



澳大利亚学习汉语协会

ALMA News

October 2013

ALMA Annual General Meeting

6.30pm, 31 October 2013

New committee members are needed

From the President

We are now coming to the time of year when we hold our Annual General Meeting, which must occur on or before 31 October each year.

While we are always on the look-out for new committee members, this year we are losing three of our longstanding members: Alison Keys and I will be going overseas on government postings to Vietnam and Hong Kong respectively, and Richard Singer will be leaving as his son embarks on the exciting next phase of his education.

We are very happy to welcome Yu Xie as our new Treasurer, and hope he will nominate for the role at the AGM. We are also relieved that our longstanding and indefatigable Secretary, Mandy Scott, intends to re-nominate for the coming year.

ALMA has two areas of focus – the management of the childcare centre (CAECC) and the other on broader ALMA activities.

The committee work is not onerous. The committee holds two separate meetings – one on CAECC management issues and the other on ALMA activities – and some committee members have focused their efforts and attendance at one or other of the meetings.

Meetings relating to the Centre are held four to five times a year with the Director at the Centre after hours (with child care available). The meetings are therefore roughly every two months, with a break over summer. Other ALMA meetings are held as required.

ALMA needs committee members either interested in the Centre, or ALMA activities, or both. But ALMA particularly needs committee members with children at the Centre. The committee is the management body of the Centre and, with the Director, is responsible for its budget, its financial health and viability, and its future direction. We need to have committed parents involved to ensure that management decisions reflect the needs and interests of our

preschool outdoor play area's existing fence being replaced. A higher and sturdier style of fence similar to what is out the front will be erected.

Late November we are holding the Centre's annual end of year concert. This provides the families an opportunity to glimpse what their children have learnt over the past 12 months. It is also a social event where families have the opportunity to gather and socialise over some yummy finger foods. This year the concert is being held on the 29th November commencing at 5.30. We thank Mawson Primary School for their generous support by allowing us to use their wonderful hall & play area.

The Last day for 2013 is Friday 20th December & the first day back in 2014 is Monday 6th January.



OTHER NEWS AND VIEWS

TRADITIONAL CHINESE CLASSICAL MUSIC – HARMONY ACROSS A THOUSAND MILES

The Australia Friendship Society, ACT Branch and the ANU School of music are presenting an afternoon of traditional Chinese Classical music, Harmony Across a Thousand Miles, played by the ANU Chinese Classical Music Ensemble.

You are invited to attend this event. All proceeds go to Project Hope an organisation that helps underprivileged Chinese students stay at school.

When: 2:00pm to 4:00pm,
Sunday 13 October

Where: Big Band Room, Peter Karmel Bldg, ANU School of Music

Cost: \$15 (adult),
\$10 (concession/members),
\$5 (kids),
\$30 (family)

Contact details: for more information phone Teck on 6254 6814 or email acfsevent@gmail.com

MANDARIN STARS

Mandarin Stars, who have run excellent classes in Chinese for children in Sydney since 2008, have a facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mandarinstars> that parents might like to join.

Lots of interesting information and some useful tips about learning Mandarin.



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