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THE VINE

The Fortnightly Newsletter of the International Chinese School



KEY DATES

2019

Yr 1-4 Students return

January 30

**Kindergarten Students
commence**

January 31

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A FITTING END TO A WONDERFUL YEAR OF LEARNING

The last week of school proved a most fitting end to a wonderful year of learning. Throughout 2018 students have made the most of the gifts, interests and opportunities that God has provided for them. As a result, we have seen them grow in knowledge and wisdom as they have sought to view the world through Jesus' eyes and make appropriate responses in life's applications.

The following pages provides highlights of the end of year activities.



ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY

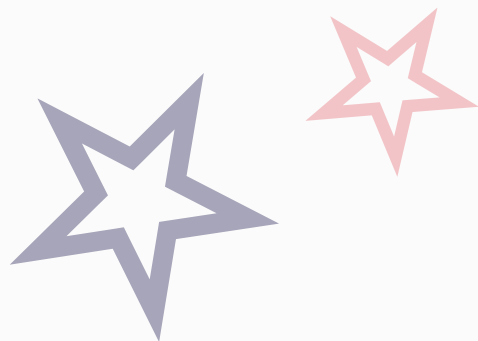
On the afternoon of Wednesday 5th December students, parents, staff and other family and friends of the School gathered to celebrate all that has been achieved in the lives of students throughout the year. Students were actively involved throughout the ceremony. Mrs Liu's Mandarin class; Faith, Julian, Alycia, Grace, Joliet, Chloe and Elijah; were the MCs for the occasion. All students K-3 performed bilingual choral items; 'Silent Night', 'Away in a Manger' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'.

It proved a wonderful culmination where the achievement of all students was acknowledged. Individual awards are listed on pages 3-5.





yearly AWARDS



Kindergarten

Evelyn	Applying herself to all areas of learning
Mianka	Interest and participation in Music
Joshua	Interest and aptitude in Science
Anthony	Greatest all-round improvement
Esabelle	Academic excellence in all areas
Tegan	Citizenship and Christian character
Enoch	Excellence in Mandarin language learning
Nikita	Participation and performance in Physical Education
Josephine	Interest and aptitude in Creative Arts
Ava	Interest and contribution in Christian Studies
Sarah	Interest and contribution in Human Society and Its Environment

yearly AWARDS



Year 1

Alicia	Interest and aptitude in Creative Arts
Zoe	Applying herself to all areas of learning
Elsa	Excellence in Mandarin language learning
Alice	Greatest all-round improvement
Genevieve	Academic excellence in all areas
Ha Yun	Citizenship and Christian character

Year 2

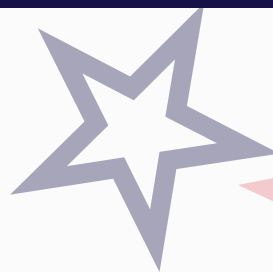
Alycia	Academic excellence in all areas
Luke	Interest and aptitude in Science
Joliet	Interest and aptitude in Creative Arts
Clayton	Interest and aptitude in Mathematics
Chloe	Excellence in Mandarin language learning
Jethro	Greatest all-round improvement
Skye	Citizenship and Christian character

We praise God for the growth and development we have seen in your children throughout the year. God's promise for the Israelite nation is equally valid for your children today:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

yearly AWARDS



Year 3

Faith	Achievement in Creative Arts
Grace	Greatest all-round improvement
Susannah	Interest and aptitude in Science
Tristan	Excellence in Mandarin language learning
Julian	Academic excellence in all areas
Elijah	Citizenship and Christian character



Special Awards

Chinese Language Teachers' Association of NSW Award

Joliet (Yr 2) For achievement in Chinese Studies and Chinese Recitation Competitions.

Principal's Award (highest level of recognition a student can gain)

Julian (Yr 3) Making the most of her God given opportunities at school and providing a model of all that is expected of a student of ICS.

PICNIC DAY AT FAIRLIGHT BEACH

On Thursday the 6th of December, students, parents and staff enjoyed a splendid picnic day at Fairlight Beach. The weather was perfect with sun shining and temperatures in the mid 20s.

Upon arrival students enjoyed a general playtime on the sand. Following, students got wet as they took on the waves of the shore break, which was followed by play in the wading pool. Students were intrigued at the number of fish and other marine species swimming around their ankles. One parent proved her courage by even catching a crab for the children (it was lifeless).

