The Confucius Classroom Opening​ was a great success with Linda Zhang, Deputy Director of the Confucius Institute and Elizabeth Wang, Confucius Officer, Secondary Education sending the school a wonderful email of praise, saying how delighted the Chinese delegates were with our opening ceremony.

The event would not have been such a great success if various people in the school did not step up in support of the event.

Firstly, Maria Ellis should be congratulated for her foresight for the event and organising the external entertainers of the Lion Dancers and the Guzheng performance and our students for the Little Apple Dance.  I would like to also thank Jo Gilmour for working with the girls to get their performance to a professional level.

I would also like to thank Elaine Lin and Tina Li for working with our student performers for the Chinese and Australian National Anthems, Ribbon Dancers and 8B's class performance.  Elaine also worked with our MCs and translated the speeches for the day.

The language teachers would like to extend their thanks to the following staff members for their assistance:

1. Michelle Stanford from the Library for loaning furniture and various Chinese decorations to make G14 classroom look fabulous

2. Jason for moving furniture, painting doors, hanging lanterns, putting up signs, basically whatever the teachers required done.

3. Vickii Paton for assisting the students with painting the mural to such a high standard.
4. Zoe van Munster for making herself available for rehearsals and for the event with mics and lights and having to deal with a HT who had no idea what she wanted but wanted it to look and sound good!

5. Renu Pandey and Year 12 Hospitality for providing an amazing lunch.  I personally liked the sweet and sour pork dish but there were lots of likes for the Green Tea Pannacotta dessert.  Thanks should also be extended to the rest of the Home Economics faculty who helped out preparing the bistro with a Chinese theme for lunch and serving the guests on the day.

6. Thanks should especially be given to our school captains and ushers for the day, who had to wear the school jackets all day in sweltering conditions.  Jesse Nguyen should also be recognised for taking amazing photos of the event - check out the school website.

7. Angela Hong for creating an amazing looking program.  Her class worksheets are at a similar amazing standard.

8. Michael Bryce and Steve Kurtz for giving speeches for the event.

9. All deputy principals but in particular Kim Allford (as Tina lives with her) for helping organise the event.  It is those last minute things like proof reading programs,  an acknowledgement of country card and providing water for our guests that really make a difference.

10. SASS staff who had to deal with invitations, business cards, name tags and printing of programs; often with very little notice.

Apologies if I have missed anyone, as it is not intentional.  However, I do recognise that an event this magnitude could not be delivered with great success without teachers being flexible and accommodating to the language faculty with covers and allowing students out of class for rehearsals.  So ....THANK YOU