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25th September Term 3 Week 10

From the Principal

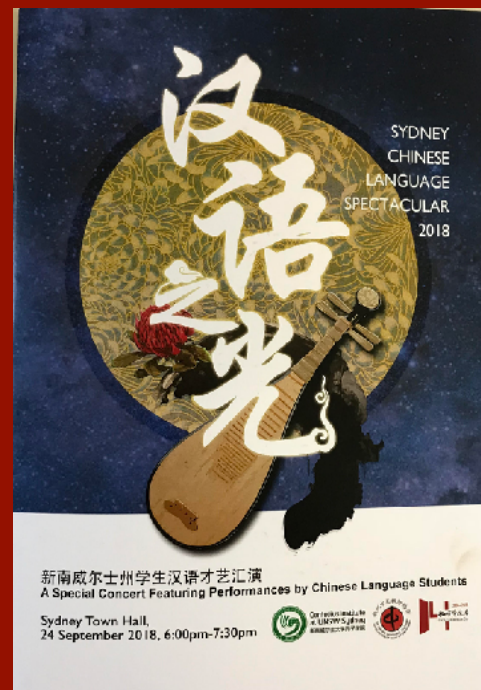
Sydney Chinese Language Spectacular

On the evening of Monday 24th September students from Years 1-3 participated in the Sydney Chinese Language Spectacular 2018. The event was organised by the Confucius Institute of the University of NSW and the Chinese Language Teachers Association of NSW. Over 15 primary and secondary schools contributed to what proved to be a wonderful celebration of Chinese language and culture.

ICS students from Years 1-3, as part of the combined choir, sang *Full Moon in August*, *Mid-Autumn Festival*, *Light up the World* and *The Donkey who loves a Carrot*. Joliet, Chloe, Clayton and Jethro performed the comic piece *Three and Half Sentences* to the cheers of the audience.

Our school clearly had the youngest students involved in the evening and their growing proficiency in Mandarin was evident to all. A special thanks is due to Miss Su for her work in preparing our students for the evening's performances, and also to Mrs Llewelyn for her practical expertise in assisting with the organisation. Also to Mrs Liu for the great foundation she has laid in teaching Mandarin to students of ICS, and for her continued contribution to the school's bilingual program.

Mrs Jamieson and I really enjoyed the evening and look forward to next year's spectacular with great anticipation.



Key Dates

Jump Rope for Heart
September 28

Kindergarten Orientation
November 15

Presentation Assembly
5th December 2pm

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

School News

Very impressive NAPLAN results for ICS

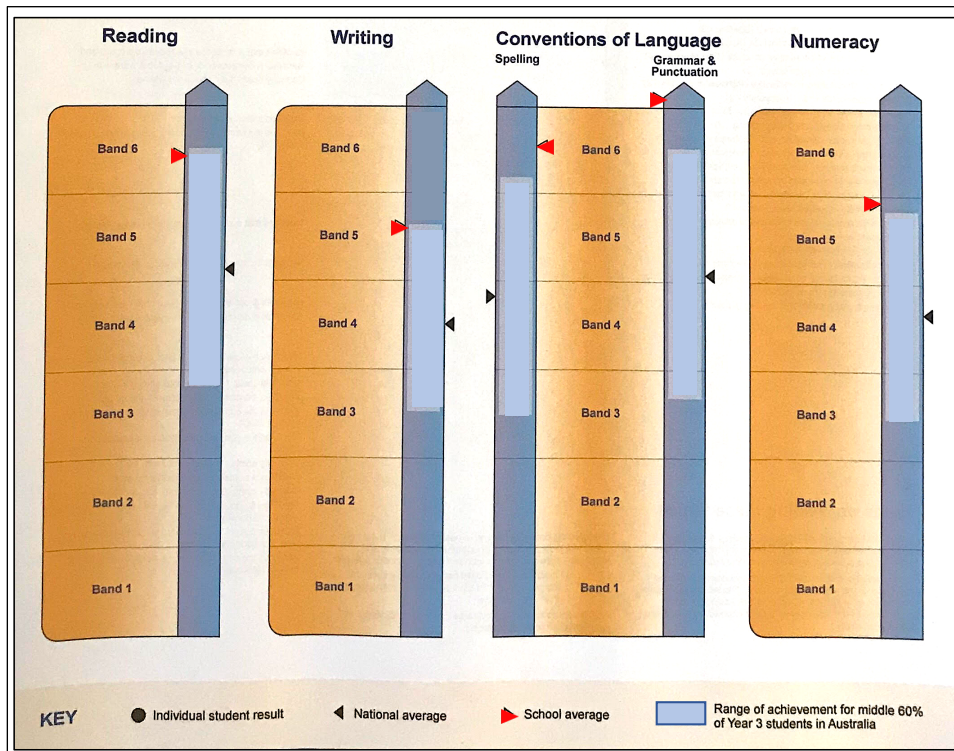
I am very pleased to report that our first group of students (Year 3) to undertake the NAPLAN testing performed exceptionally well. Teachers and parents alike were very pleased with the performance of all students.

