



THE VINE

7th September Term 3 Week 7

A Message from the Board

Dear parents,

Recently Mrs Yu wrote to the School Board requesting to return to ICS next year on a reduced (part-time) load. Due to her baby being quite young she also informed the Board that she reluctantly was relinquishing her role as Principal.

The Board acknowledges the wonderful contribution Mrs Yu has made to the School through her role as Founding Principal. Most notably, under her leadership ICS became the first bilingual school in NSW to gain approval to deliver a 50:50 immersion program. We thank her for her vision and commitment in serving your children.

I am pleased to announce that Mr Jamieson has agreed to take on the Principal's role on a permanent basis. This will ensure continuity in learning for the students of the School.

We are also pleased that Mrs Yu will retain a leadership role as Curriculum Coordinator. She remains very passionate about bilingual education and is excited to take up this newly formed role upon her return. This will allow Mr Jamieson to focus on the future development of the School.

We give God thanks that he has blessed the school with such a strong team to lead ICS in 2019.

May God continue to bless the School and the families it serves.

Blessings
Barry Roots
Director

From Mrs Yu

I am really looking forward to my new role as curriculum coordinator as it allows me to focus on an area of schooling that I am most passionate about. I am comforted in knowing that Mr Peter Jamieson will be filling the role of principal in all its administrative complexities, as he really is the best person for the job!

I am keen to show the wider education community how advantageous it is to be bilingual in today's cultural and economic climate. I want ICS students to demonstrate high achievements in both languages and be the best that they can be! I have no doubt that Mr Peter Jamieson and I will make a fantastic leadership team.



Key Dates

Chinese Spectacular
September 24

Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival
September 25

Jump Rope for Heart
September 28

TERM DATES

Term 3

Start Date Tuesday July 24
End Date Friday Sept 28

Term 4

Start Date Monday Oct 15
End Date Friday Dec 7

From the Principal

Fathers Day

Bright and early on the morning of Friday August 31, the school celebrated Father's with a special breakfast for students and their dads. Delicious croissants formed the main course, with a tasty fruit platter on the side. Students enjoyed playing together while fathers took the opportunity to get to know each other better. A special thanks to the staff of our school's OSHC, especially Nahid, for assistance in preparing the breakfast for the day.

Research has revealed that a father's interest in his child's education has been found to have a more direct impact on educational outcomes than family background, poverty, or even the child's personality. Children whose fathers are active participants in their education are likely to achieve academically, achieve higher levels of educational qualification, and to harbor a generally more positive outlook on school.

The Bible tells us that God is our Father;

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:4-6)

This is not a metaphor. In God we see the supreme example of what it means to be a loving and good father. The following points may prove useful to fathers within the ICS community:

- God the Father is the source of life for his children.** Fathers have an important part in contributing to the life of children. Speak life over your children
- God the Father lovingly corrects his children.** As the true Father, God's discipline and correction are always done out of love ([Hebrews 12:3-11](#)).
- God the Father provides for his children's needs.**
- God the Father gives wisdom to his children.** We can help our kids learn life skills and encourage them in their gifts and talents. But we should help them see that true wisdom comes from our heavenly Father. The Bible is the ultimate source of wisdom and truth ([2 Timothy 3:16-17d](#)).
- God the Father always welcomes his children back.** We forgive our children when they mess up, and we try to help them make better choices in the future. Help your kids recognize that this is just a glimpse of the love and forgiving heart of God ([Luke 15:11-32](#)).

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: An unhealthy game

It has been brought to the School's attention that students have been playing games centred around an online fictional game character called 'Momo'. Students have not been playing the game online at school but creating their own playground games centred around the Momo theme. Several students have been scared and have experienced difficulty sleeping at night. This scenario is not unique to ICS but has been reported as a problem in schools and among children in Australia and across the world.

The online game from which the playground activities have originated involves challenging people to communicate with an unknown person. The shadowy controller behind the account sends users violent images, followed by threats if the player refuses to follow the game's "orders". The Momo profile itself features a disturbing image of a distorted young woman, with eyes bulging out of their sockets, straggly black hair and bird legs. It was created by Japanese special effects company Link Factory.

Parents are warned that this terrifying game sweeping the internet has been linked to the suicide of a young girl. Further, the online game has spread to several social media platforms including WhatsApp, Facebook and YouTube. Predators have been using the game platform in an attempt to lure children to themselves.



**'Dad Joke' to
celebrate
Father's Day**

**Did you hear about
the restaurant on the
moon?**

Great food, no
atmosphere.



**Chinese Character
of the Week**

**父亲节快乐
Fùqīn jié
kuàilè**

**Happy Fathers
Day**

School News

I took the opportunity to speak to all students Yr 1-3 on Monday explaining the dangers of the game and banning any associated games at school. Please speak to your children to ensure they have not been playing the game online. It serves as a reminder not to allow children unsupervised use of Information Technology and the need for parents to foster open communication with their children.

