Dear Parents,

We are delighted to hear that our sister school in China, Kunshan Peiben Experimental Primary School will be sending a teacher and a group of seven students to visit our school (late July- early August). This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community.

Details are still being worked through but at this stage we believe the students and teacher will be here a week. During the week the students and teacher will be coming to our school and being involved in normal school activities, whilst on the weekend it will be an opportunity for host families to show them some sights around Melbourne. (We believe they will have some sightseeing opportunities in both Sydney and Melbourne before coming to our school)

In Chinese schools students study English as a second language and at our sister school, Kunshan Peiben Experimental Primary School students in years Prep- 6 have four English lessons per week. The students will have a good understanding of the English language. With around 3,500 students in their school and a very structured curriculum, the teacher and students are very keen to learn more about Australia and education in Australia.

This year one of our students Keilah Dewar and her grandparents visited Kunshan Peiben Experimental Primary School. Keilah spoke at assembly about her visit and how much she enjoyed the experience. Other local schools will also be hosting their Chinese Sister School students and staff around this time.

This visit will be a terrific opportunity for us to further develop our relationship with our sister school and for our school community to show our visitors the wonderful facilities and programs that we have at our school and the beautiful local area of Gembrook.

Whilst we are still awaiting further details, at this stage we believe we would need twelve families to volunteer to host a Chinese student from our sister school. We believe that the students will be with us for approximately 6 nights with the Chinese students involved in activities on school days and the weekend would be an opportunity for the visiting students to experience home life in Australia. I believe the students involved will be from their senior school (years 5 and 6).

I appreciate the details that I have provided are not overly specific but hope that some families may be in a position to return the slip below to indicate they are interested in this opportunity. (This is an initial expression of interest only and will allow me to provide more specific details to the families whom have expressed an interest in being involved. I would anticipate families who have students in our senior school would be particularly interested in this opportunity)

Thank you for your consideration,

Kym Peterson
Principal

Chinese Sister School Hosting Expression of Interest- please return to the office by Friday 6th May

We are interested in hosting a student from our Chinese Sister School.

Eldest student name: ______________________

Class: _________

Best contact phone number:______________________________

We would prefer to host a male/ female student. (please circle)