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A Word from Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

Time flies! We are in our second semester now. I would like to extend our warm welcome to new students and families to the school community.

This semester we have also seen a good number of young adult students joining our adult beginner's class. I wish they will find the study enjoyable and rewarding. Best wishes also go to the students who have left school for preparing their HSC and other endeavours. On behalf the teachers, I wish they may achieve their new goals and keep refreshing the Chinese language skills learnt here. Please drop in to say hello to us when you are around.

In the first half of the year we focused mainly on classroom teaching and training of teachers. We had twenty weeks of classes in the first semester, including the mid-term examination. Overall, the outcomes have been satisfactory, with the support of parents and the hard work of their children in pursuing the study of Chinese and the continuing effort of our teachers. Most students have achieved good results in the mid-term exams. Many parents have shown their appreciation to the work of our teachers, and praised their devotion and commitment in particular.

We have achieved great results in the 26th National Chinese Eisteddfod. Our teams were the champion in the Senior Division and 2nd Runner-up in the 12 to 14 Years Division. Individually, our students have also fared extremely well. Together they collected three gold, two silver and three bronze medals. The competition was very intense this year. The excellent results we have achieved showcase the ability and effort of our students and teachers. Four teachers from school have completed the professional education certificate course with the University of Wollongong; another three have completed, or in the course of completing their degree courses in education. So far this term we have altogether 15 classes, from junior to senior, consisting of around 145 students. To ensure the quality and effectiveness of teaching, unlike many others, we adhere strictly to the principle of small-class teaching. We received some very useful verbal and written suggestions from parents, largely on ways of raising the interest of students in the junior classes, improving communications between parents and school and transparency on the syllabi and outlines of teaching. We are hugely grateful for the input. We have indeed considered and implemented some suggested changes. Please rest assured that we have the interest of our students at heart. Let us work together and do what we can for the cause of Chinese culture. We endeavor to organize more extra-curricular activities in term 3 and term 4. So far we have started the teaching valuation from kindergarten to level 3 classes involving school committee members and representatives from parents with emphasis on the class communicative activities.

Through the valuation we wish to exchange the ideas and experience among teachers, management and parents to enhance our teachers' teaching techniques. We will not only as before take part in traditional competitions, but will put in extra effort to improve the overall standard in Chinese among students and to raise and maintain their interest in the study of Chinese language. We will also encourage students, and parents, to participate more in competitions or activities that help to raise their interest in, or enhance their understanding of, Chinese Culture, like Chinese lantern festivals or winter overseas student camps. Once again, **please make your input for us to improve the class teaching for your children** (in addition to the contacts details listed in the letterhead, you are also welcome to contact us by email at jonathan.xie@optusnet.com.au).

CCCA-CLS 2009 Term 2 and Term 3 Calendar

| DATE | WK | TERM 3 EVENTS/TASKS |
|-----------|----|---|
| 1/8 | 1 | School Term 3 Commences Class Roll/Cleanliness Forms to Teachers |
| 8/8 | 2 | |
| 15/8 | 3 | |
| 22/8 | 4 | School class open day: 9:00~9:45 am |
| 29/8 | 5 | Preparation of the School Mid-Autumn Festival |
| 5/9 | 6 | Preparation of the School Mid-Autumn Festival |
| 12/9 | 7 | Preparation of the School Mid-Autumn Festival |
| 19/9 | 8 | Preparation of the School Mid-Autumn Festival |
| 26/9 | 9 | Student Report Cards to student School Mid-Autumn Festival Performances at 10:30am, Last Day of Term 3 |
| 24/10 | 1 | School Term 4 Commences |
| DATE | WK | TERM 4 EVENTS/TASKS |
| 24/10 | 1 | Term 4 Commences Class Roll/Cleanliness Forms to Teachers |
| 31/10 | 2 | |
| 7/11 | 3 | School class open day: 9:00~9:45 am |
| 14/11 | 4 | |
| 21/11 | 5 | Exam papers collection, class yearly school presentation preparation |
| 28/11 | 6 | Yearly oral exam, teachers to prepare the student reports, class yearly school presentation preparation |
| 5/12 | 7 | Yearly Written Exam, teachers to prepare the student reports, class yearly school presentation preparation |
| 12/12 | 8 | Reports to be handed to students. Last Day of Term 4, Yearly School Presentation at Concert Hall, Cherrybrook Technology High School. Last Day of Term 4 |
| 31/1/2010 | 1 | Year 2010 School Term 1 Commences |



Our brave Level 1/Level K students in Eisteddfod Competition



Silver Medallist Michelle Huang & teacher Ms Lillian Wang



Our students in super form in the group competition

Note: The 2nd Chinese Culture, Geography and History Competitions for Chinese Language Students

The Australian Chinese Language School Association will organize the above event in the 8th weekend of Term 1, 2010 on behalf of Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council, PRC. Our students aged 10~18 years old are encouraged to participate. This year the prizes are as follows: every participant will receive a certificate and a Xin Hua Chinese Dictionary; for those who have achieved good result will received Chinese-English Dictionaries; for those who have achieved top 10% will be invited to go to China to join 15 days a summer or winter camp and

represent Australia to enter the final live TV competition. 90% of the context of the competition will be from the three books “Common Knowledge about Chinese Culture”, “Common Knowledge about Chinese Geography” and “Common Knowledge about Chinese History”. These three books, in both English and Chinese, are currently on sale (\$10 for all three books) for our enrolled students. **Interested students and parents should purchase your copies from our office.** We also accept registration for the event. Please contact us for the registration form. The fee for the competition is \$10. As there are still five months to prepare for the event, proper preparation will no doubt boost your confidence. You will find the study to be a good experience.



It's party time! Our relaxed 12~14 winning students and hard working teachers after Chinese Eisteddfod Competition



Adult students have won the champion trophy in the Eisteddfod



Great Encouragement! Mr. Joseph Tan of **Century 21 Joseph Tan Real Estate** addressed school in our last presentation day