

NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER – JAN 2008



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Date/Day	Events	Venue	Time
Thursday 31 st January 2008	Last day for OSCA Easter registrations		
Wednesday 6 th February 2008	DCC Chinese New Year's Eve celebrations	Octagon	Evening - midnight
Thursday 7 th February 2008	Chinese New Year's Day		
Saturday 9 th February 2008	OSCA Chinese New Year Dinner	Nanking Palace Restaurant	Evening
Sunday 10 th February 2008	OSCA Miniball/Basketball Practices start	Edgar Centre	9.30am
Sunday 10 th February 2008	OSCA Chinese New Year Picnic	Brighton Domain	12 noon
Friday 21 st March – Mon 24 th March 2008	NZCA Easter Tournament	Auckland	4 days
Friday 22 nd August – Sun 24 th August 2008	OSCA Annual Camp	Berwick Camp, Otago	2 days

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year.

2007 was a very busy year for our Association. With great efforts from all the Committee especially the Youth Subcommittee, our branch organised a very successful Easter Tournament and many other events last year.

We have a strong and vibrant committee with subcommittees

covering different areas of our Association and membership - building, newsletter, membership/social, children, youth and adult & elderly. This structure has been set up under the leadership of our immediate past-president Peter Sew Hoy who is now our Chairman.

I'd like to especially welcome those who recently joined the Children's Subcommittee. We are grateful that as parents of young children you have found the time and energy to make your contribution.

Our Association is a somewhat different organisation



from its former self 20 to 30 years ago. Many families have two working parents, and many children are more technologically capable than their parents. The makeup of our Committee reflect these changes – we now have more women and younger members on our Committee, as it is important for our Association to have their contribution.

This is your Association. If you feel you can contribute, please give me a call.

I wish you a happy and prosperous 2008 year.

Join us at the following upcoming events:

- Chinese New Year Dinner at the Nanking Palace Restaurant on Sat 9 Feb @ 7pm.
- Chinese New Year picnic at Brighton Domain on Sun 10 Feb @12pm.
- Easter Tournament in Auckland from Friday 21 to Tues 25 March.

Further details of these events are in this newsletter. See you there.

Teresa Chan

President

The Otago & Southland Branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association

会长报告

大家新年好

2007年是我們協會非常繁忙的一年，在執委會全體委員，尤其是青年支委會委員的努力工作下，我們成功地舉辦了復活節運動大會和許多其它的活動。

我們協會具有一個強大的、充滿活力的執委會。它屬下有大樓支委會、會刊支委會、社交支委會、兒童支委會、青年支委會和老年人支委會。該領導結構是在我們的前任會長、現任主席徐穎德 Peter Sew Hoy 的領導下建立的。

我在此特別要歡迎那些剛剛加入我們兒童支委會的委員們。我們很高興地看到您們，作為孩子的家長，能夠抽出時間和精力投身到支委會的工作中來。

跟 20-30 年前相比，我們的協會與其前身多少有點不同：比如說，目前大多數都是雙職工的家庭；孩子們也比他們的父母輩更有能力。從我們協會的人員結構中也可以看出這種變化-我們執委會

現在有更多的婦女和年輕委員，他們在協會中所到了重要的作用。

這是您們大家的組織，假如您想在我們的協會工作，請來電告知。

祝願大家在 2008 年快樂，心想事成。同時也希望大家能夠參加如下的活動：

- 二月九日晚上七點在南京飯店的迎新春晚餐。
- 二月十日中午十二點在 Brighton Domain 的迎新春野餐會。
- 三月二十一日至二十五日在奧克蘭的復活節運動大會。

就有關這些活動的詳細事宜，請參看本期會刊。

期望與您們在這些活動中相會。

陳慕詩 Teresa Chan

會長

紐西蘭華聯會歐他皓修付崙分會

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, starts at the beginning of spring in China. It occurs somewhere between January 30 and February 20. Each Chinese year is represented by a repeated cycle of 12 animals: the rat, ox, tiger, hare or rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, ram, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. Chinese New Year is China's biggest holiday.

