



# School Newsletter

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## Assessment for end of Term

How time flies, we are coming to the end of the term in another few weeks! Before the closure of the term, assessment tasks will be given to students.

The primary purpose of assessment is to promote learning. Assessment gives evidence of how students are progressing according to defined standards throughout a period of learning, as well as achievement at the end of the learning period. Willis and Cowie, refer to assessment as a 'generative dance' wherein assessment is:

"re-imagined as a dynamic space in which teachers learn about their students as they learn with their students, and where all students can be empowered to find success and in turn develop learner agency"

Quality assessment includes both the cognitive and affective domains. It is informed, purposeful, authentic, valid and reliable. (*ACT, Teachers Guide to Assessment*)

We are mindful that our students have just had a term of learning in Ming-De, especially the Preps and Year 1. Hence the assessments conducted will mainly be formative, taking account of their daily work and learning.

Parents are expected to receive their child/ren's report on the 30th of September (Monday).



## Student Portfolio

A student portfolio has been developed for each child. It contains work samples collected as part of the overall assessment and reporting process, and includes samples of work, and examples of work in progress. If any parent wished to see their child's assessment portfolio, a meeting time can be arranged once we return to school in term 4.

Once you receive the report, take time as a family to celebrate your child's achievements, talk about what can be improved on. But remember, your child has had the challenges of establishing themselves at a new school.

### Things to look for in the child's portfolio:

- ❖ Evidence of development – improvement and progress
- ❖ Best work practices and best efforts
- ❖ Presentation elements
- ❖ Content of their work
- ❖ Evidence of creative thinking in their work
- ❖ Signs of “having a go” and risk-taking with their learning



## Parent Teacher Phone Interview

The aim of the Parent Teacher Interview is to clarify any issues related to the assessment report, to discuss the child's progress towards achievement of this term's Learning goals, to share the student's Learning goal for next term and to discuss one of the student's assessment tasks in their Student Portfolio.

For this term, due to the pandemic, teachers will be conducting a phone interview with the parents to reduce the number of people attending the school.

- ❖ For Prep and Year 1, Parent Teacher Phone Interviews will take place on 14/9 – 15/9, between 3.00pm – 4.30pm.
  - ❖ For Year 3, it will be held on the 14/09, between 3.00 – 4.30pm.
- Interviews are scheduled for 15 minutes. If a parent needs to discuss a significant issue about their child, an alternative time will need to be arranged.

Below is the Parent/Teacher Phone Interviews timetable for both classes.

Please call the administration office at (07)46306813 to rearrange a time if needed.

| Prep / Year 1 |                   |                |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
|               | 14/9/2021 Tuesday | Allocated Time |
| 1             | Yunxi Zhang       | 3.00 – 3.15    |
| 2             | Esta Sun          | 3.15 – 3.30    |
| 3             | Annie Zhang       | 3.30 – 3.45    |
| 4             | Yangmiao Liang    | 3.45 – 4.00    |
| 5             | Forrest Li        | 4.00 – 4.15    |
| 6             | Purdy Zhong       | 4.15 – 4.30    |

| Year 3 |                   |                |
|--------|-------------------|----------------|
|        | 14/9/2021 Tuesday | Allocated Time |
| 1      | Ethan Chen        | 3.00 – 3.15    |
| 2      | Tiffany Ye        | 3.15 - 3.30    |
| 3      | Chengjing Xiong   | 3.30 – 3.45    |
| 4      | Lotus Sun         | 3.45 – 4.00    |
| 5      | Yanhui Kwan       | 4.00 - 4.15    |
| 6      | Aurora Lee Purdy  | 4.15 – 4.30    |

| Prep / Year 1 |                     |                |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
|               | 15/9/2021 Wednesday | Allocated Time |
| 1             | Sining Chen         | 3.00 – 3.15    |
| 2             | Annie Yang          | 3.15 – 3.30    |
| 3             | Grace Chen          | 3.30 – 3.45    |
| 4             | Annie Li            | 3.45 – 4.00    |
| 5             | Elaine Li           | 4.00 – 4.15    |
| 6             | Rayeann Shang       | 4.15 – 4.30    |





## Councilors Visit

### A warm welcome to the Councilors of Toowoomba!

Our School is very honored to have invited CR Geoff McDonald (Deputy Mayor of Toowoomba Regional Council), CR Megan O’Hara Sullivan (Planning and Development Committee Chair), CR Kerry Shine and CR Tim McMahon to our school.



They had a tour around the school and were introduced to the philosophy, values, and curriculum of the school.

The friendly Councilors went into the classes and had a wonderful interaction with the students. The Preps and Year 1 did a self-introduction while the Year 3 had a conversation with the Councilors about their learning and timetable. They even taught Cr Geoff MacDonald how to count one to five in Mandarin.

The Councilors were in awe when they saw the Scripture Wall. Even though the area is still under construction, the magnificence of that gem cannot be hidden.

The visit ended with a nice cup of coffee by the RBIT students and discussions about the future of the school – a one stop education that begins from preschool to university, that not only imparts knowledge, but also wisdom from the past Saints and Sages.





## Teacher Aide Appreciation Week



The Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation week will be celebrated during the week, 30 August to 3 September.

This special week is an opportunity for schools to acknowledge and celebrate the important contribution teacher aides make to student learning and wellbeing.

They are the unsung heroes, silently working alongside our teachers to make sure the students achieve the best teaching and learning experiences.



We celebrated this special day with students surprising the teacher aids with flowers and cuddles from the children.

We hope the teacher aides know how much we value and appreciate their contributions to the School.

**Happy Teacher Aide Week!**

## Happy Fathers' Day

Dads holds a special place in every child's heart. No matter how old that child gets, dad is a first love, a true hero, and the person they look to for guidance, comfort and fun. Fathers are irreplaceable people, and they deserve to be celebrated every day, but especially on Father's Day.

The students made something special for their dad in school, to show how much they appreciate their dads who cares for them, support them, and are their greatest haven.

While it is certainly important to celebrate dad on Father's Day, it is also important to show dad some love on other days throughout the year. Take the time to give him a kiss and cuddle or give him a foot bath, I'm sure daddy will love it!



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## The Grand Ceremony Dedicated to Confucius

On Confucius' birthday (September 28), The Grand Ceremony Dedicated to Confucius (祭孔大典) is held as a way of paying respects to Confucius, China's 'First Teacher'.

The school will be celebrating Confucius's birthday on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, 10am -11am at the Ceremonial Hall. Parents are to accompany their child/ren to attend the ceremony and pay respect to Confucius as a way of celebrating and contemplating the virtues of Confucius.

Following the ceremony, families are welcome to return to Pure Land College to share lunch.

## Important Dates

Dear Parents, please be reminded that the last day of school is on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September (Friday).

School will resume on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October (Tuesday).

On the last day of school, the students will have a rehearsal for the Confucius Birthday Ceremonial, which will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September.

