

Ni Hao Children's Community Chinese New Year Festival notes for Saturday 17 February



Civic Square
Chinese New Year Festival
'Family Fun Fair'
Sat 17 Feb 2018, 11-4pm

There will be only two session times for our Saturday class students, as follows:

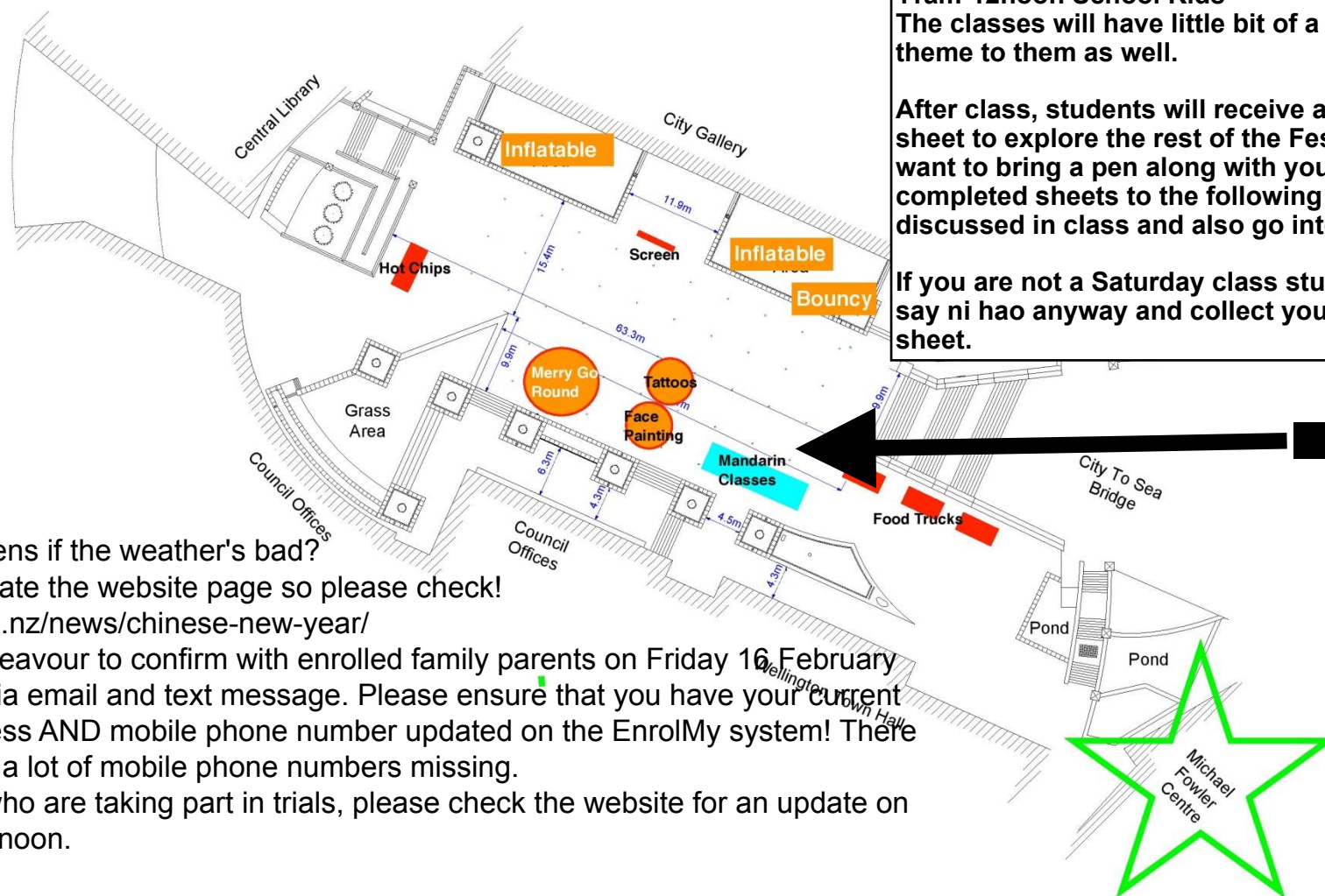
10-10:45 am Early Learners

11am-12noon School Kids

The classes will have little bit of a Chinese New Year / dog-theme to them as well.

