



THE VINE

6 April 2018 Term 1 Week 10

From the Principal

The School Easter Chapel Service proved a wonderfully appropriate event for the ICS community. As a Christian school, Easter is one of the most significant events in our School calendar. The breadth of human emotions is experienced, as on one hand we reflect upon the incredible sacrifice that Jesus made dying on the Cross for our sins. On the other hand, we rejoice and celebrate in His rising from the dead proving He had the authority to offer eternal life to all who turn to Him.

On the day, Mianka & Joshua (Year K), Chloe & Jethro (Year 1/2) and Elijah & Julian (Year 3) displayed great confidence in leading our community in prayer. Our entire student body led us in song with a particularly touching singing of a Chinese Easter Song, 求主充满我 (*qiú zhǔ chōng mǎn wǒ* – “Lord, Please fill me up”). Our students enjoyed a visit from a guest magician, *Marvin the Miraculous*. Clayton (Year 1/2) who especially relished in his role as the magician’s apprentice. We concluded with the sharing of high-quality chocolate Easter eggs as we celebrated new life available for all through Jesus.

While special events such as these are important to our school, we too want to acknowledge God as Head of this school, and proclaim loudly that Jesus is always welcome at ICS.



Regards,
Peter Jamieson
Principal (Acting)

Key Dates

Healthy Harold

Monday April 9

Term Dates 2018

Term 1

End Date Friday April 13

Term 2

Start Date Tuesday May 1

End Date Friday July 6

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

Playground update

With the installation of the net that divides the playground in two, students are once again enjoying the opportunity to run and play ball at recess and lunch. The limited play area had caused some issues with children who enjoy more passive play receiving an occasional bump or knock from some more active students. The area on the View Street side of the net is for students who enjoy more active play, including ball games. The area adjacent to reception is for those who enjoy more passive playtime activities such as quiet conversation. We thank our students for their patience in waiting for the installation to be completed.

Caring for the Environment

Society as a whole is becoming far more conscious about caring for the environment. At school, we have recycling (particularly of paper), no waste Wednesday, and through the curriculum, we raise student consciousness of practical ways each of us can be more environmentally responsible.

One area many schools are attempting to reform relates to the distribution of their regular newsletters. Paper usage equates to deforestation which in turn can affect the quality of the air. In an effort to reduce the School's environmental footprint, I am proposing that from Term 2 onwards, the newsletter, *The Vine*, will no longer be sent home to parents in hard copy. Rather, parents will receive notification via email that a new edition has been published with a 'link' that will be taken to the e-copy of the newsletter on the ICS website. This will not only help the environment but will also substantially reduce our printing costs allowing the funds saved to be invested in other learning resources.

This approach was adopted in my previous two schools, and after a brief period of adjustment enjoyed full support of the school communities. If you have an issue with this suggestion or have any changes to contact information, please email me on peter.jamieson@intcs.nsw.edu.au. I would be pleased to receive feedback.

School Vacation

The term has past very quickly and it is hard to believe that the end of term is near. Just a reminder for families that the last day of School for the term will be Friday 13th of April. Students will return to school on Tuesday 1st of May, with Monday of 30th of April being a pupil-free staff development day.

Students are expected to wear full winter school uniform in Terms 2 & 3. If you need to purchase new uniform items this will need to be organised prior to the holidays. Purchases can be made Tuesday and Thursday only and parents are asked to contact Mrs Tse (admin@intcs.nsw.edu.au) to arrange an appointment for fitting.



Noticeboard

Community member of the Fortnight

Our community member of the fortnight for this edition is Genevieve from (Year 1/2). Genevieve is an enthusiastic learner who is keen to give her best in class. She has sharp mind and asks some clever questions that enhance the learning of all her class. She is always friendly, happy and a fine example for others to follow.

In the Classroom

The students in Year 1/2 have really been enjoying their silent reading sessions. They have especially liked relaxing among the comfy cushions while they devour their favourite books. The best thing parents can do to develop their children's literacy skills is to encourage them in their love of reading. A key is a good supply of books that your child is interested in. A regular family excursion to the bookshop for children to choose a book is a great way to build the family library collection. For children (particularly boys) whose interest begins to wain, graphic novels can prove a great incentive.

Healthy Harold

Healthy Harold will be back visiting the school on Monday 9th of April. Life Education have been visiting schools for nearly 40 years, empowering children and young people to make safer and healthier choices. They are Australia's largest preventative health organisation, endeavouring to help children to live a safe and healthy life through education. Year 3 will hear from Healthy Harold in the morning session, Kindergarten in the middle session with Year 1/2 after lunch.

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to recipients (featured on the right) of Certificates of Merit presented at Assembly for Week 9.

From left to right: Esabelle (Year K), Enoch (Year K), Skye (Year 1/2), Faith (Year 3)

Library news

I am pleased to report that the School library is up and running and students are able to borrow books once again. A special thank you to Andrew Lam, father of Enoch (K) for his assistance with the shelving, and Gloria Nien, mother of Josie in Kindergarten for her extensive work in electronic cataloguing of our entire library collection.

