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A Word from Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

Happy Chinese New Year. To our new students we warmly welcome you to join us and to our existing students we welcome you back and congratulate you to progress to another level. We trust all of you will find the study at our school is interesting and rewarding. You will make friends and share same interest or value with your classmates. We are also very pleased to see this year that there are more and more motivated parents and students who understand the importance of learning another language in this country and are ready to take on some challenges in the study.

In December of the last semester we had a great end-of-year presentation. We took great pride to see many students had performed well in their endeavor. In presenting the awards and certificates to our students and teachers, we acknowledged and encouraged the coherent work done by them. Although we did not present awards or certificates to the parents, we however understand and, with great appreciation, the importance of your input in cultivating good study attitude and habits. I would like to thank parents who worked behind the scene in supporting your children. Your input is an indispensable part of the teaching programs for our students. I wish your continuous support in this regard and keep us informed with the status of your children's study progress or share your thoughts with us about the ways of improving our work. Owing to space limit of the news letter, I am unable to include photos for the presentation. However, we will make a photo poster to display some highlights of the presentation.

Before Christmas our school was selected as one of the venues to host the first International Competition of General Knowledge in Chinese History, Culture and Geography (3C Competition). The response from the students and teachers were overwhelming. Through the event students have realized the importance of expanding our general knowledge. With the valuable books and other study materials, they will be able to further their study and preparation for similar event this year. I wish participants performed well and wish our higher level students to take steps to get ready for next 3C Competition.

Another important event at the end of the last year was our school's participation in the China Guang Zhou Chinese Martial Art and Folk Dancing Winter Camp sponsored by State Council of PRC. Five students from our school plus Dr. Chris Martinic and me have attended the big event. All participants were very impressed with what they saw and,

with great gratitude. We all convinced that the tour was very worthwhile. As the leaders of the 57 member group Chris and I have already received many requests from the parents to keep them informed with the future similar event. Again confined by space, we will organize another platform to give you some details about the event. Through his hard work, Dr. Chris Martinic has taken 1800 photos and 12 hours video for the event. We are happy to share them with interested students and parents. Attached in this Newsletter I can only show few photos for you to have a feel.

CCCA-CLS 2008 Semester 1 Calendar

DATE	WK	TERM 1 EVENTS/TASKS
2/2	1	School Term 1 Commences Class Roll/Cleanliness Forms to Teachers Enrolment & Semester I Fee Payment
9/2	2	Enrolment & Semester 1 Fee Payment Term 1 School New Letter due
16/2	3	
23/2	4	Class Open Day - 9:00 ~ 9:45 am
1/3	5	
8/3	6	
15/3	7	
22/3	8	
29/3	9	
5/4	10	Last day of the Term 1
DATE	WK	TERM 2 EVENTS/TASKS
3/5	1	School Term 2 Commences Chinese Eisteddfod Competition Practice
10/5	2	Chinese Eisteddfod Competition Practice
17/5	3	Preparation of the Half Yearly Exam Papers Chinese Eisteddfod Competition Practice, Class Open Day - 9:00 ~ 9:45 am
24/5	4	Collection of Exam Papers for Printing Chinese Eisteddfod Competition (Non-native Mandarin speakers)
31/5	5	Chinese Eisteddfod Competition (Native Mandarin speakers)
7/6	6	
14/6	7	Half Yearly Oral Exam
21/6	8	Half Yearly Written Exam
28/6	9	Student Report Cards to student End of the Term 2
26/7		School Term 3 Commences

This term we will have 10 intensive teaching weeks. Please refer the attached school Calendar for the 1st and 2nd terms. Please also note that we are going run an open class session in week four of term 1 to give parents the opportunity to share class teaching experience with their children and discuss your child study issues with the teacher. Interested parents may

just turn up between 9:00 ~ 9:45 am to see how your children's normal class teaching looks like and you are able to discuss relevant topics with teachers.



Students from Our School Were Ready for 3C Competition

Every year when new students have joined us, we require our students to sing our school song in the assembly. To make it a bit easier this year I attach the song in this newsletter for students and parents. This is a very beautiful song.

Yīng táo xiǎo xī zhōng wén xué xiào xiào gē
櫻桃小溪中文學校校歌

Cherrybrook Chinese Language School Song

Hǎi lán lán de tiān kōng lǜ yīn yīn cǎo dì
 海 蓝 蓝 的 天 空 ， 绿 阴 阴 草 地 ，
 Under a sky as blue as the sea, on grass so green
 yōu yōu de bái yún xià
 悠 悠 的 白 云 下 ，
 Below the elegant snow white clouds
 shì wǒ men de lè yuán
 是 我 们 的 乐 园 。
 Lies our paradise
 yīng táo xiǎo xī zhōng wén xué xiào
 櫻 桃 小 溪 中 文 学 校
 Cherrybrook Chinese Language School
 Wǒ men yī qǐ dú wǒ men yī qǐ xué
 我 们 一 起 读 ， 我 们 一 起 学 ，
 We all read together, we all study together
 yī qǐ zhǎng dà
 一 起 长 大 ， And we all grow together
 Láng láng shū shēng sòng qiān nián wén huà
 琅 琅 书 声 诵 千 年 文 化 ，
 With confidence we read, recite and learn the culture of thousand years
 Xué hào zhōng wén táo yě qíng cāo
 学 好 中 文 陶 冶 情 操
 Learning to master the Chinese language, in an environment that nurtures
 morality
 wéi jiāng lái
 为 将 来 For our future

I have received an email from our previous teacher Ms. Lily Ye in commemoration of our beloved adult student Mr. Bill Southern who was very enthusiastic and energetic in pursuing his study goal.

My Memory about Mr. Bill Southern

Lily Ye

CCCA-CLS Adult A class started in 2003 when I was the teacher. The class size was about 10 students and Bill was one of them. In the following years, students came and went Bill became one of “oldest” students in term of the time they stayed and the age.

Bill was an active student who shown tremendous interest in studying Chinese Language. He went to China several times every year. Once he came to me before the class telling me he only got off the plane. From the high spirit on his face you could not detect any tiredness. He just simply didn't want to miss a class.

In one end of year presentation day he was chosen to represent students to give a speech. The language of course was Mandarin. His brief and humorous speech made the hall burst with laughing, including little children. He regularly brought out the words he learnt in China such as gossip (“七嘴八舌”), huge crowds (“人山人海”). He bought the Chinese software and with that he could even write Chinese articles. He had written few Chinese articles and all were interesting and colorful. I only did some small polishing work and those later all appeared on our school or CCCA newsletters. As he was managing class account I needed to contact him very often. He called himself as OLD BILL or Southern Bill. Sometimes he needed to make announcement after morning tea, he would be using the Mandarin with strong OZ accent saying “WO YOU YI GE XIAO XI” 我有一个消息…… (I have news …). His experience in learning Mandarin was not to pay attention to the four tones. You only need to speak the sentence to make Chinese understand. Through the Saturday's class we all established very solid friendship. When we heard his sudden passing away we all felt big shock and deep sorrow. He only attended the students' party two week earlier. Studying Chinese was part of Bill's life. I deeply believe he enjoyed it enormously. Bill, we really miss you.



Some Students in the Winter Camp Dancing Group



Some Students in the Winter Camp Martial Art Group