



Kennedy School

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NEW TERM



May I welcome all of our students and parents back to a new school year – and extend a warm welcome to all new members of the “Kennedy Community”.

We are very pleased with the summer renovations carried out in school:

- Installation of sound-proofing and instrument practice rooms for the music department
- Renovation of the I.N. and EAL classrooms
- Renovation of two Year 3 classrooms
- Re-painting of the stairwells
- New playground surface for the North Wing playground

We hope that the children will enjoy and benefit from these upgrades.

Here’s to another happy and successful school year!



SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons start next week. Kennedy School is the only ESF primary school which has access to a swimming pool and is therefore able to offer swimming lessons as a voluntary extra activity. We must pass the cost on to parents which covers the hire of the swimming pool and the salaries of four qualified swimming instructors per class. The charge for this term’s 7-week swimming programme is \$340 per child (\$680 for year 2 children who will have two swimming lessons per week this term). I’m sure you will agree that this is good value for money. The school makes no profit on the lessons.

If you do not wish your child to attend swimming lessons, please contact their class teacher.

CUBS

Just to let you know that Cubs will not begin until 9th September. At the present the Cub Pack is full. We shall let you know when any new vacancies occur. In the meantime, we are looking for more parent helpers. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Paul Hay

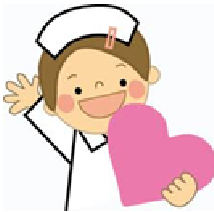
Paul Hay
Principal

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

All parents are invited to attend our "Meet the Teacher" Evening on Thursday 8th September. This will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and receive general information about expectations, routines and the programme for the year. This will be a general talk to parents; individual parent consultations will be offered in November. We regret that we cannot offer alternative presentations for parents who miss this session. For new parents in Year 2 – 6 there will be optional presentations by our specialist teachers in the hall from 5pm – 6pm on this day.

Timetable for "Meet the Teacher" Evening:

- Year 1 & Year 2: 6.00 – 6.30pm
- Year 5 & Year 6: 6.40 – 7.10pm
- Year 3 & Year 4: 7.20 – 7.50pm



MESSAGE FROM THE MEDICAL ROOM

Please can you ensure that you inform the medical room of any changes to your child's health.

Medications will be expected to be given before and after school hours when possible. However if your child requires medicine at school please read the procedures regarding medication at school. If needed, please complete the authorization form which can be downloaded from Kennedy School website under <http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/life-ks/nurse/-/health-matters>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC and MUSICAL CLUBS



Dear Parents,

Thanks to the generous donations of the P.T.A., the Music Department has a **limited stock** of orchestral instruments for hire. We will be delighted if students take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn an instrument. Therefore, we would like to offer a **term's free hire, worth \$150**, if students start to take lessons in this school year (apply before the 5th September). The students can, in time, join the extensive ensemble music activities provided by Kennedy School such as the Orchestra and Brass Group.

Instrumental tuition helps students in numerous ways. Here is a link you may wish to explore. <http://musiced.about.com/od/beginnersguide/a/pinst.htm>

The instruments available for hire are:

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| Trumpet; (Year 4-6) | French Horn; (Year 4-6) | Baritone Horn; (Year 4-6) |
| Trombone; (Year 4-6) | Violin; (Year 2-6) | Viola; (Year 2-6) |
| Cello; (Year 3-6) | Flute; (Year 3-6) | Clarinet; (Year 4-6) |
| Oboe; (Year 5-6) | | |

If you would like to borrow an instrument please contact: jgg@kennedy.edu.hk

If you would like to start lessons you should contact the teachers directly.

The lessons are **FEE PAYING** and can be organised in groups or individually at Kennedy School. Fees range from \$150-\$350 per half an hour depending on the group size and the teachers.

The tutors are:

Heidi Cheung
Susan Edwards
Graham Morris
Mr Carrington
Sunny Yuen
Leanne Nicholls
Sam Cheung
Peter Wong
Damara Lomdaridze

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| Piano | 8109 0099 |
| Clarinet/Saxophone | 2816 0009 |
| Classical Guitar | 2984 9228 |
| Folk guitar | 2982 0345 |
| Erhu/Guzheng/Dixi(flute) | 9805 3060 |
| Oboe | 9109 3674 |
| Ukelele | 9750 1440 |
| Recorder | 3118 1083 |
| Violin/viola | 6100 6840 |



The following Instruments will be provided by Schroeders Music Union;
telephone Gillian Fung on 96527542.

Gary Liu **Brass (Trumpet, Horn, Trombone)**
Cherman Liu **Violin**

Flute/Violin/Cello lessons will be provided by Artisan Music Centre and can take place at the school. Telephone: 2819 1236 or E-mail music_artisan@yahoo.com.hk
Please mention that you are from Kennedy School, 19 Sha Wan Drive, Pokfulam.

Eunice To **Flute (Artisan Music Centre)**
Alan Chan **Violin**

This year we are delighted that the PTA has generously donated a selection of Chinese Instruments and we would like to introduce an after school activity on Fridays. This would offer tuition on a Chinese instrument in a group. The instruments would be **hired free of charge** (smaller instruments would be sent home). The cost will be very reasonable at the rate of **\$600 dollars for 10 one hour sessions**. This would be an excellent opportunity to experience the wonders of World Music and get to grips with musical instrumental playing. This workshop would be an ideal opportunity to link with West Island School and the tutor Mr Sunny Yuen.