After class, students will receive a Scavenger Hunt activity sheet to explore the rest of the Festival with (so you might want to bring a pen along with you on the day). Bring completed sheets to the following week's classes, to be discussed in class and also go into a prize draw!

If you are not a Saturday class student, please pop along to say ni hao anyway and collect your Scavenger Hunt activity sheet.



What happens if the weather's bad?

We will update the website page so please check!

nihaocc.org.nz/news/chinese-new-year/

We will endeavour to confirm with enrolled family parents on Friday 16 February afternoon via email and text message. Please ensure that you have your current email address AND mobile phone number updated on the EnrolMy system! There seem to be a lot of mobile phone numbers missing.

For those who are taking part in trials, please check the website for an update on Friday afternoon.

If the Civic Square activities and Street Parade do not proceed, we go back to having classes at the usual scheduled times at Lifepoint Church.

This is us!
Remember to bring picnic mats, and ensure your child has a hat and sunscreen on as there will be no shelter on the day.

Critical times:

Float decoration **12.00pm to 1:00pm**

Participants in parade to assemble by **1:15pm** in Tennyson Street.

Marshals briefing at **1:15pm** in Tennyson Street.

The parade will commence at 2pm sharp.

Important information:

Each group is to supply a minimum of 4 marshals to accompany their group in the parade. Marshals will be provided with vests. The marshals are to be solely responsible for keeping the public away from the floats and parade participants. **Please ensure the notes attached are circulated to the Marshals prior to the event.**

A marshals briefing will take place at 1:15pm in Tennyson Street. All marshals must attend. Failure by a community group to have marshals present at this briefing will jeopardize their participation in the parade.

At the conclusion of the parade, those on foot may leave the parade at the Frank Kitts Park. **Those on floats must stay on the float and disembark along Jervois Quay. Under no circumstances are they to disembark before this point.**

There are no postponement days for Festival Day.

In the event of bad or wet weather, the Parade & Family Fun Fair (Civic Square) will be cancelled. The Asian Market & Cultural Entertainment (MFC) will proceed regardless of the weather.

Tennyson Street will be closed to the public on Festival Day. Only groups participating in the parade and residents will be allowed access into Tennyson Street.

All groups must identify themselves to the security/marshals on site by providing them with details of their group name and parade line up number as advised.

