



New exciting workshops!!

Asia Raya offers Chinese cultural workshops and performances



Chinese dance workshops



Lion dance drum and percussion workshops



Testimonials - workshops

The Year 3 students had a wonderful experience during a Chinese incursion facilitated by four visitors from Asia Raya. In the dance workshop, students moved to the music with the colourful fans, twirled the ribbon gracefully, and bopped to the music with the lantern. In the mask making session the students created their own lion mask and couldn't wait to put it on. In the Chinese percussion workshop the students discovered various traditional instruments such as wood blocks, gongs, cymbals and drums. In the Lion Dance workshop the students worked in groups of three and learnt movements of a lion such as opening and closing the eyes, shaking the head, shuffling back, chasing and catching the 'orange', licking itself and bowing to the audience.

The highlight of the day was the students in traditional costume performing together to demonstrate what they had learnt. Each group performed the percussion and a dance. If you were there, you would feel like you were in Chinatown!

Viola Chen, Mandarin teacher, Overnewton Anglican Community College, Keilor campus, 2017

Aaron and Nita are very easy to communicate with. They are experienced in school incursions and gave me many good advices to plan for the day. They clearly know what students are like and what they are interested in. The workshops were well structured, intensive and productive. The resources and skills they brought in were rich and authentic. Our Year 3 parents were amazed to watch their Children's various performances such as fan dance, ribbon dance, lion dance at the end of the day. I will definitely invite the team back in future!

Grace Wen, Mandarin teacher, Overnewton Anglican Community College, Taylors Lakes campus, 2017

The Grade One students from Mernda Primary School were delighted to have Asia Raya visit their school for their Chinese Cultural Day Incursion. The students thoroughly enjoyed learning Chinese Dances using props such as fans, ribbons and lanterns. They also loved hearing the Chinese music! The most exciting part of their day was when they dressed up in traditional Chinese costumes to perform their newly learnt dances to their parents. It was a wonderful afternoon showcasing the Traditional Chinese dances! Thank you so much to the Asia Raya team who were marvelous throughout the day.

Nicole Lohner, Grade 1 teacher, Mernda Primary School, 2016

Asia Raya also offers performances-

Testimonials - performances

Our school has had a focus on globalisation recently and developed a sister school relationship with a school in China. As a result, I thought it would be beneficial for the students to experience a China focused cultural show by Asia Raya for them to hear and see traditional Chinese music. The students absolutely loved the show. It was engaging with every student getting involved in some way and the colours of the costumes and props meant the show was visually stimulating. It was great for them to see and hear traditional Chinese instruments and they were thoroughly entertained by the shadow puppet show. I have had nothing but positive feedback from both students and classroom teachers. Would highly recommend Asia Raya to any school looking for a cultural show.

Trista Fry - Music Coordinator Birmingham Primary School, 2014

Aaron and Nita came to celebrate Chinese New Year with us. We all enjoyed the one hour varied, engaging performance. They performed the fan dance, ribbon dance, Hulisi, shadow

puppet show, martial art, Kung fu fan dance, lion dance and organised a fun parade for our kids. Students were fascinated by the ribbon dance and they couldn't stop saying 'wow'. The kung fu fan dance was strong and elegant. During the parade, So many students came to tell me that they had been practicing the fan dance and tried to learn it. The shadow puppet show made students laugh and wonder is that really why Chinese people have short names. Also they were fascinated by the interaction of light and shadow. Our kids not only watched the show but they also stood up and learned Chinese dance with Nita and stepped outside to have a fun in the parade with kids holding a dragon head and a lion head, whilst everyone else was involved, waving the ribbons and beautiful Chinese fans. Many kids said that they didn't have a favorite because they loved everything in the show.

Shi Yin, Chinese teacher, Harkaway Primary School, 2016

Thank you Asia Raya for bringing such a wonderful Chinese cultural experience to our school on our Cultural Day. Students completely enjoyed the workshops throughout the day and the whole school performance was amazing. Everyone had fun! Lots of positive feedback has been received from the school community!

Lei Zhu - LOTE teacher, Balwyn Primary School, 2015

China Focus is an interactive, engaging incursion that introduces students to a variety of Chinese dance styles and musical instruments. Our students were captivated by the performances and puppet show. They also loved trying out fan and ribbon dancing as part of the lion dance around the stadium – it was great to see every student involved in the parade!

Sheryl Boey – LOTE teacher, Surry Hills Primary School, 2014

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