As part of the Chinese New Year celebration, people buy presents, decorations, special foods and new clothing.

Days before the New Year celebration, Chinese families are busy giving their home a thorough cleaning. It is believed the cleaning sweeps away bad luck and makes the house ready for good luck to enter. All brooms and dust pans are put away on New Year's Eve so good luck cannot be swept away.

In many homes, doors and windowpanes get a new coat of red paint. The home is decorated with paper-cuts and poems called couplets of "happiness", "wealth", "longevity" and "satisfactory marriage with children".

The New Year's Eve supper is a feast with all the members of the family getting together. One popular food is "jiaozi" which are dumplings boiled in water. After dinner, the whole family stays up all night playing cards,



board games or watching TV programs dedicated to the New Year's celebration. Lights in the house are kept on during the whole night. At midnight, the sky is lit up by fireworks which symbolize the sending out of the old year and the welcoming in of the new year. People open all the windows and doors in the house in order to let the old year go out.

Very early the next morning, children greet their parents and receive their New Year present. They get lucky red envelopes with money inside. The rest of the first day of the New Year is spent visiting relatives, friends and neighbors.

The Festival of the Lanterns begins fifteen days after New Year's Day. It is celebrated with lantern shows and folk dances. Children display their lanterns in a night time parade. This is when the Chinese people welcome the first full moon of the new year. A typical food is "Tang Yuan"...dumplings made of sweet rice rolled into balls and stuffed with either sweet or spicy fillings.

Chinese New Year customs vary from place to place in China because China is a big country geographically, demographically and ethnically. But the spirit underlying the diverse celebrations of the New Year is the same: a sincere wish of peace and happiness for family members and friends.

THE YEAR OF THE RAT, 2008

February 7, 2008 - January 25, 2009

The Year of the Rat: 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008

In Chinese, the Rat is respected and considered a courageous, enterprising person. They are clever and bright, sociable and family-minded. They are imaginative, charming, and truly generous to the person they love. They have broad interests and strong ability in adapting to the environment and able to react adequately to any changes. They work hard to



achieve their goals, acquire possessions and are likely to be perfectionists. They are basically thrifty with money. Their ambitions are big and they are usually very successful.

A **Rat Year** is a time of hard work, activity, and renewal. This is a good year to begin a new job, get married, launch a product or make a fresh start. Ventures begun now may not yield fast returns, but opportunities will come for people who are well prepared and resourceful. The best way for you to succeed is to be patient, let things develop slowly, and make the most of every opening you can find.

Otago & Southland Chinese Association

Chinese New Year Dinner

Nanking Palace Restaurant
198 King Edward Street, South Dunedin
7:00 pm
Saturday 9th February 2008
\$28.00 per person

Menu

Chicken & Corn Soup
Crispy Skin Roast Pork
Nanking Roast Duck
Ginger Beef with Oyster Sauce
Chinese Mushrooms on Lettuce Bed
Prawns with Chilli Sauce

Chicken and Cashew nuts
Stir Fried Chinese Vegetables
Crispy Skin Chicken
Fresh Fruit Platter
Steamed Rice
Chinese Tea

Raffles. Lucky door prizes

Tickets may be obtained from any OSCA committee member.



Otago & Southland Chinese Association

Annual Chinese New Year Picnic & Barbeque

Brighton Domain
Sunday 10th February
Start time 12.00 noon.



*Bring your own picnic lunch and refreshments.
OSCA will be providing some BBQ food, bread and fruit.*

Come along and have a fun day.
Races, Egg throwing, Gumboot throwing, Tug of War, Lolly Scramble
and much more.

**A special welcome to all
Chinese School & Chinese Otago University students.**

**Meet old friends.
Make new friends.
Meet the local Chinese community.**

LION DANCE 2008 – CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Lion Dance team will be performing for the Chinese New Year celebrations in the Octagon on Wednesday 6th February.