Let us continue to partner together in ensuring the safety and well-being of your child/ren at this young and vulnerable age. For further information please read the following article;

<https://www.news.com.au/technology/online/social/momo-is-the-latest-terrifying-game-to-sweep-the-web/news-story/619a8c4c7b93a273f4e2ab4481aacbed>

Peter Jamieson
Principal

Community member of the week

For our Father's Day edition this week we acknowledge Sean Lee father of Skye (1/2NS). Sean's face is often seen around the school. He has been a regular at the weekly prayer group. Earlier in the year he volunteered his time to drive around the district to pick up and deliver furniture the school had purchased on line. He always has a smile on his face and is a great encourager of all.

Recently Sean suffered a bad break in his lower leg. Surgery has been successful, but recovery will take time. Please pray for Sean, that Jesus would grant him a speedy recovery and he will quickly be back enjoying life to the full.

Merit Awards

Week 6

Ava (K) For her confident, well-spoken and prepared Show and Tell about her favourite book.

Enoch (K) Excellent speaking and listening in Chinese.

Genevieve (1/2NS) Always getting 100% in her Chinese dictation tests.

Alythea (1/2NS) Being a kind and caring friend, always ready to help others.

Zoe (1/2NS) Always listening attentively during lessons and completing her work on time.

Susannah (Yr3) Excellent work in writing up Science experiments and creating a story-board.

Week 7

Joshua (K) Being a wonderful helper in class/ Excellent recognition of notes and coins.

Elsa (K) Her big improvement in speaking loudly during show and tell presentations.

Zoe (Yr 1/2) Great improvement of writing a diary in Chinese.

Chloe (Yr 1/2) Always working hard, achieving 100% in weekly spelling and Maths tests.

Grace (Yr 3) Working hard and persevering with difficult Maths work.

In Week 7 Alice received a special assembly merit for her attentiveness and wonderful singing of our National Anthem.

Bronze Awards

Two more students have achieved their Bronze Merit Award (for receiving 5 general merit certificates). Congratulations to Skye and Genevieve (both from 1/2NS) for their hard work in making the most of the gifts and opportunities that God has given to them. The Bronze Award is a new initiative and although merits can be accumulated over a number of years, we will start from this year, so merits from previous years will not be counted.



School News

International Sports Day

Students from Yr 3 participated in the International Schools Sports Day hosted by the Sydney Japanese International School. The focus of the day was integration and enjoyment, and students from the varying schools participated in mixed teams. Games and activities included running races, long jump, tug-of-war, Tamaire and various novelty events. Students returned to school very excited and looking forward to next year's event.

Faith, Grace, Tristan, Elijah and Julian received certificates for their participation and being good sports on the day.

On behalf of the ICS school community I would like to thank Ms Judith Deadman, classroom teacher and International Sports Day Coordinator at the Sydney Japanese International School, for her efforts in organising such a fun filled day for our students.

In the classroom

After recess each Monday and Wednesday students participate in fitness as an integral part of the PDHPE curriculum.

In the first half of the term, with assistance from reception volunteer Flora, students have been learning Line Dance. Parents may have noticed their child humming the Macarena while 'boot-scooting' around home, all moves they have learnt in these sessions.

For the second half of the Term focus has shifted to skipping in preparation for Jump Rope for Heart. Students have been very motivated with the ropes coming out at recess and lunch time for additional skipping practice.

Jump Rope for Heart

Notes have been sent home with children inviting them to participate in Jump Rope for Heart in the last week of term. Children are encouraged to gather sponsors to raise money for the charitable cause. For the safety of your children please restrict their sponsorship to family and friends, people you know and trust. It is not wise to allow them to go door knocking to gather support.

New faces in reception

With Ashley's departure we have a couple of new faces in reception. Mr Josiah Kafa is working on reception on Fridays, and Mrs Jamieson (wife of Mr Jamieson) is volunteering her time on Mondays.

Lunch Treats

Super Dooper Ice treats were introduced at ICS to refresh children during hot weather. Of late many children are requesting to purchase Super Doopers during cold weather, and even when they have not eaten all food brought from home. From this point on Super Doopers will only be sold in warm/hot weather and only for students who have completely eaten food brought from home.



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ICOSHC combines with Chatswood OSHC Centre (CHOSHC) for Vacation Care. During these holidays, Chatswood VC will have a mix of in-house themed days, incursions and outings. You are welcome to join us for a whole day, or the entire vacation program. Please find more details about the [program on our website](#).

Vacation Care Early Bird rates close on the 17th of September – hurry, book now!
<http://www.primaryoshcare.com.au/enrol-and-book>

