

kids first



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Jimmy

Summer fun... now school's back!

Welcome back super savers! I hope you all enjoyed your long summer holiday! I went camping with my family and had a great time at the beach.

There are some cool things happening this year. I've been learning about Chinese New Year which will be happening soon. What an awesome festival filled with cool traditions. Read all the things I've learned below. Make sure you enter our 'Year of the Dog' colouring competition over the page - you could win \$50 for your savings!

Stay cool super savers!

Chinese new year

2018

YEAR OF THE DOG

OF ALL THE CHINESE FESTIVALS, CHINESE NEW YEAR IS THE FESTIVAL THAT IS LOVED AND LOOKED FORWARD TO THE MOST.

For Chinese people, the Lunar New Year is a time for happy reunions, family and friends, rich in colorful traditions and customs. Each year is assigned an animal according to the Chinese Zodiac - 2018 is the year of the dog.

In China, planes, trains, buses, boats, donkeys, and any means of transportation you can imagine, are jammed packed with people returning home to enjoy the celebrations with their friends and family. And all over the world, wherever there is a Chinatown, the festivities are a colorful display of dragon dances, lantern festivals, feasts, and of course fireworks!

THE HISTORY OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

This traditional festival has been celebrated for more than four thousand years. It came about from ancient celebrations to mark the end of the long winter season and the beginning of spring. It celebrates the earth coming back to life and the beginning of the growing cycle. This is why it is also called the Spring Festival.

WHEN IS CHINESE NEW YEAR?

Chinese New Year will be on February 16 this year. Chinese New Year dates vary each year and could fall at the end of January or in February.

THE PREPARATIONS

It is a tradition for every family to thoroughly clean the house in order to sweep away any ill-fortune and to make way for incoming good luck. Homes are decorated with red paper cut patterns and poetry scrolls.

FIREWORKS

Bamboo stems filled with gunpowder were once used in ancient China to create small explosions to drive away evil spirits. Over time, this has evolved into the use of firecrackers during the festive season. The burning of firecrackers also signifies a happy time of year and has become an important part of Chinese New Year celebrations.

TRADITIONS

Red envelopes containing money are usually given from older people to younger people during Chinese New Year. Small gifts (usually food or sweets) are also exchanged between friends or relatives (of different households).



colour in... and win!

Colour in this cute guy to celebrate 2018 being the Chinese year of the dog!
Return your completed picture with your school banking passbook, bring it in to a First Credit Union branch, or post it before Friday 6 APRIL 2018 to PO Box 585, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton.

NAME

AGE

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SCHOOL

ADDRESS

2 lucky people will
WIN \$50
for their savings!



congratulations!

Congratulations to the winners of our Savings Wordfind competition – **Nixon Coe** and **Nashrullah Danish**.

Great work finding all the hidden words guys – **you've both won \$50 for your savings!**

Hey mum! Hey Dad!

Make next Christmas stress free and easier on your account!

Our Christmas Club savings account will help you get ready for the silly season! Save as little as \$5 a week and you will have \$240* to spend over the festive season. You'll earn a great interest rate on your savings. Funds become available in November, so you can't dip into it during the year!

*Savings calculated from the first week of January to the last week of November.

final funny...

Q: What kind of dog likes baths?

A: A Shampoodle!



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