Term 3 is moving quickly along. As such, it is time to update you on upcoming events relating to our Mandarin and Asian Studies program at WPPS. This term, we will be celebrating the Moon Festival also known as the Mid-Autumn Festival and the Moon Lantern Festival. Additionally, we will continue to use Language Perfect both in the classroom and at home for Year 2 to Year 6 students.

**Language Perfect**

With regards to Language Perfect any students from Year 2 to Year 6 who has lost or needs their password reset, please email me at peszynski.ainslie.a@edumail.vic.gov.au. I hope you and your child/children are enjoying learning many Mandarin phrases and vocabulary together.

**Moon Festival Celebration for WPPS Families**

The Moon Festival is once again upon us and the school community is invited to celebrate the festival over lunch at [China Bar Signature – Asian Buffet in Burwood](http://www.chinabarsignature.com). Last year, the event took place over 4 sessions in two days, with more than 250 members of the Wattle Park community sitting down and sharing a meal together.

This year, the event will be held on only one day, **Sunday 15th September** and you will be invited to choose one of two sessions to come to. Please keep an eye on upcoming notices, newsletter and noticeboard entries to find out further information regarding the WPPS Moon Festival Lunch Celebration. The key aim of this meal is for community engagement.
Chinese and Asian activities out in the wider community

Out in the wider community activities and celebrations are constantly occurring. If you are ever looking for things to do as a family, please refer to some of the following websites for some ideas.

**Asian Food Festival**
The Asian Food Festival will be running from September 1st to October 15th with the slogan ‘Truly, Madly, Deeply Scrumptious’. For those of you who like food hot and spicy, sweet and sour and all those Asian flavours in between check out the following site for program details. Things such as Floating Yum Cha, East Meets West, Under the Dome and All-You-Can-Eat Dumpling look like some stand outs on the program. [http://asianfoodfestival.com.au](http://asianfoodfestival.com.au)

**Melbourne Chinese Museum - Lighting Up Multiculturalism Exhibition**
From the 15th July to the 12th September, the Melbourne Chinese Museum are hosting the exhibition ‘Lighting Up Multiculturalism’. This exhibition explores the ways in which multicultural Australia celebrates the Mid-Autumn Festival. Visitors will be able to read the stories, celebrate the culture and contribute towards the creation of a poem wall.

The Chinese Museum also has five floors that include a Chinatown Visitor Centre, a temporary exhibition gallery, a Dragon Gallery displaying three generations of Chinese dragons, interactive ‘Finding Gold’ experience, Australia’s 200-year Chinese history told through artefacts as well as the story of recent arrivals from all parts of the Asia Pacific region since the 1950s. You can also take a self-guided iPod tour of Chinatown or book a guided heritage tour. Or you can also take the kids on a treasure hunt. [http://www.chinesemuseum.com.au](http://www.chinesemuseum.com.au)

**Bendigo Golden Dragon Museum**
If you like a road trip and are willing to travel just under two hours one way, then Bendigo is your place. At the Bendigo Golden Dragon Museum they have Yum Cha sessions in their tea room, a winter school holiday program where the kids can participate in dragon puppet making or miniature costume making and they have their Harvest Moon Festival on the 21st September. [http://www.goldendragonmuseum.org](http://www.goldendragonmuseum.org)

**2013 Moon Lantern Festival**
In Box Hill, in Market Street and Main Street on Saturday 21st September from 10am to 5pm there will be performances, stalls and activities to celebrate the Moon Lantern Festival. [http://www.moonlanternfestival.com.au/homepage_mel.html](http://www.moonlanternfestival.com.au/homepage_mel.html)

**Chinatown Discounts**
If you off to the city one weekend then please refer to the Chinatown website to download 18 FREE vouchers for discounts and specials at participating Chinatown Restaurants and businesses. [http://chinatownmelbourne.com.au](http://chinatownmelbourne.com.au)

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