



THE VINE

22 March 2018 Term 1 Week 8

From the Principal

"LIKE

*Like your landlord becoming your lodger;
Like your managing director up before you for an interview;
Like Beethoven queuing for a ticket to his own concert;
Like a headmaster getting the cane;
Like a good architect living in a slum built by a rival;
Like Picasso painting by numbers;
God lived among us."*

Author Unknown

The above poem serves as a wonderful reminder of just how deep God's love is for each of us. The awesome and all-powerful God, the God who created the whole universe, humbled himself and in the person of Jesus walked among us.

Driven by love, God invaded our world. He was on a rescue mission, to restore humankind to enjoy the relationship with Him that was intended from the beginning. As we approach Easter we are reminded that our salvation came at a great cost, with Jesus suffering a cruel and agonising death on a cross to pay the ransom for our sins.

As the poet reminds us, "God lived among us". We, however, must be careful that we do not view this reality in past tense alone. Jesus defeated death, and on the third day He rose from the grave. Through his resurrection Jesus proved he had defeated sin, and could deliver on his offer of eternal life for all who turn to Him. The God who lived among us was alive once more.

The great news is that Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, continues to live among us today. God is not, as Bette Middler's song would have us believe, watching us from a distance. Rather He is present and busy transforming us and the whole of His creation to His original good intent, thus providing us the opportunity to walk with him for ever.

"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive."
1 Corinthians 15:20-22

I extend a very warm welcome for parents and other family members and friends to join with staff and students for our special Easter Chapel, to be held on Thursday 29th March commencing at 2:15pm.

May all families of the School enjoy a blessed and restful Easter,
Peter Jamieson
Principal (Acting)

Key Dates

Easter Chapel

Thursday March 29

Easter Break

Friday March 30

Monday April 2

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

Community member of the Fortnight

Our community member of the fortnight is Mianka Santhi-Morgan. Mianka is a hard worker who always gives her best effort in all that she does. Her happy and friendly personality makes her very popular among her peers. She is a positive role model to all students.

Parent Help

On behalf of students and staff, a huge thank you to those parents who have helped covering Mandarin readers over the past fortnight. Our helpers did an amazing job in covering over 200 books which are now ready for student use. Further, another group of willing parents have been assisting in organising the library and student borrowing should commence over the upcoming weeks. We are so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community.

In the Classroom

This week we feature some great work completed by students in their Mandarin classes. The school aims for students not only to become fluent speakers of Mandarin, but also literate in both reading and writing. These students' written work was so impressive that they received special Principal's Award stickers from my top drawer.

Bullying, No Way Day!

Along with students across the nation, our students made a stand against bullying last Friday. Students were reminded that God created us to share loving and positive relationships with each other. Further, proactive strategies for being a good friend were shared.

The School has a zero-tolerance policy in relation to bullying. There will be times when conflict will arise between students, as it does for adults. Students must be taught how to deal with conflict, and protective measures that can be taken. If parents have any concerns about friendship issues in relation to their child they should speak to the class teacher. The school adopts a restorative approach to damaged relationships, with a focus on empathy, respect and restored relationship.



Noticeboard

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be conducted during the 2nd last week of term. This will provide the opportunity for teachers to provide feedback on student progress to date this year. Interviews will be scheduled for 10 minute intervals.

Sessions will run from 3:00-6:30pm as follows:

Tuesday 3rd April	Miss Nguyen, Miss Su, Mrs Fitzpatrick
Wednesday 4th April	Mrs Liu
Thursday 5 th April	Miss Nguyen, Miss Su, Mrs Llewelyn

Please return to classroom teachers the tear-off slip at the end of this newsletter nominating your preferred day/s and timeslots. Teachers will do their best to meet parent requests, but due to the number of families some adjustments inevitably will need to be made. If you are unavailable on the nominated days, please liaise with your child's teacher to make alternate arrangements.

Parking at Church

A reminder to parents that St Paul's Anglican Church has a busy program with many mid-week activities. While parents are most welcome to use the carpark at drop off/pick up time and when they are visiting the school the carpark is not to be used as a parking option when parents leave for work or other offsite activities. It would be appreciated if parents would cooperate with this policy.

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to recipients (featured right) of Certificates of Merit presented at Assembly for Week 7 & 8.

Week 7 (from left to right):

Grace Cho (Year 3), Joliet Brennan (Year 2), Sarah Wong (Kindergarten), Esabelle Chung (Kindergarten), Nikita Monaghan (Kindergarten)

Week 8 (from left to right):

Tristan Lin (Year 3), Ava Ting (Kindergarten), Sarah Wong (Kindergarten), Ha Yun Jo (Year 1), Estabelle Chung (Kindergarten)

Enrolments 2019

I am very happy to report that enrolment interest is very strong, especially for 2019, 2020 entry. Eleven Kindergarten interviews have been booked for the upcoming weeks, and those already interviewed have all accepted their places. With the rest expected to follow suit there will only be 8-10 places available for Kindergarten next year. If you have family or friends who may be interested in enrolling their child/ren, please encourage them to contact our Registrar, Mr Anthony Tse, on registrar@intcs.nsw.edu.au as the remaining places are expected to fill quickly, and a waiting list will then be in place. We give God praise for his faithfulness to the school, with this increased interest in the unique education we have to offer.





PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS TERM ONE 2018

Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted during Week 10 (2nd last week of term), between Tuesday the 3rd of April and Thursday the 5th of April. This will provide the opportunity for teachers to provide feedback on student progress to date this year. Interviews will be scheduled for 10 minute intervals.

I _____ (parent/s name) would like to book interview times with my child/ren's _____ (student name/s) teachers:

Please indicate (✓) which teacher/s you would like to meet with:

Mrs Fitzpatrick (Tues only)	
Mrs Liu (Wed only)	
Mrs Llewelyn (Thurs only)	
Mrs Nguyen (Tues/Thurs)	
Miss Su (Tues/Thurs)	

Please indicate (✓) your preferred/available timeslots.

	3:00-4:00pm	4:00-5:00pm	5:00-6:30pm
Tuesday 3 rd April			
Wednesday 4 th April			
Thursday 5 th April			

Teachers will do their best to meet requests. Interview times will be emailed to parents.

I will be present each evening and am free to speak with parents. I can be found in my office or out and about around the School. No appointment will be necessary.

Peter Jamieson
Principal (Acting)