We also have more performances scheduled for other Chinese New Year celebrations in February in Dunedin and Invercargill.

We are excited to be performing in our new costumes which were purchased recently.



We welcome new members to join us for this event. You don't need to have any experience in Lion Dancing. Anyone is welcome to attend our practices. If you and any friends are keen to participate, please contact us:

Mike Qu	Cell phone: 021 076 1254	Email: hgheeroyuy@hotmail.com
Karena Sew Hoy	Cell phone: 021 162 1483	Email: karenasewhoy@hotmail.com
Henry Kuo	Cell phone: 021 260 7558	Email: henrykool11@gmail.com



Have you still got an OSCA uniform lurking in the back of your wardrobe?

Was this issued to you last year? Year before? Years ago!!!!?

We are missing many uniforms and would appreciate the return of these. Many of these belong to sets and without enough for a team, we cannot use the sets anymore.

If so, you can return these anonymously to:

Frances Wong

15 Merlin Street

Roslyn

Dunedin

😊 No questions asked! 😊

Otago & Southland Chinese Association
MINIBALL & BASKETBALL PRACTICE TIMETABLE

Term 1 2008

Date	Day	Venue	Miniball & Under 17	Women's Basketball	Men's Basketball
10 th Feb	Sunday	Edgar	9:30am – 10:30am	9:30am – 10:30am	9:30am – 10:30am
17 th Feb	Sunday	Edgar	9:30am – 10:30am	9:30am – 10:30am	9:30am – 10:30am
24 th Feb	Sunday	Edgar	9:30am – 10:30am	9:30am – 11:30am	10:30am – 12pm
27 th Feb	Wednesday	Edgar		8:45pm-10:00pm	8:45pm-10:00pm
2nd March	Sunday	OBHS	9:30am – 10:30am	12:00pm – 1:00pm	10:30am – 12pm
5 th March	Wednesday	Edgar		7:30pm-8:30pm	8:30pm-9:30pm
9 th March	Sunday	OBHS	9:30am – 10:30am	12:00pm – 1:00pm	10:30am – 12pm
12 th March	Wednesday	Edgar		7:30pm-8:30pm	8:30pm-9:30pm
16 th March	Sunday	Edgar	9:30am – 10:30am	9:30am – 11:30am	10:30am - 12pm
19 th March	Wednesday	Edgar		7:30pm-8:30pm	8:30pm-9:30pm
23 rd March	Easter Sunday		NO PRACTICE	NO PRACTICE	NO PRACTICE
30 th March	Sunday	Edgar	9:30am – 10:30am	9:30am – 11:30am	10:30am – 12pm
6 th April	Sunday	Edgar	9:30am – 10:30am	9:30am – 11:30am	10:30am - 12pm
13 th April	Sunday	Edgar	9:30am – 10:30am	10:30am-12pm	10:30am-12pm
20 th April	Sunday		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	UNI HOLIDAYS	UNI HOLIDAYS
27 th April	Sunday		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	UNI HOLIDAYS	UNI HOLIDAYS
4 th May	Sunday	Edgar	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	9:30am – 11:30am	10:30am – 12pm

Otago & Southland Chinese Association Basketball annual registration fees

Otago & Southland Chinese Association Basketball annual registration fees for 2008 are \$45 per player. If there is more than one member of the family wishing to play then the cost for subsequent family members is \$35. The annual registration fee must be paid by **9th March** to Janice or Frances.

You must be a member of the Otago & Southland Chinese Association to be able to register.

Registration entitles you to

- entry to Edgar Centre & OBHS for all timetabled OSCA practices in 2008
- team coaching at practices
- use of OSCA uniforms at tournaments
- use of uniforms for OSCA teams in the local Dunedin competitions

If you do not wish to pay the annual basketball registration fee you can still attend our practices. Payment of the following fees **must be at the beginning of each practice/term**.

