



Dear Parents, Caregivers & Students,

This is our last newsletter for 2022. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents for your continuing support and kindness during the year. The year 2022 is a special year for all of us - as the *South Coast Chinese Language School* steps into its 20th anniversary. This is a momentous occasion that we would not have been able to achieve without your endless support, encouragement and trust in us in letting your child/ren continue to learn Chinese and its culture. We will continue to do our best in providing effective learning program for the coming year and beyond.



In celebrating our 20th anniversary, we have raised \$1001 in fundraising. Thank you for your recognition of the *South Coast Chinese Language School*. If you have paid a yearly school fee in 2022, you will receive a fee-free term 1 of 2023. Also, a gentle reminder that if you have any unused 2022 Creative Kids voucher, you may forward it to us for pre-payment of school fees for next year (2023). Thank you.



Congratulations to our students who undertook the HSK and YCT exams this year. We have received high scores for all students! The HSK and YCT exams are internationally recognized Chinese proficiency tests. Our aim is to hope that all elementary school students can at least pass and receive the first-level certificate of YCT, and high school students can at least pass and receive the second-level certification. All examination registration fees are paid by the school. This is an encouragement to the students, and it also lets the students know that learning Chinese every Friday is not a “waste of time”. Instead, it is to enrich their Chinese knowledge and be able to present this as a strength to the community, and for their future. The next exam is scheduled in term 2, 2023.

HSK



YCT





The 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was completed on Friday, 25 November. Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting and provided their feedback of the school.

The following list is the 2023 school committee members:

- President: Su-Lien Chen
- Vice President: Irwan Lee
- Treasurer: Ling Tie
- Secretary: Bee Leng Tan
- Public Officer: Karen Gordon
- Teachers' Representative: Shao-Ping Yeh
- Parents' Representative: Cora Lei
- Students' Representative: Ailin Tham



Kayla Barnett ~ Tutor/outgoing students' representative

Throughout the 10 years that I have been studying Chinese at *South Coast Chinese Language School*, I have been inspired to continue my Chinese learning journey by my peers and with the endless encouragement and support from my teachers. Learning Chinese has helped me to meet other people with different backgrounds and experiences, and work together to develop better understanding of language, both Chinese and English.

Through *South Coast Chinese Language School*, I have been able to participate in Chinese cultural activities that I wouldn't normally be able to participate as a non-Chinese background student and create so many more opportunities for me and future learnings.

As well as developing my understanding of a second language, learning Chinese has helped me to understand English to a further extent by comparing similarities and differences between both languages, which has helped me to succeed academically.

Being able to learn Chinese language and culture at *South Coast Chinese Language School* has helped me to make new friends and connections with peers also learning Chinese online and overseas. Working with people from all over the world to learn Chinese has given me new shared perspectives and experiences that I am very thankful for.

I am extremely grateful that I was given the opportunity to be able to learn Chinese and share my knowledge with my peers, which has additionally helped me to develop my own language skills while being able to help others develop their own.

Learning Chinese with *South Coast Chinese Language School* has given me so many opportunities to create new experiences and knowledge that I will be able to use anywhere in the future, both academically and professionally.

Throughout the 10 years that I have been studying Chinese, my teachers and peers have given me endless support and encouragement to continue my study of Chinese language and culture, and I hope that future students will be given similar experiences and support from all the encouraging teachers and staff at *South Coast Chinese Language School*!

**I would like to personally thank Kayla for your dedication and your unwavering and enthusiastic in class. We wish you every success and please know that you will be missed for sure!**



Based on the students' language proficiency performance and the class teachers' feedback, we have restructured the classes in term 4. According to teachers' evaluations, some students will need to readjust for a better learning setting next year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Student Progress Report was given to the students on 2<sup>nd</sup> of December (week 8). I am very proud of the achievements and progress made by all the students this year. If you would like to have more information and/or a personal interview with the class teacher, to talk about your child's learning progress report, please contact/email the school principal to arrange a suitable time to discuss.



Congratulations to all our award recipients at today's presentation

### **Excellence in Teaching Service Awards**

The following staff is awarded

5 years of teaching service: Mei-Huei Sun

5 years of teaching service: Bee Leng Tan

15 years of teaching service: Shao-Ping Yeh

20 years of teaching service: Su-Lien Chen

### **Academic Awards**

Stage K & 1: Christian Hwang

High School: Tia Luu-Fenech

Stage 2 & 3: Emily Liu

Background Class: Ailin Tham



2023 Principal Scholarship recipient: Nadia Lee



Between the two-hour classes, students have a 15-minute break. This provides an opportunity for students to eat afternoon tea, whilst others enjoy stretching their legs by playing football or running around. Please be advised according to the regulations of the Department of Education, students are NOT allowed to share food at school, this has been emphasized in my previous correspondences. Furthermore, the *South Coast Chinese Language School's* Code of Conduct requires all students to behave and respect each other. Students are encouraged to speak with the staff if they feel that this Code has been breached in any way. Please contact me if you or your child/ren are unsure of our school's Code of Conduct.



