

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
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**CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL**

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**A Word from Principal**

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the new term of our school. This term we have seen more new students joined us than last year. With great delight, we have also met new enthusiastic parents. I wish all students may find the school not only offers them the language skills and cultural knowledge but also the care loving atmosphere in which students may feel encouraged to learn and practice the Chinese Language and share their study experience with the peers in a relaxed environment.

On behalf of our teachers I would like to thank parents for the great support they have displayed over the first half of the year for your children's study. Without your support and encouragement the progress made by our students as well as their willingness in acquiring the Chinese language skills would have been different. If you have any questions regarding the progress of your children, or suggestions to our class teaching and school administration, please do not hesitate to contact the teachers or myself. Your input is very important to us as we are keen to find the areas that we can improve.

Our school's main focus for the rest of the year remains on the teaching of Chinese Language. All our endeavors have been given to help and guide our students to make progress in their study. So far this year we have tried to minimize the class size so as to create a better teaching environment for our students. This year we have 13 classes of total 150 students. It has seen great turn out in the pre-school and year 1 level enrolment. This reflects the awareness of the importance of Chinese Language Study owing to the emphasis given by our prime minister, Mr. Kevin Rudd, regarding the importance of community languages, and the rapid development of China and its impact to the Australian economy. More and more parents have shared the view that the earlier the child starts the study of a second language the better chance the child may stay with the study and achieve a better result. Last semester also saw the start of level 8 and level 9 classes. Under the supervision of our teacher Ms Patricia Huang, our adult class has become a very united group. In this year's National Chinese Eisteddfod our adult students have performed poet citation in front of huge audiences and received praises from Chinese Language Council of NSW and media. We have also started our adult beginner class this year using <Conversational Chinese 301> textbook. For those who are interested in the beginning class please call me or come to school to find out more details.

The last six months also witnessed the fruition of hard work done by our teachers and students. There have been 20 students participated 2008 National Chinese Eisteddfod. Amid the ever

increased competition environment, our students have achieved impressive results.

**CCCA-CLS 2008 Semester 2 (term 3 & term 4) Calendar**

DATE	WK	TERM 3 EVENTS/TASKS
26/7	1	<b>Term 3 Commences, Semester 2 fee collection</b> , Knowing China through the Olympics
2/8	2	Knowing China through the Olympics
9/8	3	Knowing China through the Olympics - prize draw
16/8	4	<b>Class Open Day</b> - 9:00 ~ 9:45 am
23/8	5	National Chinese writing competition closes today
30/8	6	Preparation of the School Mid-Autumn Festival
6/9	7	Preparation of the School Mid-Autumn Festival
13/9	8	Preparation of the School Mid-Autumn Festival, Chinese writing competition today
20/9	9	School Mid-Autumn Festival Performances 10:30am ~1:30 am, <b>End of the Term 3</b>
DATE	WK	TERM 4 EVENTS/TASKS
18/10	1	<b>Term 4 Commences</b> Class Roll/Cleanliness Forms to Teachers
25/10	2	
1/11	3	Class open day
8/11	4	Exam papers collection, class yearly school presentation preparation
15/11	5	Class yearly school presentation preparation
22/11	6	Yearly oral exam, teachers to prepare the student reports, class yearly school presentation preparation
29/11	7	Yearly Written Exam, teachers to prepare the student reports, class yearly school presentation preparation
6/12	8	Reports to be handed to students
13/12	9	Last Day of Term 4, Yearly School Presentation at John Purchase Primary School, <b>Last Day of Term 4</b>

We try every effort to assist teachers' development and encourage them to adopt the communicative education methods in the classroom. Two teachers have completed trainings in Hang Zhou Normal University in China. We have three teachers completed Professional Development Certificate last year and another two teachers are doing the Bachelor and Mater degree in Education separately.



Our staff joined CCCA Senior Group in raising fund for Australian Red Cross's China Sichuan Earthquake Relief



Samantha Martinic (congratulated by teacher Mr. Kane Fang) has won gold again in the 2008 National Chinese Eisteddfod.

#### Minister Award Winners Announced

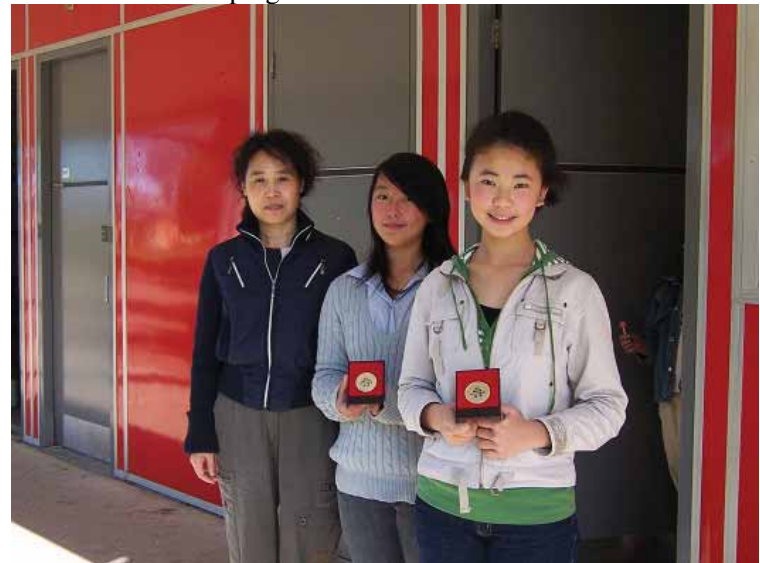
Congratulations to our students **Daisy (Tong) Zheng** and **Stephanie Kan** for winning Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement – Community Language School Students. Both of them have won awards in essay writing and Chinese Eisteddfod. Well done Daisy and Stephanie!

#### Mark for Your 2009 Planner - CCCA-CLS 2009 Calendar

Term	Starts	Ends	No. of Weeks
1	31/1/09	4/4/09	9
2	2/5/09	4/7/09	10
3	1/8/09	26/9/09	9
4	24/10/09	12/12/09	8

樱桃小溪中文学校“迎奥运，看中国”有奖活动成功举行 Our “Knowing China through the Olympics” has attracted nearly 70 impressive entries. The students from level 1 to level 8 have sent their good wills to the Beijing 2008 Olympics and through the activities many students have gained knowledge about the hosting city Beijing and the Olympic Mascots. This is a lifetime experience for all of us and for Chinese in the world this is the realization of a dream of over 100 years. The prize draw last week has seen many happy participants received beautiful “Chinese Culture Knowledge” T-shirts, the Olympic Mascot key rings or badges. I wish the students carry on the

good work and spirit. I would like to thank Ms Queenie Seto and CCCA-CLS Committee for the donated prizes and thank the teachers for helping the cause.



Proud 2008 National Chinese Eisteddfod the 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner Maryam Zhang (r) and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winner Daisy Zheng (m) are congratulated by teacher Ms Xiaohong Guo (l)



Delighted 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winner Nicole Goh and teacher Ms Christine McDonald



Beijing Huan Ying Ni - “Welcome to Beijing” Our pre-school students are sending their good wishes to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Game supervised by teacher Ms Mingyue Urwin.