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A Word from Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

Happy Year of the Ox! On behalf of our teachers and school committee I would like to extend our warm welcome to new families and students joining our community; also, we are pleased to see the comeback of our students and would like congratulate them for progressing to a new grade. We believe all of you will find the study at our school is an interesting and rewarding experience. You will make new friends and share the same interests and hold same values with other families or classmates. It is encouraging to see this year that there are some motivated parents and students who understand the importance of learning Chinese language in this Australia and geared up to take challenges.

In the December of last year we had a great end-of-year presentation. As I have reported to you in the presentation, we took great pride with the fact that many of our students had performed well through their endeavours. In presenting the awards and certificates to our students and teachers, we acknowledged and encouraged their coherent work. We have also awarded three of our teachers, Ms Mingyue Urwin, Ms Liliane Chen and Ms Xiaohong Guo for their achievement in helping students to developing their potential, which has seen many of our award winning students in the nation or state wide competitions. I would like to thank parents who worked behind the scenes in supporting us by encouraging and supervision of your children. Every now and then, we have received suggestions on our work. We deem that your input is an indispensable part of our progressing programs for the school. I ask for your continuous support in this regard and keep our teachers informed with the status of your children's study so we can address particular need for your children.

Before Christmas in 2007, our school was selected as one of the venues to host the first International Competition of Common Knowledge in Chinese History, Culture and Geography (3C Competition). The response from the students, parents and teachers was overwhelming. One of our students, Miss Daisy Zheng, has achieved outstanding result and has represented Australia to attend 2008 International Chinese General Knowledge High Achiever's Winter Camp in Xiamen, China. Through the two week camp, Daisy has done some intensive training in Chinese knowledge, visited many famous places and staged live TV competition in Xiamen, Fujian province. This experience is invaluable to Daisy. We are proud of Daisy in making contribution for Australian team on our behalf. I attach two photos from the camp and a short note Daisy wrote in Chinese while she was there (along with an English translation). For those who are

interested to know a bit more please visit the Chinese Education Website at:

http://www.hwjyw.com/root_seeking/features/china_knowledge/2008xiamen/

CCCA-CLS 2009 Semester 1 Calendar

DATE	WK	TERM 1 EVENTS/TASKS
31/1	1	School Term 1 Commences Class Roll/Cleanliness Forms to Teachers Enrolment & Semester 1 Fee Payment
7/2	2	Enrolment & Semester 1 Fee Payment Term 1 School New Letter due
14/2	3	
21/2	4	Class Open Day - 9:00 ~ 9:45 am
28/2	5	
7/3	6	
14/3	7	
21/3	8	Minister Award Nomination by Parents, Teachers and Students
28/3	9	Chinese Eisteddfod Competition Practice
4/4	10	Last day of the Term 1
DATE	WK	TERM 2 EVENTS/TASKS
2/5	1	School Term 2 Commences Chinese Eisteddfod Competition Practice
9/5	2	Chinese Eisteddfod Competition Practice
16/5	3	Preparation of the Half Yearly Exam Papers Chinese Eisteddfod Competition Practice, Class Open Day - 9:00 ~ 9:45 am
23/5	4	Collection of Exam Papers for Printing Chinese Eisteddfod Competition (Non-native Mandarin speakers)
30/5	5	Chinese Eisteddfod Competition (Native Mandarin speakers)
6/6	6	
13/6	7	Half Yearly Oral Exam
20/6	8	School Closed for Queen's Birthday Long Weekend.
27/6	9	Half Yearly Written Exam
4/7	10	Student Report Cards to student End of the Term 2
1/8	1	School Term 3 Commences Today

Over the school holiday some of winners from our school in the NSW Chinese Essay Writing Competition have been interviewed by SBS Mandarin and Cantonese programs to share their study experience with other fellow students nationwide. Congratulations on Longen Lan (teacher: Ms Xiaohong Guo), Stephanie Kan (teacher: Ms Liliane Chen) and their families (refer attached photos).

Our school has been trying to teach our students to speak standard Mandarin Chinese with good pronunciation. One of

the programs we have found useful is the poem recital. Here I attach the 2009 (the 20th) National Chinese Eisteddfod Competition for your information. We will also encourage our students to participate. I will send you a separate letter to give you more details later on.

The *National Chinese Eisteddfod Competition* is a nation wide event for Chinese language students in Australia, organized by *Chinese Language Education Council of NSW*, co-organized with Chinese news paper *Sing Tao Daily*. The Competition for this year will be held on Saturday, May 23 and 30 at Strathfield Girls High School. The Registration Fee is \$8.00 per student and should be handed to school not later than Saturday, March 13.

Date: Saturday, May 23 (for Cantonese and non-native speakers); Saturday, May 30 (for native speakers)

Venue: Strathfield Girls High School, 116-146 Albert Road, Strathfield, NSW 2135 (enter via Oxford Road)

Individual Competitor's Age Group:

Native Speakers: 4 to 6 yrs, 7 to 9 yrs, 10 to 12 yrs, 13 to 15 yrs, 16 to 18 yrs, above 19 yrs and adult group

Non-Native Speakers: 4 to 7 yrs, 8 to 12 yrs, 13 to 16 yrs, above 17 yrs and adult group

Group Competitors: the number of participants for each team should be 5 to 15.

Prize: 1st: Medal and \$50 (for individual), \$100 (for group)

2nd: Medal and \$30 (for individual), \$50 (for group)

3rd: Medal and \$20 (for individual), \$30 (for group)



Longen Lan's Family and Teacher Ms Xiaohong Guo Are Interviewed by SBS Radio Presenter Ms Phoebe Alexander



Winner Longen Lan is Congratulated by His Family, Teacher and SBS Radio Presenter Ms Phoebe Alexander

我喜欢学中文 2009年02月18日

大家好，我叫郑彤，今年 14 岁，来自澳大利亚的悉尼。学中文的同学们还记得第一天上中文学校是什么样子的吗？我还记得。那一天，是个星期六的早晨，一大早，妈妈就把我从温暖的被子里叫起来，我很不高兴。今天我们终于很自豪地站在这

里跟大家说，“我们是中华文化知识大赛的优胜者！”回到澳大利亚之后，我知道，每个星期六的早晨，妈妈还是会催我起床，可是当我走进教室的时候，我会想起这次难忘的冬令营，然后我就会觉得这几年的辛苦很值得。(澳大利亚队 郑彤)

I Like to Study Chinese Feb 18, 2009

Hi Everyone! My name is Daisy Zheng. I am 14 years old from Sydney, Australia. May I ask if every student in the Chinese Language School remembers what's like in the first day with the school? To me, that's a Saturday when Mum woke me up from the warm bed, which made me really unhappy. Today, I am proudly saying that I am the high achiever of Chinese Cultural Knowledge Competition. I know that Mum will do the same to me every Saturday after I have gone back to Australia. But when I walk in the classroom, I will remember the unforgettable moment in the winter camp and I will feel that the hard work over the last few years is worthwhile (Daisy Zheng from Team Australia).



Essay Writing Winner Stephanie Kan is Congratulated by Mum and SBS Radio Presenter Ms Phoebe Alexander



Daisy Zheng (r) and Members of Australian Team are Awarded with a Trophy in the International Chinese Cultural Knowledge Competition in Xiamen, China



Record Our Emotion - Daisy Zheng (r) is Signing Farewell Message to Winter Camp Friends