### Class Teachers' Report

#### Stage K&1 ~ Ms. Sun

We have had a very busy term, learning a lot of wonderful new vocabulary for some common topics and new songs. All students have worked hard in class to practise and develop their language abilities. They have all shown a great interest in learning Chinese.

This term we learnt how to get ready for our imaginary trip to overseas, asking and answering questions about directions, describing famous attractions and learning to describe uses of different types of transport.

During our classes, we also engaged in many class activities to assist with language learning, which included using audio-visual resources, such as YouTube video clips. The clips are very useful because students can continue watching them at home. We also played games to support vocabulary development, such as role-plays, and fishing game. Activities such as these help students practice speaking and listening, and also provide a great way to review what we learn in the class.

I'm pleased to see that all students participated very actively in the class activities and made good attempts to complete all the worksheet exercises.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you next year.

### Stage 2&3 ~ Ms. Chen

The main topic of this term is "travel and holiday". We have covered a number of sub-topics combined with the theme such as "passport", "transportation", "clothes" and "attractions".

The class notes (PPT slides) were emailed to parents weekly. I strongly encourage students to complete assigned homework and/or task as indicated. All they need is 10 minutes per day to review the words and sentences grammar learnt in class.

Quiz paper and student's homework will be taken home today. I hope all students can review and practice the characters learnt during this holiday.

*There is no end to learning, just do your best!*

### High School ~ Ms. Tan

It has been a wonderful experience meeting the old and new faces alike when I took over the high school class in term 4. I'm thankful for the opportunity to be able to get to know the few old students all over again, and to work along with the new students in the final term of the year. I'm also glad to see that Tia, who joined the high school class for the first time, has quickly adjusted to the new class environment, and showing good progress despite the steep learning curve transitioning from Stage 3 to Stage 4.

The theme for this term is 'Travel and holiday'. We have covered a number of topics associated with the theme such as 'passport', 'countries and cities', 'transportation', 'weather and seasons' and 'popular tourist attractions in China'. Besides content knowledge acquisition like vocabulary, grammar points and interrogative statements, students were also strongly encouraged to develop relevant skills which promoted independent learning. Students, for example, learnt how to decipher the meaning of a character using contextual or visual clues since a character may carry several meanings. Students also had ample opportunities to make use of learning tools such as the Pleco Chinese-English dictionary app or Google translate to look up the meaning or pronunciation of new Chinese words when they were completing the reading comprehension or role-play activities.

Students' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills were honed through a variety of language practice tasks and activities such as Questions & Answers (Q&A) speaking tasks, online games, YouTube video clips, oral presentations, online flashcards, as well as print and online worksheets.

The class notes (PPT slides containing the vocabulary words and grammar points for the week's lesson topic) were sent to parents via email on a weekly basis. I like to encourage students to regularly review the Chinese words and expressions they learnt in class whenever they have time so that they can commit what they have learnt to their long-term memory.

Finally, I wish you all a safe and joyful holiday! Hope to see you all again in 2023!

*“Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same things but learning another way to think about things.” – Flora Lewis*

### Background Class ~ Ms. Yeh

I like to congratulate all the students for their excellent work during the year, especially those who have put great effort into preparing for their HSK examinations and achieved outstanding results.

This term began with lessons on describing travel plans and arranging holiday bookings. Then students learnt to describe what to pack for an overseas trip, answer airport security questions, and describe travel advice and information. Students learnt to talk about tourism information from travel advertisements.

As this is a mother tongue class, the teacher and students speak only Chinese. Although our students are of different ages, they understand the teacher's instructions and can exchange main ideas to reach communication goals. This group's primary focus is reading and writing characters, as speaking and listening skills are their strengths. Students are encouraged to read books in Chinese and watch films with Chinese subtitles during the holiday, which will help them improve their language skills. I wish every student a safe and joyful holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year 2023.

## School Fees

The school fees remain unchanged at \$120 per student per term in 2023.

The payment can be done through the following options:

- (1) Cash - please clearly write student's name on the envelope
- (2) Direct deposit to school account - BSB: 802 249 Account Number: 249905547 Account Name: South Coast Chinese Language School

Please note:

- A penalty fee of \$10 will be charged for the delayed payment of the school fees later than week 3 of each school term!
- School fees are not refundable after attending the first lesson.



Our school is officially registered and approved as the Creative Kids Provider. We accept the voucher to be used for payment of school fees.



2023 Term 1 will start  
Friday, 3 February @ 3.30pm

The following classes are expected to open. Please email us to confirm your enrolment. Thank you.

For Primary aged students: (1) background class (2) stage K&1 (3) stage 2&3

For High school students: (1) background class (2) stage 4 & 5

Please email us if you have any concerns about your child/ren' learning



On behalf of all staff, our best wishes to you for a great festive season and time with your families. We look forward to seeing you in 2023, the year of Rabbit.

**Su-Lien Chen**

Principal

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