

SOUTH COAST CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL INC. 南岸中文学校



2023 Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Caregivers & Students,



Michaela Langbridge
Commended Award



Amy Tang
Highly Commended Award

Congratulations to students Michaela and Amy who recently received the 2023 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement in Community Languages Schools.

The Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement is a prestigious award presented to students who demonstrated high achievements in academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to the school community.



In week 10, we celebrated the Moon Festival, one of the popular traditional Chinese Festivals. The Chinese School organized a mooncake-making cultural activity. Besides revisiting the legends associated with the festival, all students had the opportunity to make and bring home their own moon cakes.

Do you know? - The tradition of eating moon cakes began during the Yuan Dynasty (1279-1368 AD), which was ruled by the Mongols. The moon cakes were used to pass around message to rebels against the Mongols at the time.



Exam date: Friday, 3rd of November @ 3.45pm

The Chinese proficiency test has been postponed to Term 4. This will give students more time to prepare, especially individuals sitting for HSK Level 3. I hope all students are taking time for revision during this term break.



Class Teachers' Report

Stage K&1 ~ Ms. Sun

Dear everyone

Once again, we come to the end of a term that has been packed with lots of fun learning and activities. A big thanks to the students for their continued engagement with the lessons, but also a huge thank you to the parents and carers supporting our young learners. Without your support, our students would not have made such wonderful progress this term.

We had a brilliant time learning all about the Chinese language. Students seemed to enjoy the lessons with a nice mix of games and activities to keep them all engaged. I have seen impressive progress in all the students.

Our theme this term was *Everyday activities*, in which we divide it into two topics: Topic 1: Daily routines. We learnt about the basic action language, talked about daily routines, described before and after school activity. Topic 2: We learnt about My school. We learnt about what happens at school and ways to express their favorite subjects at school.

Our main aims for this term have been for students to continue feeling comfortable using Mandarin, responding to simple and familiar language in songs and cartoon video, and to be able to recognise and write basic Chinese characters.

A wonderful way to build on these great achievements is to help your child practise the language at home. Also, there are some good apps that make learning fun while helping to develop their language skills. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested in learning more about these apps.

One of the great highlights of the term would have to have been learning about the *Moon Festival*. We learnt about traditional stories connected to the Moon Festival and making moon cakes. A little bit messy, but the students had a lot of fun. And they were very delicious!



We look forward to seeing you all back for more fun learning in Term 4.

Stage 2&3 ~ Ms. Chen

The theme for this term is "My School". We learnt the following sub-topics: School subjects, Time words, Timetable, Different types of after-school activities, Location words. and school facilities.

It has been such a busy term for the students. In addition to the main topics, we celebrated "Father's Day", "Book week". And "Moon Festival". Students also discussed the various types of schools that could be interested in their studies.



Book Weeks - Presentation!

To celebrate the Father's Day, beside to make a card, students learnt the description words to describe their father's personality and appearance in Chinese.

Students' use of Chinese phrases and/or words are limited, but through a variety of classroom activities such as online games, whiteboard activities, YouTube video clips, oral presentations, and print and online activity sheets, I am pleased to say that their language proficiency is improving, especially listening, and speaking skills. In addition, I would strongly encourage all students to complete their weekly assigned homework, to improve their Chinese skills.

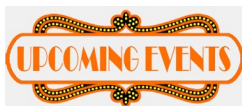
High School ~ Ms. Yeh

This term, our students have been enthusiastically exploring the theme of "School Life." They have discussed their likes and dislikes regarding school subjects, allowing us to gain valuable insights into their preferences and areas of interest. Moreover, our students have taken the time to appreciate and analyse our school facilities, recognizing the importance of a conducive learning environment.

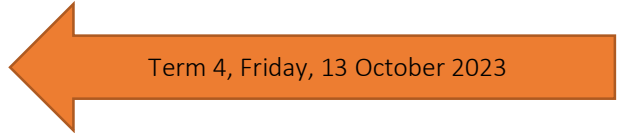
In addition to these endeavours, our dedicated students have been diligently preparing for the HSC 2 and Level 3 practice, showcasing their commitment to academic excellence. As the term ends, we want to commend our hardworking students for their dedication and wish them a well-deserved and joyful holiday ahead. Keep up the excellent work, and here's to a restful break filled with rejuvenation and new adventures!



Please keep an eye on our school website so you know what is happening and are up to date with all the upcoming events and activities.



2023 Term 4
Wk4, 11/3 – HSK/YCT Test
Wk6, 11/17 Open Day
Wk7, 11/24 – AGM
Wk8, 12/1 - Parent/Teacher interview
Wk9, 12/8 - End of year presentation



Term 4, Friday, 13 October 2023

We hope you and your family are staying safe in this term break.

On behalf of all staff, we wish you a wonderful term break and looking forward to seeing you in term 4.



Su-Lien Chen

Principal

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