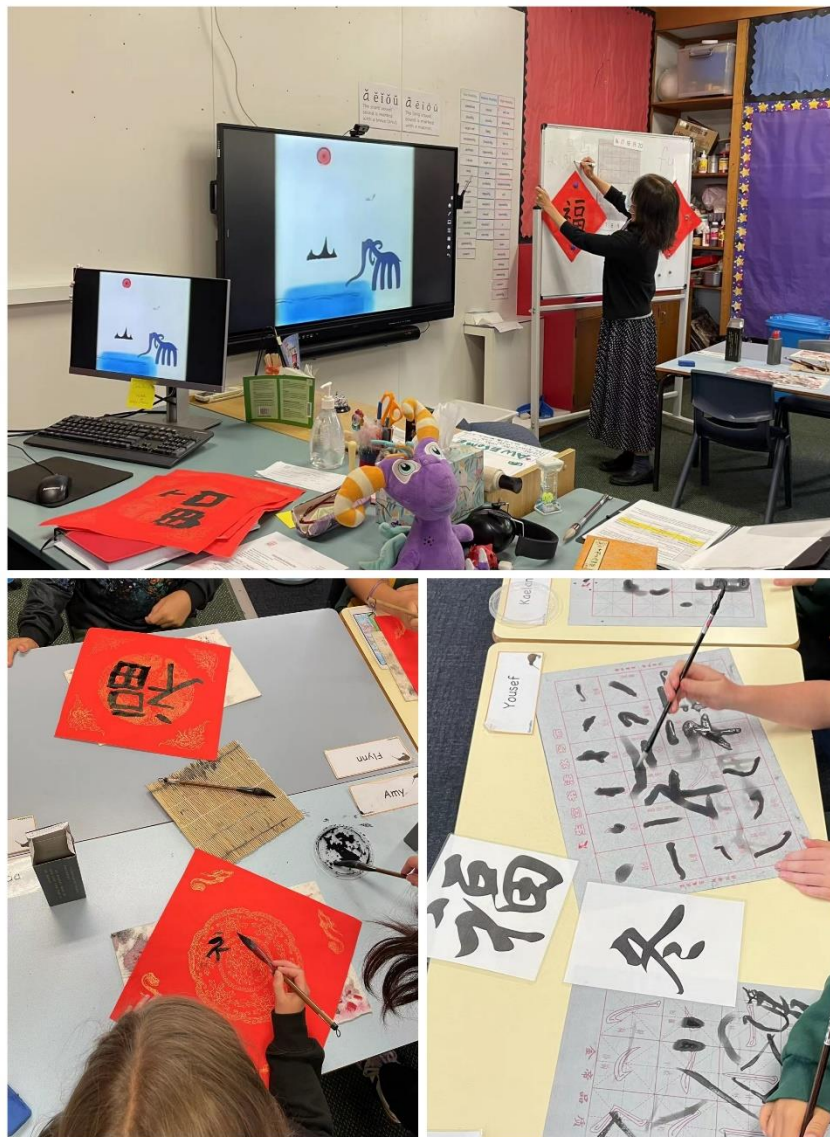


BPS 2022 Chinese Cultural Day

On February 25, 2022, Sinofield and Blackheath Public School (BPS) conducted an inspirational, fun-filled Chinese Cultural incursion. On the day, eighty-eight Year 3 and 4 students participated in the authentic Chinese calligraphy, paper cutting and lion dance cultural workshops. All students and teachers cooperated and engaged actively, making the day's event a great success!

During the **calligraphy** workshops, students were very excited to use brushes to write Chinese characters. Although it was their first time, they did a great job! They wrote "福 (good fortune)" stroke by stroke on Doufang paper, which is the most popular Chinese New Year decoration. Students loved making the decoration by themselves, which further added to the joy of Chinese New Year!



Chinese New Year is also known as the "Spring Festival", and Chinese people expect Spring to arrive after the Chinese New Year. In Chinese we say "万物复苏，草木更新" - which translates to "all nature is renewed". Traditionally, Spring is when a new round of sowing and harvesting begins, bringing hope to all! This is why the Chinese New Year has always been the biggest Festival in China. After the students learnt the significance of the Spring Festival to the Chinese people, they began making their **papercutting** of "春 (spring)".



The lion dance is considered to be an auspicious act to exorcise evil spirits and to avoid evil among Chinese people. It is a "must-have" activity for the Chinese New Year. The students were able to wear various lion dancing props and also experienced the lion dance first-hand. Using the costume, students made a variety of playful expressions in time with the sound of the drums: winking, shaking their heads, jumping up and down, etc. It was a very special experience for them, and they all had a great time.





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We will continue to improve our programs to best meet the needs of the curriculum, and teachers across the state. Interested schools are welcome to contact us at any time. We will try our best to design and arrange the corresponding activities according to the needs of your school. I sincerely wish all teachers the best of success in Chinese education! I also look forward to seeing all students make continuous progress in their Chinese learning!

Sinofield Culture Centre (SCC) is the result of joint research and development between Sinofield and CLTANSW. It aims to establish a Chinese training base, promote Australian Chinese education, and provide a new stage for Chinese teachers.



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