



# THE VINE

24th August 2018 Term 3 Week 5

## From the Principal

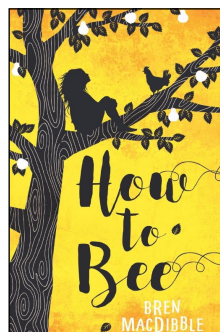
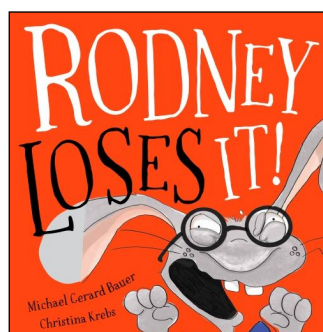
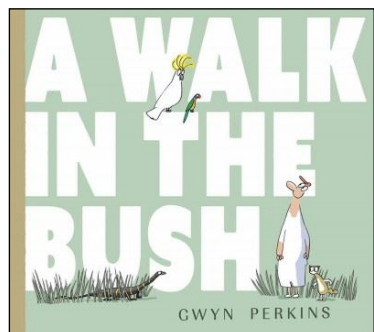
### Book Week

This week students celebrated Book Week. On Tuesday students came dressed as their favourite book character and participated in the Book Week Parade. The annual Scholastic Book Fair was available throughout the week with students completing a wish-list and parents then purchasing books for their children and/or the School library.

The Picture Book of the Year was awarded to *"A Walk in the Bush"* by Gwyn Perkins, with *"The Great Rabbit Chase"* by Freya Blackwood and *"Mopoke"* by Philip Bunting achieving Honours in the same category.

In the Early Childhood section (0-7 years), *"Rodney Loses It"* written by Michael Gerard Bauer and Illustrated by Chrissie Krebs was the winner. *"The Very Noisy Baby"* by Alison Lester and *"Hark. It's Me Ruby Lee"* by Lisa Shanahan and Illustrated by Binny received Honours.

The Book of the Year in the Young Readers section (8-12 years) was *"How to Be"* by Bren MacDibble with *"Henrietta and the Perfect Night"* by Martine Murray and *"Marsh and Me"* also authored by Martine Murray receiving Honours.



### RICE Rally

I enjoyed the pleasure of attending the Renewal and Inter-Church Evangelism (RICE) rally on Saturday evening. Deb Fung, mother of Tegan (K), is the Chief Operations Manager of the organisation and has been involved in the RICE Movement since its inception 16 years ago. Over that time RICE has grown from its Sydney base to include Melbourne and most recently Auckland in New Zealand. Their goal has been, *"uniting young people to pool their gifts and talents to tell the world the most important news of Jesus."*

Saturday evening's rally at Quay Centre at the State Sports Centre, Homebush highlighted this priority. The evening of song, drama and dance was predominantly led by youth that have grown through the RICE Movement. Overseas' guest speaker, Francis Chan, gave an engaging and clear presentation of the Christian Gospel, after which amazingly hundreds of young people committed their lives to following Jesus. It was wonderful to experience other ways, beyond the School, that God is at work in the local region.

A bit of research on the internet led to the discovery of this album cover (right) from 2009, of a slightly younger Deb Fung from her earlier days in RICE. I didn't realise that she was/is such a musical talent. You can hear listen to some of her earlier music on <https://myspace.com/debfung/music/songs>.

Peter Jamieson

## Key Dates

**Fathers Day Breakfast**  
August 31

**Chinese Spectacular**  
September 24

**Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival**  
September 25

**Jump Rope for Heart**  
September 28

**Term 3**  
Start Date Tuesday July 24  
End Date Friday Sept 28

**Term 4**  
Start Date Monday Oct 15

## Term Dates 2018

End Date Friday Dec 7



# School News

## School Photo Day

Thank you to all parents for ensuring their child/ren turned up in full school uniform and neatly presented for School Photo Day. The photographers were very impressed with the cooperation of our students and the photos were all complete prior to morning tea. Any families who forgot to return the order form can visit the photographer's website <https://www.msp.com.au/> and place an order online. Orders are expected back at school and ready for distribution in 6 – 8 weeks time.