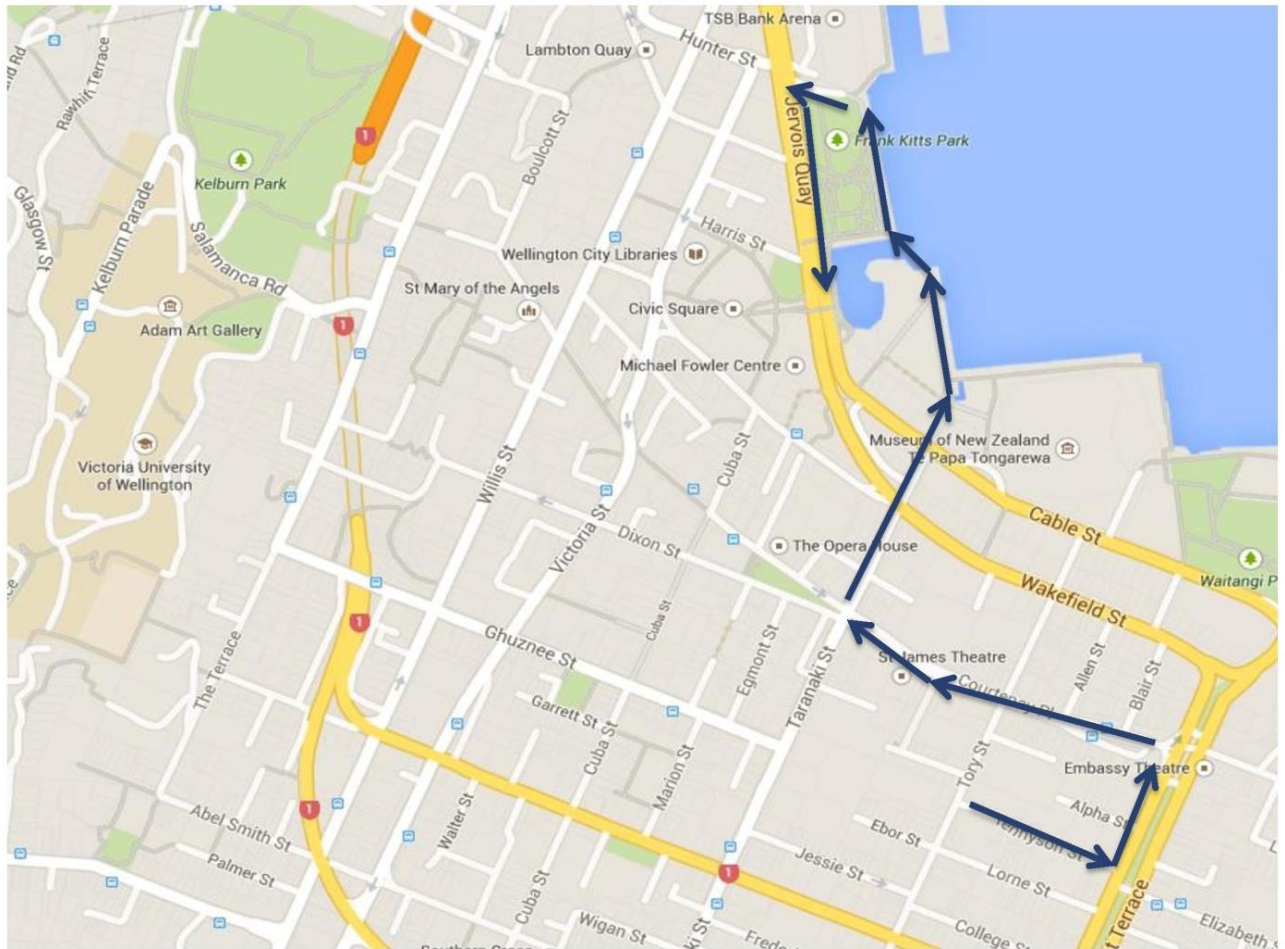
Ni Hao Children's Community is Group 7. Come to Tennyson Street at 1pm, and the security/marshals on site should be able to point you out to where Group 7 is gathering.

Please make and bring a dog mask to hold/wear during the parade - German Shepherd? Golden Retriever? Pug??

You can print something from the internet and either attach some elastic band, or glue it to a stick.

Please wear red, orange or yellow clothing - this can just be a top or you can try going the extra mile with everything matching! If you're lucky enough to have a Chinese outfit, please wear that :)

Start: Tennyson St / Finish: Frank Kitts Park



Note : Towing vehicles will halt along Jervois Quay, only then should participants disembark their float – then walk up the stairs to the City to Sea Bridge and continue to Civic Square and Michael Fowler Centre.

Parade Marshals - Notes

- 1.00pm: be at the assembly point (Tennyson St) to find your allocated Parade group.
- 1.15pm: meet outside Tony's Tyres (Cambridge Tce end of Tennyson St) for the briefing and to receive a hi-viz vest.
- 2.00pm: the Parade will move off at 2pm sharp.
- As a marshal for this event, you represent the Chinese New Year Festival.
- Follow any instructions issued by Asian Events Trust (Steph/Rita).
- Your hands should be free to manage any random items, stray children etc; do not carry any items, eg bag, camera, clothing.
- Please be courteous and helpful where possible.
- Focus on the job of safety for parade participants and equipment, eg items falling off a float, a walking group moving off course, walking too fast/slow to the float in front, etc.
- Be alert to impulsive actions from the public, eg an excited child running out, anyone trying to walk between floats, the crowd formation getting too close to the Parade, etc.
- Stay with your allocated float during the full parade procession
- At the end of the Parade, when your vehicle float or walking group exits Frank Kitts Park, you must walk with your group to ensure your groups safety. The lane closest to Frank Kitts Park of Jervois Quay will be closed to traffic and parade participants should disburse onto the footpath. Walk up the stairs to the City to Sea Bridge, and proceed to Civic Square and Michael Fowler Centre on foot.
- Your job is complete only when your group has safely disbursed onto the footpath.
- Return your vest to the Information Caravan in Civic Square, or Steph or Rita at Frank Kitts Park.

Any queries/problems to **Rita (029 748 2866), Steph (027 452 6393)**