A picnic lunch was shared in the shade of the human-made caves adjacent to the main swimming pool, and Mrs Wong, mother of Sarah (K), was a champion in supplying ice creams for all.

Following lunch, the day concluded with a sandcastle competition with students challenged to make the most impressive sand structure.

The day reflected the wonderful sense of community we share at ICS. Parents and teachers partnering together in ensuring effective learning for children. Such community is rare in schools, where partnership between staff and families grows into friendships where great joy is found in spending time together.



School

**PICNIC DAY
AT FAIRLIGHT BEACH**





FAREWELL MRS FITZPATRICK

It was with much sadness that the School farewelled Mrs Fitzpatrick at a special assembly in the second last week of school. Mrs Fitzpatrick joined the staff of the School in 2016 and has served in varying teaching roles including Learning Support, Visual Arts, English and Library. During the farewell gathering our community reflected upon the great times we had shared with Mrs Fitzpatrick, and the significant contribution she has made to the School. After a floral presentation expressing the School's appreciation, students were keen to give Mrs Fitzpatrick one final hug goodbye (as seen in the accompanying photograph).

Mrs Fitzpatrick and her husband flew out last week to enjoy an overseas adventure in Paris. She completed her master's degree in counselling this year and therefore has many options to consider for the future. May Jesus go before Mrs Fitzpatrick as she plans for a new and exciting phase in her life.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR ALL

Miss Nguyen's Year 1/2 class were excited to be involved in some Christmas cookie decorating. Mrs Jamieson worked hard over the previous weekend baking over 200 star shaped cookies. Students carefully stacked five stars on top of each other to make a cookie Christmas tree. They then decorated their tree and presented these as gifts to all parents on presentation day (photos on following page).



2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Post a well-earned break students Yrs 1-4 will return to school on Wednesday 30th January, with Kindergarten commencing on the Thursday. Uniform items will be available for purchase on Thurs 24th and Tuesday 29th, and then each Tuesday and Thursday of school terms.

Teachers class responsibilities for 2019 were published in the last edition of The Vine, and if parents missed that issue it can be accessed through the School's online homepage.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

On behalf of the International Chinese School Board and staff, I would like to thank you for the wonderful partnership we have shared in your child/ren's learning.

Teachers believe it has been a privilege to serve your child/ren throughout 2018. Together we have seen students grow in wisdom and maturity as they have actively involved themselves in the learning process, grasping with both hands the tremendous opportunities God has offered them through His school. In particular the growth in their mastery of Mandarin has been most pleasing. May the School's bilingual immersion program develop within students a greater appreciation of the diversity of God's creation, and a deeper love for others.



God has great plans for your child/ren. May they grow in the image of Jesus and be prepared as His change agents in the world. May your family enjoy Jesus' peace and blessings this Christmas and may your child/ren return refreshed in 2019, ready for another great year of learning."

Jesus' blessings

Peter Jamieson
Principal

St Paul's Family Christmas Extravaganza Cake Decorating Competition



Rules

- All entries to have completed registration form with a fee of \$5 upon submission.
- Decoration theme is Christmas.
- All entries will be sold under silent auction to the public, with proceeds going to St Paul's.
- Admissions under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Every ingredient must be listed.
- All decorations must be edible.

Entrant Categories:

- Juniors
- 13+

Prizes for:

- Most skilled cake
- Most original
- Most artistic

DEC 16 2018 **St Paul's Chatswood Anglican Church**
1 View St Chatswood
9:30AM Join us for carols and then judging.

To register for the cake competition go to:

tinyurl.com/ycpxkkht

Registration closes December 9 2018

We'd love you to join us for a
family Christmas

Extravaganza!

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

9.30am - 2pm

St Paul's Chatswood
1 View Street, Chatswood NSW 2067

- Family Carols Service
- Cake competition for both kids & adults
- Kids Fun & Games
- Coffee Cart & Food for purchase
- Live Music by Hummingsong
- Bring some gold coins to be part of Dunking the staff!

Plus, our annual Fair Trade Expo



Grab some fantastic, high quality gift and produce made by people from all over the world in fair work conditions. Let's help build a better future for these communities.



Got questions?
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