	Single practices	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Fee	\$2.50	\$17.50	\$15.00	\$15.00

60th NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT

AUCKLAND - EASTER 2008

This Tournament is the biggest event in the NZCA calendar each year.

The Otago & Southland Chinese Association will be escorting a contingent up to Auckland to take part in this Tournament.

To be able to travel with the OSCA contingent you must be

- ❖ a member of the OSCA
- ❖ 15 years or over
- ❖ If under 15 years you must have a parent or approved adult travelling with you. (Please check with Janice or Frances)

Keep checking the NZCA website www.nzchinese.org.nz for updates on Easter 2008. Information/updates on Easter activities will also be emailed, as soon as we receive them, to those who register an interest in travelling with the OSCA contingent.

Please read the information on the following pages which explain the travel arrangements that have to be made. Your accommodation has to be confirmed before 1st Feb so make sure you fill in the registration form before **31st January 2008** and send it to us. No further accommodation will be booked after this date.

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Green Island
Dunedin
Email: pjsewhoy@gmail.com
Cell: 021 02597070
Ph: 466 7778
Fax: 466 7110

or
Frances Wong
15 Merlin Street
Roslyn
Dunedin
Email: FrancesW@psotago.org.nz
Cell: 021 2351217
Ph: 467 5005

Otago & Southland Contingent's travel arrangements to Auckland

Easter 2008

Friday 21st March to Tues 25th March - (5 days, 4 nights)

If you plan to travel to Auckland to represent OSCA, book your own flights and then email us your flight details. We will then be able to sort transport for you to and from Dunedin and Auckland airports. You must also fill out the registration form and return it to us by **31st January 2008**.

Please note:

Tuesday 25th March

- Otago Anniversary Day is being observed by Otago University.
- This day is also a holiday for Primary and Secondary Schools. (Source: Ministry of Education website)

AIRFARES

If you book now cheap fares are still available.

Flights from Dunedin to Auckland on Fri 21st March

- ❖ Departs Dunedin 6.50am (Flight NZ0412) One stop in Wellington. Arrives Auckland 9.30am
- ❖ Departs Dunedin 7.20am (Flight NZ5012) One stop in Christchurch to change planes to Flight NZ0508. Arrives Auckland 10.00am

Transport will be arranged from Auckland Airport for anyone arriving on these two flights. If you wish to take advantage of this be sure to book these flights.

The Opening Ceremony usually starts at 12 noon so if you arrive by 10.00am there is usually enough time to get to this function comfortably.

If you wish to travel up to Auckland earlier you will need to find your own accommodation for any extra nights and meet the rest of the contingent at the Opening Ceremony. If you wish to stay longer you will also need to sort your own accommodation.

Flights from Auckland to Dunedin on Tues 25th March

- ❖ Departs Auckland 5.00pm (Flight NZ1547) One stop in Christchurch to change planes to Flight NZ5015. Arrives Dunedin 7.50pm.
- ❖ Departs Auckland 5.30pm (Flight NZ0459) One stop in Christchurch. Arrives Dunedin 8.15pm

Transport to Auckland Airport will be arranged for you if you book to leave Auckland on either of these flights. Otherwise you will be directed to the public shuttle services that run between the city and Auckland Airport.

Transport from Dunedin Airport will be arranged for you if you arrive back on either of these flights. Otherwise you will be directed to the public shuttle services that run back into Dunedin City.

ACCOMMODATION

The OSCA contingent is booked at Base Auckland Central Backpackers (ACB), 229 Queen Street (cnr Queen & Darby Streets). This has been chosen by your team mates and is in central Auckland close to the evening social functions. This also has many facilities, including internet, Sky TV and its own bar. Check it out on www.acb.co.nz. Cost is \$28/night. OSCA is supplying breakfast.

It is recommended that you stay at this accommodation. It is also much more interactive and fun to be staying with the whole team.

