

## Language club

### Idea:

Establish an after school language club at Yeo Park Infant School. Use either [LCF](#) language clubs (French, Spanish, Italian and Mandarin) or [mandarin](#) Stars (just mandarin). I haven't looked into other providers.

I have spoken to LCF already and they indicated we would need about 10 students to commit a term.

I think we need to survey the parents to see what the interest in. For those students going onto Summer Hill Public, then could offer Italian. But would need to check what parents think.

Idea is to expose students to languages other than English in the same way that they are exposed to music – not going to become fluent in a language with only one hour a week.

Also note that the national curriculum proposes that languages be offered in primary schools – not sure of the timing on this, but it would give Yeo Park Infants School a good grounding by the time this needs to be in place.

As there is no space in the current curriculum, an after school club seems the best way to offer languages.

### Issues:

- space – could the library be used?
- Cost – would want to offer this to all students, so could the P&C subsidise for those students not able to afford the full fee. Otherwise, think that this activity should be parent funded. Unlikely we will find a grant for this and would not want to be dependent on P&C raising enough money each year to pay for all Yeo Park students to attend.
- Organising – using an established provider like LCF or Mandarin Stars could help with the admin of enrolments and 'child protection issues. Don't want to increase the burden on the school to organise this.
- Co-ordinating with after school care – pick up or delivery of students after class to after school care would need to be handled.

### Cost:

- Mandrin Stars are \$26/hour + \$18/term for Mandarin Stars Workbook & CD set
- LCF \$135 to 200 a term