



Tuesday, February 12, 2019

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Merimbula Public School will be offering **Chinese Language and Culture Lessons** as an optional break-time extra-curricular activity throughout 2019, following our successful trial of the program in 2018 that Year 4 took part in. 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) and will involve two lessons per week. The first lesson of the week will involve students video conferencing with a teacher based in China, learning new language skills and understandings. This online lesson will be supervised by Miss George, who can speak Chinese, and/or myself, each Wednesday at recess (1.15pm students bring their recess, 1.30-1.55pm video conference).

A second lesson will take place each Friday during recess. This lesson, again supervised by Miss George and/or myself, will involve follow-up work to reinforce the ideas introduced by the Chinese teacher. Lesson 2 for the week will take place each Friday at recess between 1.15-1.55pm. 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 15. If you have any questions about the program, please call me at school on (02) 64951266.

Regards  
Michelle Hulme  
Principal

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### Chinese Language and Culture Lessons – Expression of Interest

*Please return the following note Friday, March 15 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 Wednesday and Friday during recess. I understand that he/she must commit to attending regular lessons to continue with this class.

My child would like to take part for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_  
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