TRANSPORT

Rental vans have been arranged for the contingent. Only those staying in the arranged accommodation will have access to these vans.

60th New Zealand Chinese Association
Annual Sports Tournament
Auckland
Friday 21st March to Tues 25th March 2008

Otago & Southland Participant's Registration

Surname: Name: Gender: M / F

Address:

Date of birth (dd/month/year) / / Email.....

Phone number: Cell phone number:

Parents' Details (if participant is under 18 years old)

Parents' Name(s)

Address:

Home Phone: Work Phone: Cell phone:.....

Email:.....

Sports: *Please circle the sports that you are interested in playing at Easter. Number your sports in order of preference (1, 2, 3 etc)*

OSCA usually has teams/representatives in the following sports:

Basketball		Touch Rugby	
Indoor Netball		Indoor Soccer	
Track: Men's mile, Women's 800m, Men's relay, Women's relay (please circle preferences)			
Tennis		Golf	

These sports are also offered but OSCA has not usually had enough players to make up teams:

Volleyball, Badminton, Outdoor Netball, Lawn Bowls, Table Tennis, Hockey. (*Please circle*)

Flights booked?	Yes / No
Dunedin – Auckland	
Flight Number	
Date	
Departure time	
Arrival time	
Auckland – Dunedin	
Flight Number	
Date	
Departure time	
Arrival time	
Accommodation required?	Yes / No
Check- in date	
Check out date	

Please fax, email or hand these forms to Janice or Frances no later than **31st January 2008**.



The Olympic Games will be held in Beijing from August 8th to 24th 2008. This is the second of a series of articles which will inform readers of the preparations that are happening in Beijing leading up to this huge event:

Janice Sew Hoy



THE BEIJING NATIONAL STADIUM - THE BIRD'S NEST

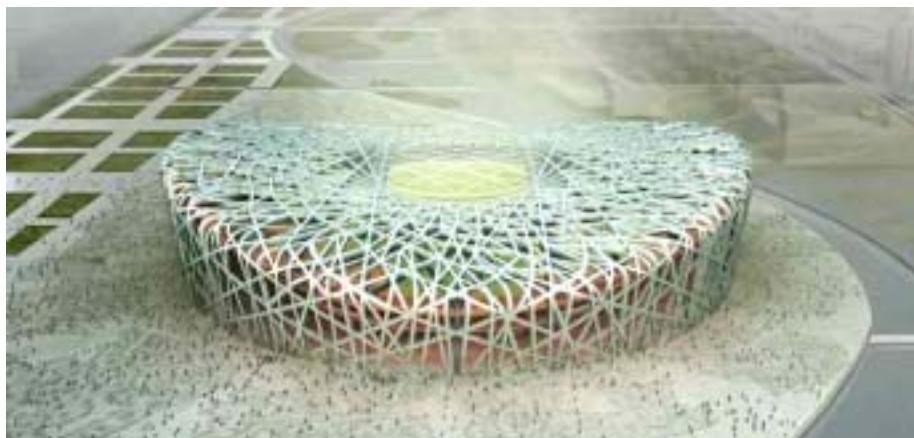
The **Beijing National Stadium**, also known as the *Bird's Nest* because of its nest-like skeletal structure, is a [stadium](#) that is being built in [Beijing](#) for the Summer Olympics which start on 8th August 2008. It will be the venue for the Opening and Closing ceremonies and will host the main track and field events and the soccer finals.

In 2002, Government officials engaged architects worldwide in a design competition. [Pritzker Prize](#)-winning Swiss architects Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron collaborated with Arup Sport and China Architecture Design & Research Group to win the competition.

The stadium will [seat](#) as many as 100,000 spectators during the Olympics, but this will be reduced to 80,000 after the games.

