



Languages Other Than English – Chinese Lessons Optional Extra-Curricular Program

Wednesday February 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Merimbula Public School will again be offering **Chinese Language and Culture Lessons** as an optional break-time extra-curricular activity throughout 2020, following our success with the program in 2019. Lessons will be delivered through the “*My Chinese Teacher*” (MCT) program and held in our Japanese and Asian Connections Classroom.

The MCT program at our school will commence in Week 4 (next week). The first lesson of the week will involve student’s video conferencing with a teacher based in China, learning new language skills and understandings. This online lesson will be supervised by myself, each Thursday at recess (1.15pm students bring their recess, 1.30-1.55pm video conference).

Some weeks, a second lesson will take place on Friday during recess. Students will be notified of this at morning assemblies. This lesson, again supervised by myself, will involve follow-up work to reinforce the ideas introduced by the Chinese teacher. This lesson will involve language review, cultural understanding review and some extension. Like during all extra-curricular opportunities held during break times, students will have the opportunity to eat.

The curriculum that will be taught throughout the year aligns with the Australian Curriculum for Language and Cultural Understanding, as well as the NSW curriculum. Students will develop their Chinese (Mandarin) language and cultural understanding. They will also learn about Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia.

With this group being an optional extra-curricular opportunity, we will only be able to take up to 30 participants. If you would like for your child to take part, please complete the expression of interest slip below and return it to the office by Friday this week (February 14). If you have any questions about the program, please call me at school on (02) 64951266.

Regards
Michelle Hulme
Principal

Chinese Language and Culture Lessons – Expression of Interest 2020

Please return the following note by Friday, February 14 to the administration office.

Dear Ms Hulme,

I would like to express interest in my child/children: _____
_____ of class/es _____

participating in the Chinese Language and Culture Lessons each Thursday and some Friday’s during recess. I understand that he/she must commit to attending regular lessons to continue with this class.

My child **did / did not** (please circle) attend lessons in 2019.

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____ Signed: _____

Contact PH: _____ Date: _____

