



THE VINE

8 July 2018 Term 3 Week 2

From the Principal

ICS is certainly blessed with a wonderful sense of community. This is pleasing to God because he created us in His image, as relational beings. God is ever present within our school community blessing us by drawing us together, redeeming and restoring relationships to His original good intent.

A sign of the wonderful community that exists is the time our parents spend socialising while their children play well beyond the end of the school day. I, as well as staff, enjoy sharing in these times, as relationship grows with the families of the school.

A recent issue with a parent correcting another family's child caused some concern. To ensure ongoing positive relationships are maintained there are a few simple expectations that need to be followed:

- Parents are responsible for supervision of their child/ren during this time.
- Parents are asked to be active in their supervision, and address issues of rough or inappropriate play before they escalate.
- Parents are responsible for the discipline of their own children. If you have concern with the behaviour of another child towards your own, please raise it with the parent and not the child. Verbal or physical disciplinary interactions with another family's child are not appropriate.
- While teachers are not on supervision duty at this time, if a disagreement does arise, please do not hesitate to bring it to the immediate attention of Mr Jamieson or one of the teachers.

By applying these few expectations our community will be robust enough to navigate some of the inevitable relational issues that do arise from time to time when living in a less than perfect world.

"The glory which You have given Me (Jesus) I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them, even as You have loved Me."

(John 17:22-23)

Farewell 'Mr Ash'

On a sad note Mr Ashley Kwok, who has worked in Administration at the school for the past 2 years has tendered his resignation effective August 16.

Mr Ash (as the children know him by) has supported the school through the many functions he has fulfilled. He has helped out with reception, aided teachers in the preparation for their classes, and assisted with Information Technology and record keeping in the school. However, his most significant contribution to the lives of the children has been through his recess/lunch supervision of student playtime.

We thank him for his faithful and friendly service of the school community. While he may be leaving his formal role with the School, he will remain close at hand as he commences in the role of Assistant Coordinator with our on-site before and after school care provider.

Peter Jamieson
Principal (Acting)

Key Dates

Book Week

August 20-24

Assembly and Parade

Tuesday August 21

Book Fair

Thursday August 23

Fathers Day Breakfast

August 31

Chinese Spectacular

September 24

Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

September 25

Jump Rope for Heart

September 28

Term Dates 2018

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

Taipei Youth Folk Sports Group visit

On Tuesday July 31, the School enjoyed a visit and performance of the Taipei Youth Folk Sports group. In Taipei's primary and junior high schools there are a significant number of children who have committed to learning three folk sports in their pursuit of excellence at school. Through hard work, lots of practice and competitions the best performing students are selected to be members of the Taipei Youth Folk Sports Group, an organisation established over 30 years ago by the Taipei city government.

Members of the Taipei Youth Folk Sports Group participate in an international tour. The 26 students who visited ICS came from Xi-Yuan Elementary School, WuXing Elementary School and Hong-Dao Junior High School. Our students were mesmerised as the visitors demonstrated their skills in Taiwan's culturally unique style of rope skipping, diabolo (Chinese yo-yo) spinning and shuttlecock choreographed combining elements of music, dance, gymnastics and drama.

At the conclusion of the performance, ICS students (and some parents and teachers) had the opportunity to try their own skills at each of the Folk sports demonstrated. Overall, the day proved an ideal opportunity for our students to grow in their appreciation of the rich cultural history and diversity of Mandarin speaking communities around the world.

Fathers' Day barbeque

The school will be inviting all fathers to join with their child for a special Father's Day barbeque breakfast. The event will be held on Friday August 31 at 8am at the school. I would ask fathers of the school to mark the event in their diaries.

A global perspective

Most parents are aware that the Anglo Australian Christian and Charitable Fund (AACCF) provide financial support to the school during these formative years. This has enabled the school to maintain its fees at a very affordable level compared to other independent schools in the local area.

The AACCF is an international charity registered through the United Kingdom Charity commission. Trustees are located across the globe. The charity supports various Christian ministries around the world, with particular and increasing focus on establishing new Christian schools.

The King's College, in Lubumbashi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is the latest school under AACCF sponsorship. Headmaster, Mr John Kapend Tshiyamb, opened the school mid 2017 with 26 students enrolled in Kindergarten. Presently, 8 new classrooms are being built to accommodate additional enrolments for the new academic year which commences in September.

DRC is considered part of the developing world, and over recent times the country has known great poverty and civil unrest. Things we take for granted such as reliable power supply present challenges for the school. King's College is committed to raising a generation of Godly, educated leaders who will partner with Jesus in transforming their nation to God's original good intent.

Please pray for Mr Kapend Tshiyamb, his students and staff, that their school will continue to flourish and that they will be protected from the political instability that is often associated with that region of the world.