The stadium is 330 [metres](#) long by 220 metres wide, and is 69.2 metres tall. The 250,000 [square metre](#) (gross floor area) stadium is to be built with 36 km of unwrapped steel, with a combined weight of 45,000 [tonnes](#). The exterior “nest-like” appearance is caused by bands of steel stretching every which way to resemble a bird's nest which enclose the stadium. The stadium will cost up to 3.5 [billion Yuan](#) (~423 million [USD](#))

The ground was broken in December [2003](#) and construction started in March [2004](#). Work was halted by the high construction cost in August [2004](#). The idea of the retractable roof was abandoned for economic and safety reasons. Construction was then resumed in late December 2004. It is due to be completed in March 2008.



Dunedin Chinese School

The School runs Mandarin, Cantonese, dance and art classes at different levels of difficulty.

The classes are open to anyone over five years old.

Place: Chinese School (Dunedin North Intermediate School)

Time: 12.30-5:00 pm Sunday during the school term
(Term 1: 17th Feb. to 13 Apr.)

Cost: Mandarin and Arts: \$4 for each lesson (1.5 hr)
Cantonese and Dance: free for members of
OSCA and Chinese school students

Contact: 4745988 or 4749988

Chinese Dance Group

(Sponsored by the Otago and Southland Chinese Association)

Age of students: 5 – 15 years old

Time: 3:35-5:00 pm Sunday during the school term

Place: Chinese School (Dunedin North Intermediate School)

兒童舞蹈班招生 (華聯會贊助)

兒童舞蹈班招收新學員，由經驗豐富的老師任課。

時間：周日下午 3.30-5pm.

地點：中文學校 (Dunedin North Intermediate School)

電話：4745988, 4749988

THE DUNEDIN CHINESE GARDEN

Friends of the Garden and Volunteers

Our Garden

The Dunedin Chinese Garden is an example of a late Ming, early Ching Dynasty Scholar's Garden, surrounded by a four-metre perimeter wall.

The Dunedin Chinese Garden uses authentic Chinese materials crafted by a team of artisans/craftsmen from Dunedin's sister city of Shanghai.

In addition to the hand-made wooden buildings the Garden features 380,000 hand-made tiles, bricks and latticework and granite paving stones, which have been hand-finished.

In particular the use of "lake stone"- 900 tonnes of it – represents an essential element of Chinese art from since the Tang Dynasty (600 -900 AD).



History

The Dunedin Chinese Garden was first proposed at the time of the city's sesqui-centennial celebrations in 1998.

The Chinese community established the Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust, which has since guided this project.

A significant aspect in delivering this facility has been the partnership with the Shanghai Municipal Government and the Shanghai Museum.

Present

The Dunedin Chinese Garden, while currently under construction, is due for completion in May 2008. The Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust is building the Garden which upon completion will be handed over to the Dunedin City Council. Its operation will then become a partnership between the Trust and the Dunedin City Council. To this end a Friends of the Chinese Garden group under the Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust is being formed.

The Friends will foster a greater enjoyment by those who wish to be associated with and help the Garden and to provide support in advice and volunteer help.

Friends and Volunteers

The Trust is proposing to develop a Friends of the Chinese Garden group to assist in the Garden's ongoing future.

This will provide people with an opportunity to show an interest in this authentic Chinese garden and to assist by way of practical volunteer help.

There will be a small staff to manage and operate the Garden but it is proposed they will be assisted by volunteers.

Volunteers will be used as greeters, tour guides and special events hosts. Training will be provided for these roles as well as free car-parking while engaged in Garden activities. The extra benefits of being a Friend of the Garden and/or a volunteer have yet to be finalized.

At this stage we are seeking people interested in offering themselves for such roles.