Students were tested in Numeracy and Literacy. Literacy was further broken down into Reading; Writing; Conventions of Language (Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation). The school average in all areas well and truly exceeded national averages, with results in Grammar & Punctuation in particular being off the chart. An image of the results table has been included below to provide detail on the School's overall performance.

Mrs Llewelyn has done a magnificent job teaching Year 3 this year. The results also highlight the fine efforts of Mrs Yu and her teaching team in laying solid foundations over previous years.

Very significantly the results indicate that students' development of literacy and numeracy skills has been enhanced by the School's bilingual Mandarin focus. The strong performance is in line with research that suggests learning a second language heightens brain function and benefits overall learning.

A special congratulations and well done goes to all Year 3 students for their application in making the most of the educational opportunities that God has provided for them.



Peter Jamieson
Principal

THE TERM IN REVIEW



School News

Community Member of the Week

This week we feature Alythea of class 1/2NS. Alythea is a hard working student who consistently gives her best in class. She is always friendly and her bright smile cheers all with whom she comes into contact.

Alythea flew out of Australia to return to Singapore to live and continue her schooling. She will be greatly missed by our entire school community.

Merit Certificates

Students who have made the most of their God given gifts and opportunities over recent weeks include:

Week 8

Sarah (K): Excellent enthusiasm in singing Chinese songs.

Nikita (K): Her improved listening skills during class discussions, remembering to stay on task.

Clayton (Yr 1/2): Good participation in the classroom discussion about the history of Chatswood.

Alice (Yr 1/2): Always listening attentively in class, following instructions well.

Jethro (Yr1/2): Working hard in spelling and achieving top mark in weekly spelling tests.

Euna (Yr1/2): Principal's Chapel Award for listening attentively and singing the National Anthem loudly.

Julian (Yr 3) Excellent academic performance in all key learning areas.

Week 9

Josephine (K) Good number counting work during Maths, improvement on skip counting 5s and 10s.

Evelyn (K): Always trying her best in doing every classroom task.

Alicia (Yr 1/2): Good team work during the science 'spaghetti and marshmallow tower' challenge.

Alycia (Yr 1/2): Always delivering high standard Show and Tell presentations, mature and poised, with visual Power-points.

Susannah (Yr 3): Excellent effort in English with the 'Number the Stars' class activity.

Bronze Awards

Bronze awards for receiving five assembly merits:

Joshua (K)

Esabelle (K)

Alice (Yr 1/2)

Euna (Yr 1/2)

Fitness Term 4

The Monday and Wednesday fitness session for students will continue in Term 4. As the Spring weather will be hottest in the middle of the day, fitness sessions will be held first thing. This will not negatively impact learning in the morning session as research has shown that physical activity first thing in the morning can improve student learning.

