Mandarin & Asian Studies

新年快乐
xīn nián kuài lè
(Happy New Year!)

The year of the Snake is upon us and in Mandarin and Asian Studies we will be starting the 2013 school year celebrating ‘Chinese New Year’.

Chinese New Year officially starts on February 10th this year and will be celebrated not only at school within Mandarin and Asian Studies sessions but also with a special Chinese New Year Lunch on Tuesday 19th February. Please find more detail in the attached form, which will need to be signed, completed and returned in an envelope (with the name of your child/children) with $5.00 per student by Friday 15th February. (Please note that the WPPS Chinese New Lunch form has also been sent home with students as a hard copy on Friday 1st February.)
The following information may be of interest to you about Chinese New Year celebrations in the wider community. Please read on for details of these upcoming events!

**Chinese New Year Celebrations**
- Saturday 9\(^{th}\) – Sunday 10\(^{th}\) February - Box Hill 3pm - 3am
- Sunday 10\(^{th}\) February – China Town, City 9am - 10pm
- Sunday 17th February – Kingsway, Glen Waverley 11am - 8pm

For those of you looking for some engaging entertainment both local and in the city, then maybe take the family to see some Chinese New Year celebrations in: Box Hill, China Town or Glen Waverley. Each venue offers its own unique festival theme, performances and food. Visitors will experience Chinese Lion Dance, Firecrackers, Traditional Folk Music, Dancers, Martial Artists and much more. The Chinese New Year Festival features traditional and contemporary Chinese cultural activities.

This festival is open to all, young and old and its aim is to share the Chinese Cultural heritage of Melbourne's Chinese community.

Finally, for those that would love to see the massive colourful snake that WPPS students helped make along with other Whitehorse school students, please visit Centro Box Hill from January 30\(^{th}\) to February 10\(^{th}\). A huge thank you to Mrs Paula Frost for not only obtaining our schools participation in making the scales but for putting her creative touch in the construction of scales by our students to contribute to this amazing snake. Thanks Mrs Frost!

More information relating to Chinese events and celebrations will be provided in upcoming notices and on the noticeboard.

Good luck for the year of the Snake.

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