Friends of the Chinese Garden

Application Form

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Contact _____

Interested in being a:

Friend of the Garden

and/or

Volunteer to assist in some way

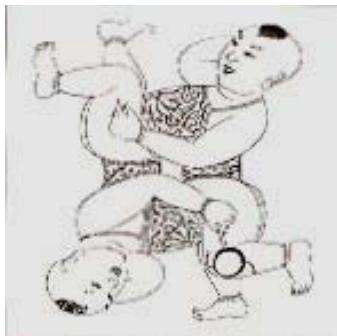
Please post to:

Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust

PO Box 867

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Ph 03 479 0669



CHINESE NUMEROLOGY

Janice Sew Hoy

Number	Homonymy (sounds like)	Number	Homonymy (sounds like)
1	Unity	6	Profitable
2	Easy	7	Certainty
3	Liveliness, alive	8	Prosperous
4	Death	9	Longevity, enough
5	Nothing, no		

The Chinese have always had a deep interest in numerology. For them, numbers are not only for calculations, they have a magical quality of their own, in the sense that they can affect human life and destiny in some way.

Often numbers are assessed on homonymy or their sound.

One stands for “unity.”

Two has the same sound as “easy” (易) in Cantonese, so it is a sought after number.

Three stands for “liveliness” or “alive” (生) in Cantonese.

Four sounds the same as “death” (死) in Cantonese. Character wise, 4 is written as though the sun is being obscured by a cloud, so pictorially it stands for a cloudy day and bad luck.

Five sounds the same as “nothing” or “no” (无).

Six is also very auspicious, not only because it has the same sound as “profitable” (流) in Cantonese but also because 6 is twice 3 and 3 is a lucky primary number since it takes a minimum of 3 points to create a geometrical shape.

Seven has the same sound as “certainty” or “for sure” (确).

Eight is considered an auspicious number because it sounds the same as “prosperous” (发) in Cantonese.

Nine stands for “longevity” or “enough” (久). However since 9 is the biggest number it implies the onset of decline, therefore combination numbers like 39, 69 and 89, while they sound good, imply overdevelopment. For the same reason 999 is not a desirable number because the only way for it to go is down, in the sense that the follow up number is 1000 and the beginning of a new cycle – starting all over again. In the past, 9 is reserved for the Emperor and ordinary people are not allowed to use the number. The doors to the imperial palace are all decorated with (9x9) 81

brass knobs to signify the majesty of the Emperor. We know from history what happened to all Emperors, they got overthrown in the end. So unless you have a good ego and a strong desire for constant renewal, do not choose 9, 99 or 999.

Number combinations:

Any numbers that start with 1,2,3,6 and 8 or a combination of these will always sound lucky. To achieve a feeling of health and prosperity you can choose numbers from these combinations and you cannot go wrong.

In business, where the aim is to grow and make a profit, the three digit numbers like 328 and 888 are very popular with the Chinese because they sound the same as “business will easily prosper” and “thrice prosperous”. Generally three digit numbers are preferred over two or four digits.

Often, 2 is put in front of the other lucky numbers to make it seem easily achievable. For example the numbers 23, 26, 28 and 29 are desirable because they have the same sound as “easily growing”, “easily profitable”, “easily prosperous” and “easily enough” in Cantonese respectively. For the same reason, try to avoid putting a 2 in front of other unlucky sounding numbers like 4 (death or dying). The number 24 is considered unlucky homonymy wise, because it sounds the same as “easily dying” and 2424 is a very unlucky number indeed.

The Chinese do not like to have a house or a car with the number 4 or a combination like 14 “must die”, 24 “easily dying”, 44 “dying and dead” and 74 “surely dead”.

It is best to accompany the number 5 with the unlucky 4 and not the lucky 8. Number 54 sounds like “not dying” i.e. “shall live forever and will not die”. Number 58 sounds like “not prosperous” in Cantonese.

Number 7 goes well with 2, 8, 72 and 78 sound the same as “certainly easy” and “prosperous for sure” respectively in Cantonese. Again, try to avoid putting a 7 next to unlucky numbers like 4. Number 74 sounds the same as “dead for sure” and is considered unlucky.

OSCA ANNUAL WEEKEND CAMP

Mark this date in your new 2008 diaries!!!

