ren to be further immersed in Mandarin.

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

The school provides most of students' classroom needs through tuition fees and charges, however a simple stationary pack is required to be purchased from the school. Parents are asked to limit their child/ren's number of pencil cases to one to avoid cluttering desk tops. To assist with limiting the spread of germs, especially during cold and flu season, students are asked to supply one box of tissues and 2 rolls of absorbent 'kitchen paper' per semester. Students are asked to bring Semester One's supply on the day they return to school.