Kindergarten 2019

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 have been strong and only half a dozen places remain. If you know of someone who is interested in enrolling their child at the School could you please encourage them to email our Registrar, Mr Tse, at registrar@intcs.nsw.edu.au or alternatively ring the school.



School News

In the Classroom

Recently Year 1/2NS completed some construction challenges as part of their Science unit. Faced with only marshmallows and uncooked spaghetti, students were challenged to build the highest tower they possible could. Students developed teamwork and strategy while planning a three dimensional scaffold. All students thoroughly enjoyed the exercise (no doubt a few marshmallows were consumed along the way). The winners on the day were Jethro, Euna and Alythea with the tallest spaghetti/marshmallow tower.

Term 4

Term 3 is rapidly coming to a close. After the two-week vacation students will return on Mon 15th October. Term 4 is shorter in length, being only 8 weeks. Parents, please mark in your diaries the afternoon of Monday December 3, as the ICS Presentation Afternoon will be held on this date. This event will prove a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank God for all that has been achieved in the lives of students throughout the year.

Uniform

All students are required to be in full summer uniform for Term 4. Parents are asked to please check whether new items need to be purchased. Uniforms can be purchased from Mrs Tse in reception on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

One aspect in which there has been a pattern of non-compliance has to do with jewellery. Can parents please ensure their child/ren comply particularly with the flowing excerpt from the ICS Uniform Code.

“Make-up and Jewellery

No make-up or coloured nail polish is to be worn.

Girls are permitted to wear simple, matching plain studs or small sleeper earrings, one in each ear lobe.

No jewellery is to be worn however a simple/plain wristwatch is not considered jewellery.”

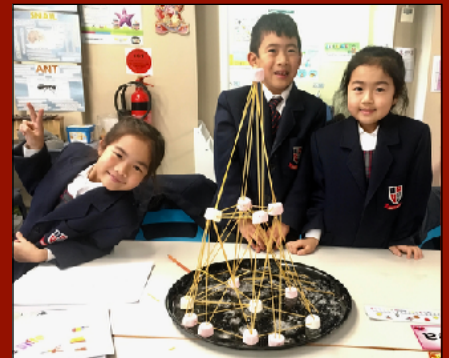
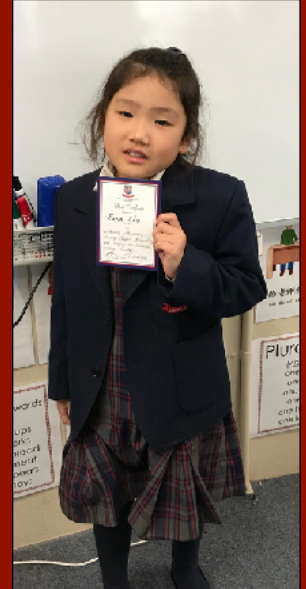
This policy is in place to avoid competition between students and to ensure expensive personal items are not damaged or lost at school.

Jump Rope for Heart

Students will participate in the Jump Rope for Heart *skip-off* this Friday. Students are invited to wear comfortable red mufti clothes suitable for skipping. Students are asked to bring sponsorship forms and money raised to Miss Nguyen on the day.

Farewell Mr Lee

Practicum teacher from Excelsior College, Mr David Lee, finished his time with ICS last week. Although Mr Lee's time with the school was short, just five weeks, he contributed greatly to the lives of our students. From his creative lessons in Mandarin and English, to his spectacular soccer skills, students appreciated his input and are already missing him. Mr Lee is heading off to Hong Kong to work as a soccer coach and teacher in a school. May God richly bless his paths.



CHINESE CHARACTERS OF THE WEEK

愿你享受一个幸福的假期

Yuàn nǐ xiǎngshòu yīgè xìngfú de jiàqī

May you enjoy a blessed holiday



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Vacation Care Early Bird rates close on the 17th of September – hurry, book now!
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