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A Word from Principal

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome back to school. After the unusually cold holiday season, we are very pleased to see our students reunited and re-embarking on the enjoyable and rewarding study journey.

The past term was eventful. The school has been striving hard to create a love caring environment and make the language study an interesting and exciting one for all students. For this goal, the school has built up close relation with other community language schools and organizations to share their experience in creative teaching and other ex-curriculum activities. As a member, we have been involved in many educational activities run by Chinese Language Education Council NSW and Australian Chinese Language Schools Association. We have also been regularly informed from various channels with the development of teaching techniques and up-to-date information about textbooks etc. We had chances so far this year to send our teachers to attend workshops and seminars and possibly organize overseas study trips for our senior students. All these enable us to set competitive standards for the class teaching, school management and policies, and staff development regime for the benefit of our students and teachers. I had made some efforts last term to sit in some classrooms to join the class teaching with teachers and students. I was happy to see that the communication between teachers and students were very proactive. The efforts made by our teachers were well received. I would like to thank our teachers for their dedications and sacrifice tendered to our students and wish this will continue.



As an important event for all students in Chinese Language Schools we have had total 21 students (11 from junior student classes and 10 from adult class) participated 18th National Chinese Eisteddfod Competition. The competition was very intense this year as there were over 3000 participants across the nation joined this event. We have managed to win two first

prizes and three second prizes given the fact that our adult group competitions were only doing demonstrations. I have witnessed nearly all our competitions and was moved by the performance of our students especially our adult students (thanks the hard work done by Ms Ruili Sun). Our adult students have attracted big attentions from media and audiences. They have spent a lot of time in preparing their work and made the performance close to perfect. I have a DVD showing their performances. Any interested person can borrow it from me. May I take this opportunity to thank all students attended the event and teachers who have assisted with the preparation. I especially thank Mses Jenny Yang, Monica Hao, Lilian Chen, Xiaohong Guo, Christine McDonald and Chelsea Chen. You have made us very proud. Attached in this newsletter are some highlights of the event. I wish there will be more students participating this event in future as all of us have gained experience and knowledge through the competition.



During the holiday, three teachers and two school committee members have attended a teaching workshop titled "How to Motivate Students' Interest in Learning Chinese Language" organized by Australian Chinese Language School Association. The workshop has brought together some teachers with wealth of teaching experience to exchange the ideas in improving class teaching and techniques in raising students interest. There have been some discussions about the textbook our school currently using and many auxiliary materials such as teachers books, DVDs and Webs etc. Our school will assist teachers and students in acquiring and using these tools in the second semester.

This term we will release all our school policies currently being finalized intensively by school committee. Our new school website will be released soon. Please keep close eyes on links in <http://www.ccca.asn.au> for up-to-date information regarding our school activities. Another two important events this term are the National Chinese Essay Competition run by

Chinese Educational Council NSW and our annual Mid-Autumn Festival Performance listed in Term 3 School Calendar. I will release some further detailed information when time arrives. I wish students and parents get involved in the two events and find the study interesting and rewarding.

Notice Board

- Miss Joey Lifang Lu, our pre-school relief teacher has left our school to take a leading role in a major finance company Morgan Stanly. We wish her all the best in pursuing her career. Please join me to welcome Ms Weihua (Vivian) Fan who will fill Joey’s role. Vivian has many years experience in teaching preschool children. I trust our junior students will find her class interesting.
- Parents please note the payment for Semester 2 tuition fee is due. Payment can be made in our office for the next two weeks. 請家長開始繳納本學期的學費。

CCCA-CLS 2007 Term 3 Calendar

DATE	WEEK	EVENTS/TASKS
21/07	1	Term 3 Commences, [1]
28/07	2	Newsletter distributed, [1], [2]
4/08	3	[1], [2]
11/08	4	[2], [3]
18/08	5	[2], [3]
25/08	6	[2], [3]
1/09	7	[3], [4]
8/09	8	[3], [4]
15/09	9	[3], [4]
22/09	10	Mid-Autumn Festival at 10:30 am; writing competition results announced Last day of Term 3
20/10	1	Term 4 Commences Lantern CCCA Night Preparation, [5]

Event Notations: [1] Semester 2 tuition fee payment due; [2] Chinese Language Education Council and CCCA-CLS Chinese Essay Competition (Essay entry to school closes on 18/08/07); [3] Preparation of Mid-Autumn Festival; [4] Teaching assessment for selected classes; [5] 2007 Chinese Youth Winter Camp (to be held in Guang Zhou, PRC) preparation.



Our School Teachers Attended 2007 Chinese Teaching Workshop during School Holiday