## 2018 Sydney Chinese Language Spectacular

This year, our Year 1, 2 and 3 students will be performing in the 2018 Sydney Chinese Language Spectacular. This annual event debuted last year and was a milestone in the development of Chinese language teaching and learning, bringing together talented students from NSW schools and universities to showcase the fruits of their studies in Chinese culture. This year there will be about 40 schools participating.

ICS will be participating in the mass choir as well as presenting a group item. The Spectacular will be held in Sydney Town Hall on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm. Tickets are now on sale (\$15) and can be purchased online through TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/411509>.

Please note that tickets will not be sold at the door and must be purchased online prior to the event. Parents, who are interested in pre-ordering DVDs, please let Miss Su know.

## International Sports Day

Next Wednesday Yr 3 students will be travelling to the Sydney Japanese International School to participate in the Japanese School's annual International Sports day. It is a day where students from varying schools will form mixed teams and have fun while enjoying some low level competitive games and competition. Students will leave our school at 9:15am and travel by private transport to the venue. If you can assist with transport on the day, please let Mrs Liu know. A note with greater detail will be distributed to Year 3 students.

## Merit Certificates

### Week 4

Mianka (K): Completing reading in Chinese thoroughly Esabelle (K): Always completing her classwork neatly and carefully.

Elsa (Yr 1): Always handing her Chinese homework in on time

Ha Yun (Yr 1): Improvement in speaking loudly and clearly during Show & Tell.

Zoe (Yr1): Always paying attention and sitting up straight in Chapel

Skye (Yr 2): Active and enthusiastic participation during devotions and Christian Studies lessons.

Julian (Yr 3): Always listening, following directions and completing classwork on time and to a high standard.

### Week 5

Esabelle (K): Excellent poetry recital in Chinese.

Evelyn (K): Always listening well in class and completing her work neatly.

Genevieve (Yr1): Excellent public speaking skills during Show & Tell.

Joliet (Yr 2): Diligent participation in speaking Chinese during the Maths group work.

Luke (Yr 2): Big improvement in listening skills and concentration in class.

Elijah (Yr 3): Being a kind and caring class member, always actively participating in devotions.

## Community member of the fortnight

This edition we feature Julian from Year 3. This week Julian became the first ICS student to be awarded a Bronze Merit Certificate (for achieving 5 regular assembly merits). Julian's teachers agree that Julian is an exemplary student. She concentrates hard in class and always gives her very best. As a result she continues to achieve very high academic results. Further, she is always polite, cooperative and a servant of others. We commend Julian for the fine example she sets for our whole school community.





# School News

## Assembly Merit Awards

Each Monday assembly, students are presented with merit certificates for notable achievements and/or attitude at school. These merits acknowledge that these students have been making the most of their God given talents and opportunities. A number of students have been awarded multiple certificates over the week, with Julian (Yr 3) being the first to attain a Bronze Certificate. To help parents understand the merit system an explanation follows:

Five regular assembly merits = Bronze Award  
Three Bronze (fifteen regular merits in total) = Silver Award  
Three Silvers (nine bronze/forty-five regular merits in total) = Gold Award

To receive their Bronze Award students must present to their teacher their five regular Merit certificates. To obtain a Silver they must present their three Bronze, and likewise to receive a Gold award they must show their teacher their three Silver Awards.

It may take some time for students to collect enough regular merits to achieve the higher levels. As such students can accumulate their certificates over several years of schooling.

## In the classroom

In celebrating the love of reading students came dressed as their favourite book character. Among our 'special guests' were several Snow Whites, a couple of Cat in the Hats, as well as others such as Peter Pan, Bat-Girl, Fireman Sam, Madeleine just to name a few.

Reading is more than a skill, it is a source of lifetime enjoyment. Parents are encouraged to take the opportunity to read to your children every evening. You may even like to have your child join the local library to broaden the selection of books.

## Eggs for lunch!

I have been informed that the student who was allergic to egg products has grown out of this food allergy and thus students can now bring food items that contain egg products to school.

## Start of the school day

Just a gentle reminder to parents that the School day begins with a whole school assembly at 9:15am. We realise that with the colder mornings it is more difficult to get children out of bed and moving, however in recent days it has not been unusual to have less than half the students in line ready for assembly at 9:15am.

