Term 2 has started with a buzz of excitement in the Mandarin and Asian Studies room. Students’ are enthusiastically gaining knowledge about the world we live in, Asia and specifically China. They are also enthralled with learning Mandarin vocabulary and sentences that can be used in everyday life if living in China.

The term ahead sees all of our students:
- taking part in a free trial in using Language Perfect;
- invited to enter the Nanjing 2014 International Youth Drawing Competition;
- participating in Education Week activities from 19th -25th May that relate to the importance of children learning a language throughout their educational journey and by celebrating what makes them great;
- joining in activities relating to the Dragon Boat Festival; and
- all Year 5’s and Year 6’s will start their pen pal relations with students from a local school.

Please continue reading for information regarding Language Perfect and the Nanjing 2014 International Youth Drawing Competition.

**Language Perfect**

Language Perfect will be used in Mandarin and Asian Studies sessions, in the classroom as set tasks and at home for homework purposes and language development.

Language Perfect is an online self-directed learning tool for mastering one of the roadblocks to communication: vocabulary. Students are tested on their reading, listening and writing skills on an extensive range of words, verbs and common phrases available. It is simply a computer game that is 100% focused around vocabulary learning with all content customised to match exactly what they are learning in class. Students will enjoy the competitive environment, native speaker pronunciation, and intelligent testing.
The key benefits of Language Perfect are:

- Intelligence testing engine - picks up and repeats any words students are struggling with;
- Online access - use Language Perfect on any computer or iPad with internet access;
- Accurate pronunciation - every word is recorded by a native speaker for accurate pronunciation; &
- A spaced-repetition based scoring system - encouraging students to continually revise words.

To log into Language Perfect please go to http://www.languageperfect.com, or download the Language Perfect app off the Apple iTunes Store and then refer to the pass that has both your child’s user name and password that was sent home on Friday 19th April with a hard copy of the Language Perfect notice. If you have any questions regarding Language Perfect or if your child has lost their username and password please do not hesitate to email Mrs Ainslie Peszynski at peszynski.ainslie.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

We hope you enjoy using Language Perfect and expanding your Mandarin vocabulary with your child/children.

Nanjing 2014 International Youth Drawing Competition

Victorian schools are invited to participate in the drawing competition for the 2nd Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG) to be held in Nanjing in 2014.

Theme of the competition: Join the YOG, Embrace the Future
Goal of the competition: Promoting the Olympic values: excellence, friendship and respect
Hosting organisation: Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (NYOGOC)
Submissions close: 31 May 2013
Award ceremony: August 2013, including winning works exhibition and summer camp
Grouping: Children Group (6-12 years old)
Teenager group (13-18 years old)

Competition requirements

- All artworks must be created independently by the children reflecting the theme. Artworks from the Teenage Group should advocate a “harmonious, green, sporty, healthy and happy lifestyle” in the form of paper drawings (including Chinese painting, oil painting, gouache painting, watercolour painting, engraving, animation, comics and illustration, etc.).
- The smallest specification should be 30cm x 42cm and the biggest should be 44cm x 68cm.
- Chinese paint works should be done on paper no larger than 69cmx138cm, preferably vertical in orientation.
- No authors name will appear on the work.
Entries will not be returned.

**How to submit your artwork**

- Artworks can be submitted individually, or as a group.
- For individual submission, complete the registration form, the guardian’s identification paper; and for group submission, complete the group application form. These forms are available through the website below.
- All work should be sent via registered mail to:
  - Qinhuailiuyun
  - Stone City Park
  - Stone City Road, Gulou District
  - Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, China, 210019

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**For Further information:**  [http://www.nanjing2014.org/a/20130331/000002.htm](http://www.nanjing2014.org/a/20130331/000002.htm)

Please keep an eye on upcoming newsletter and noticeboard entries to find out further information regarding Mandarin and Asian Studies activities as well as events out in the wider community.

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