Noticeboard



Community member of the fortnight

This week, we feature K-2 teacher, Miss Tina Nguyen. Miss Nguyen is a very experienced classroom teacher who has proven a real asset to the School. Her enthusiasm is contagious which combined with the care and support she provides, makes her well loved by students. She is very dedicated and stays back well beyond school hours ensuring marking of student work is up-to-date and preparations are made for the ensuing day. We give God thanks for leading Miss Nguyen to ICS.

Parent – Teacher interviews

Parent-teacher interviews were held on Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Tuesday 7th of August. The interviews provided a formal opportunity for teachers to report on students' academic progress and nurture an ongoing partnership with families of the school. Parents are reminded that they do not have to wait for formal interview sessions to receive feedback on their children's progress. Parents are encouraged to take less formal opportunities to catch up with teachers in following up from the recent interviews. A reminder that the most regular form of communication with home is the student diary. Also, teachers are available via email for less complicated concerns that can be communicated in no more than a few short paragraphs. More detailed communication should be taken up over the phone or through booking an interview before or after school throughout the term.

School banking

School banking is available for students on Tuesdays during term time. Two parents are required to work together on this project as this is best practice when dealing with cash. Our present team's availability has changed, and it would be great if we could find another couple of parents to take on the role. Please contact Mimi on mimilu@hotmail.com if you are available or would like to obtain more information. The whole task only takes around 30 mins with two people working together and is generally completed by 9:30am. School banking teaches children about finance and responsibility, and it would be a shame to see the service cease due to lack of available volunteers.



Merit awards

The following students have been making the most of their God given interests, talents and opportunities:

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Sarah (K)	Being a kind and helpful friend, always gentle and caring towards others.
Josie (K)	Great improvement in completing Chinese writing tasks.
Alicia (Yr 1/2)	Always listening attentively during class and contributing to discussions.
Joliet (Yr 1/2)	Big improvement in handwriting.
Jethro (Yr 1/2)	Great participation in classroom activities.
Faith (Yr 3)	Excellent contributions to class discussions during English novel studies.

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Edwina (K)	Always listening attentively during class discussions.
Nikita (K)	Great improvement with addition in Maths class.
Clayton (Yr 1/2)	Always asking thought provoking questions and contributing interesting ideas during discussions.
Alice (Yr 1/2)	Beautiful, neat handwriting in Chinese
Euna (Yr 1/2)	Always completing her homework and handing it in on time.
Tristan (Yr 3)	Outstanding effort in English, Maths and Science.



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Visiting teacher

Mr David Onweu Lee will be with us over the next five weeks. Mr Onweu Lee is training to be a Languages teacher and is completing his Masters of Teaching through Excelsior College, Macquarie Park. He is fluent in Mandarin and will be working primarily with Miss Su and her K-2 classes. This will be his last school Practicum placement, after which he will take up a teaching position overseas. We welcome Mr Onweu Lee to our school community.

Chinese character of the fortnight

好朋友们

Hǎo péng yǒu men

Good Friends

BOOK WEEK

Book Week will be celebrated the week commencing Monday 20th of August. Each year across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Book Week. During this time, schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature and you will often see children's book character parades and talented librarians creating amazing displays. Generally, the CBCA Book of the Year winner's announcement is the third Friday in August, and CBCA Book Week commences the following day.

ICS will be conducting a variety of book week activities. On the Tuesday 21st of August, students will be invited to dress as their favourite book character. That afternoon, we will hold a special book week assembly. The book fair will be held on Thursday 23rd August and parents will be able to purchase books for their children or alternatively to donate to the school library. Unfortunately, Chatswood Library was completely booked for the entirety of Book Week, so we will organise a visit early in September. Please direct any questions regarding Book Week to Mrs Fitzpatrick.

What's Miss Ng up to?

Recently, we heard from Miss Ng who was a much-loved teacher at ICS up until the end of last year. It was exciting to see that her plans for the future are taking shape. Miss Ng has a heart for serving God overseas and prior to commencing at ICS, she spent 12 months supporting mission work in Taiwan. In 2019, she is planning to head back overseas, this time to join the International Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) in Singapore. She will be working closely with children of missionary families preparing them for the cultural change they will experience as when they head off to the field. Please pray for Miss Ng as she spends the remainder of the year preparing herself for her time in Singapore. Miss Ng will be visiting the school one Monday soon, and be sharing with students at Chapel time.

Please pray...

Please pray for Sean Lee, father of Skye (Yr 1/2). During a vigorous game of 'Bubble-Soccer' Sean shattered his ankle in three places. He underwent surgery on Friday 10th of August and will spend some time recuperating. Please pray that Sean will make a complete and speedy recovery. Also pray for Eva as she will have increased demands, especially with three young children.