Morning assembly is a very important part of the school day. It is a time we come together as a whole school. Also announcements are given and the School prays recognising that ICS is God's community and as such the day is committed to Him.



Chinese Character of  
the Week

我喜欢阅读

Wǒ xǐhuān yuèdú

I love (like) reading



**BOOM!** is a Kids Club for children in  
school years K-4.

**BEGINS FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2018**

**Fridays 4pm - 5.30pm**

**St Paul's Chatswood**

1 View Street Chatswood

**\$2 per week or \$15 per term**

Afternoon tea  
Bible talk

Games  
Music

For more information or to register visit  
[www.stpauls.org.au/connect/kids](http://www.stpauls.org.au/connect/kids)



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As an Approved Provider of out of school hours care, the ICOSHC program complies with the National Quality Framework for school aged care.

The Quality Standard promotes the safety, health and wellbeing of children and focuses on achieving outcomes for children through high-quality educational programs.

Our qualified and experienced educators provide this through the creation of an age appropriate activity program in a stimulating and enjoyable environment that exceeds the National Standards. At ICOSHC, your child is safe, engaged and well cared for. You are invited to drop by before or after school, or enrol by visiting <http://www.primaryoshcare.com.au/enrol-and-book>

## National Quality Standard



<b>1</b> Educational program and practice	A program helps each child to learn and develop. Experiences stimulate and engage each child. <b>Examples of what to look for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Your child's interests and ideas are included in the program.</li><li>Your child is supported by education to participate in play and learning.</li></ul>	<b>WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?</b> High quality education and care gives children the best start in life.
<b>2</b> Children's health and safety	Your child's safety and health are important all day, every day. Your child will be safely supervised and will feel secure. <b>Examples of what to look for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Your child's service takes precautions to protect children from illness and hazards.</li><li>Food and drinks provided by the service are nutritious and appropriate for children.</li></ul>	Families can be confident that their children are in safe and healthy environments.
<b>3</b> Physical environment	Indoor and outdoor spaces allow your child to play, learn and develop their skills. <b>Examples of what to look for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Outdoor and indoor spaces are welcoming and suitable for children.</li><li>Buildings, furniture, equipment and resources are safe and well-maintained.</li><li>Children can participate in a range of experiences.</li></ul>	Play and learning help develop skills for life.
<b>4</b> Staffing arrangements	Qualification requirements and educator-to-child ratios mean greater individual care and attention for your child. <b>Examples of what to look for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Educators know your child's interests.</li><li>There are enough staff to ensure children are adequately supervised and receive the attention they need to learn and develop.</li></ul>	Quality care means your child will be educated and cared for by professionals.
<b>5</b> Relationships with children	Your child will feel safe, secure and that they belong. Positive relationships with educators help your children to play and learn. <b>Examples of what to look for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Your child is made to feel supported and welcomed.</li><li>Educators respond to the individual needs and interests of children.</li></ul>	Children need quality care and attention that meets their individual needs.
<b>6</b> Partnerships with families and communities	When families and communities are part of a service, your child learns and develops better. <b>Examples of what to look for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Respectful and supportive relationships with families are encouraged.</li><li>Your family's beliefs and values are respected by the service.</li><li>The service builds relationships and engages with the local community.</li></ul>	You should feel included and a part of your child's service.
<b>7</b> Leadership and service management	The service is well managed and provides a safe and healthy learning environment. <b>Examples of what to look for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The service has a positive organisational culture.</li><li>Educators are valued and have a clear understanding of the service's goals and expectations.</li></ul>	Quality education and care is based on effective leadership.



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### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY – [mq.edu.au/about/holidays](http://mq.edu.au/about/holidays)

- Children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment.
- Courses teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.
- Students are provided with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.
- Courses are added and rotated each school holidays, and drop off and pick-up times are designed for the working parent.
- The Junior Science Academy is for children in Years K-6 in primary school.



<b>Drop off</b>	8.30am – 9.30am
<b>Activities</b>	9.30am – 4.30pm
<b>Pick-up</b>	4.30pm – 5.30pm
<b>Cost</b>	\$122

