From LOTE – Term 2 activities

The incursion “Engaging China” was held over two days on the afternoons of 7 May and 8 May 2014 for all (Year 6 and 7) students. Event activities included making and kicking jianzi (shuttlecock), Chinese calligraphy, Introduction to contemporary Chinese Culture, characteristics (eg. learning about the evolution of Chinese characters). There was also Chinese food culture & a jelly bean competition. This allowed the students to increase their knowledge of Chinese whilst enjoying hands on experiences. At the end of the event, a quiz was conducted and students received prizes for giving correct answers related to these experiences.

A selected group of Year 8 students participated in the Annual Pandas Picnic on 3 June 2014. This was held with 10 other Primary Schools in Western Australia. The aims of the event is for students to:

- meet and get to know other students learning Chinese in Western Australia;
- use the Chinese language learned in the Languages classroom, to communicate with others in a meaningful way;
- participate in some Chinese cultural activities.

All students increased their knowledge and thoroughly enjoyed the day. In particular, those who participated in the Gongfu (martial art) exercise at end of the day felt energised.