Date: Friday 22nd August (late afternoon) – Sunday 24th August (late afternoon) 2008
(First weekend of the Otago University Mid-Semester Break)

Venue: Berwick Camp (40 mins south of Dunedin)

Cost: only \$30 (this is being heavily subsidised by OSCA)

What is provided: Accommodation, food and lots of new activities.

What to bring: sleeping bag, pillow, warm clothes and swimming togs.

*****To be able to attend this camp you must be 15 years or over***

and

a member of the OSCA. **

- Meet new friends, spend time with old friends, learn some new skills and have lots of fun.
- Day and night activities organized for the whole weekend include canoeing, campfire (with marshmallows to toast), confidence course, team building initiatives, day and night bush walks, dodge ball tournament, themed dinner, competing for the OSCA Lip-sync Cup (great prizes!).....and lots more!
- Registrations are being taken now. Places are limited so you must ensure you have paid \$30 to reserve your bunk and to obtain your registration forms.
- Transport will be arranged for anyone who does not have their own vehicle.

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Want to play Table Tennis ?



Otago Table Tennis Association

When: Most Sundays

Time:

9:30am—12:00pm

The Otago Table Tennis Association (O.T.T.A) will provide formal coaching for those players who want to improve their game.

We will also provide match play so that you can practice against other players. These sessions are both fun and enjoyable.

A membership fee will be payable.

Contacts: Robin (ph 4770020 or 0274 335 803)
Ben (ph 4884173) Secretary OTTA

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想打乒乓球？

想提高您的球技？奧塔哥乒乓球協會的專職教練可為您提供專業輔導。我們還提供對打訓練機會。

有趣、好玩！

時間：一般是周日上午 9 : 30 – 12 : 00

地點：Edgar Stadium

會收取會員費

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OSCA MEMBERSHIP

For those of you who have not renewed your memberships, they are now overdue. To ensure that you remain on our mailing list and continue to receive our newsletters and information on community events we encourage you to contact the OSCA Secretary to request a membership form.

CERTIFICATION/IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS

The Applicant must bring his/her passport, proof of residence address and application fee to 1st Fl, 255 George St, Dunedin (Dingxin International Ltd)

Fee: \$50 for an OSCA member for previous 2 consecutive years, \$100 for a non member.

Phone Hugo on 477 5888 for more details.

OSCA 提供

出具個人身份識別/證明的服務

需要辦理的人，請本人帶好自己的護照、有住址的證明和申請費到 1 樓，255 George St, Dunedin (鼎鑫公司內)辦理。

詳情請致電李先生

電話：4775888

ADVERTISING and ARTICLES

The Otago & Southland Association publishes a quarterly newsletter.

Articles of interest to the Chinese community are most welcome.

Advertising Rates per issue

Full page (A4)	\$100 +GST
½ page	\$60 + GST
¼ page	\$30 + GST

All inquiries, articles and advertisements to:

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OSCA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

Did you enjoy coming to the OSCA Chinese community activities?
Do you enjoy good times, outings, get togethers, visiting places and socializing?

If you can answer “yes” to either of the above questions then fill in this questionnaire so that we can organize more activities for you!

** Every completed questionnaire will go into a draw to win a bottle of wine! **
Two to be won.

Name	
Address	
Email address	
Phone Number	
Cell phone	

Circle your age range: Under 20; 20 – 30; 30 – 40; 40-50; 50 – 60;
60+

Have you been on previous OSCA trips? (Please circle)

Dunedin Town Hall & Mayoral Chambers Tour Y / N

Macraes Goldmine trip Y / N

Taieri Gorge Train trip Y / N

Garden Tour Y / N

Picture Search Rally Y / N

Sports trips Y / N

Please Name
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Future OSCA trips

Please give us suggestions for future OSCA social activities/gatherings

Reply by February 29th to:

Reply by February 25 to:
The Social Committee
Otago & Southland Chinese Association
P.O. Box 41
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Or email: philipshum@hotmail.com

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