MUSICAL CLUBS

Starting the week of 19th September

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| Senior Choir Tuesday | 3.15 - 4.15pm (Year 5/6) |
| Junior Choir Wednesday | 3.15 - 4.00pm (Year 3/4) |
| Brass Group Wednesday | 3.15 - 4.15pm (Invitation for those who are taking Brass lessons) |
| Orchestra | 3.15 - 4.15pm (by invitation and audition) |
| Recorder Ensemble Monday | 12.15 - 12 45pm (Year 6) |
| Chinese Music | 3.15 - 4.15pm (Year 4 - 6) |

There will be charges for these activities. More information later.

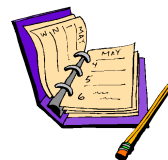
The Music Clubs aim to be performance orientated and give students many varied opportunities to travel to different venues and perform for different audiences. These include 'Arts in the Park', 'IFC Christmas Events', School Concerts, ESF Orchestra Day, International School Choir Concert, ESF Performing Arts Day and School Assemblies including Chinese New Year Festivities.

Looking forward to making '**Marvellous Music**' this year!

Kind Regards,

Mrs GG and Mr Davenport

UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



September 1st - Year 4 Trip to History Museum
September 8th - Meet the Teacher Evening
September 12th - School Closure - CPD Day
September 13th - Public holiday

To view more events, please click on: <http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/calendar-date/2011-09>

FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

Jewellery in PE

A reminder that jewellery is not permitted to be worn during PE lessons for your child's safety and that of others. Watches and bangles are to be removed prior to lessons along with necklaces. Stud earrings are acceptable. Those children with religious threads must have them covered with a sweat band for the duration of their lesson.

Y5/6 Football Trials - 3:30 to 4:30 on Tuesday 30th August

Trials for the school football squad will be on Tuesday 30th August from 3:30 to 4:30. If your child is interested in trying out please ensure they sign up in the school office and bring appropriate kit to change into on Tuesday. There is a limit to 50 places at the trial which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



Y5/6 Netball Trials - 3:30 to 4:30 on Wednesday 31st August



Trials for the school netball squad will be on Wednesday 31st August from 3:30 to 4:30. If your child is interested in trying out please ensure they sign up in the school office and bring appropriate kit to change into on Wednesday. There is a limit to 50 places at the trial which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Boys and

girls are welcome to this session as the school plans to run a mixed team should we have sufficient numbers.

Tim Luck

PE Coordinator

| Autumn Term Swimming 2011 | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Aug 29 | | Aug 31 | | |
| Sep 5, 19, 29 | | Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 | Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Sep 2, 9, 16, 23 |
| Oct 3, 10, 24 | | Oct 12, 26 | Oct 6, 13 | Oct 7, 14, 28 |
| 8:45 2J | | 8:45 4C | 8:45 | 8:45 2P |
| 9:15 2H | | 9:15 4P | 9:15 6J | 9:15 2D |
| 9:45 5M | | 9:45 5S | 9:45 3S | 9:45 5J |
| 10:15 | | 10:15 | 10:15 | 10:15 |
| 10:45 4D | | 10:45 | 10:45 4T | 10:45 2J |
| 11:15 6T | | 11:15 | 11:15 3G | 11:15 2C |
| 11:45 | | 11:45 3A | 11:45 5T | 11:45 |
| 12:30 | | 12:30 | 12:30 | 12:30 |
| 13:00 | | 13:00 6R | 13:00 6C | 13:00 4B |
| 13:30 2C | | 13:30 6D | 13:30 5W | 13:30 3H |
| 14:00 2P | | 14:00 3R | 14:00 2D | 14:00 2H |
| The site team will supervise road crossing for 10 minutes before your swim time and for 5 minutes afterwards | | | | |
| Thunderstorm warning at 7am - morning classes cancelled. | | | | |
| Swim coaches will come to classroom when classes are cancelled. Please be patient. | | | | |
| Make Up Days if required Oct 27 & 31 | | | | |



THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to parents who donated their children's shoes at the end of Summer term. 964 Pairs in total have been passed on to send to the Philippines!



ACTIVITIES & CAMPS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

To view advertisements for after school activities & camps provided by outside agencies and ESF Educational Services please follow this link: <http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/activities-camps-provided-outside-agencies-term-1> & <http://www.esf.org.hk/>

To view the **Kennedy School 2011/2012 calendar**, please follow this link: <http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/links>

SANSKRITI

Highly popular Hindi club since 2006. Learn Hindi via activities, games and tutorials, every Monday @ Kennedy from 3.15 to 4.15 pm. Visit www.brilliantlearning.com.hk.
Join www.facebook.com/sanskriti.brilliant.learning. For details call 98300612.

INSPIRE * ACHIEVE * EXCEL

Once upon a time a beautiful princess has a spell cast on her by a wicked witch putting her to sleep for a hundred years. Who will save her? Prince Charming with the help of three magical fairies? Or will Sleeping Beauty be able to save herself? This sell-out Australian production hits Hong Kong August 27 and 28.

Children will be enchanted getting to take part in the show - singing and dancing with the Princess Beauty, delighting in the Prince's hilarious antics and learning valuable lessons taught by three fairies. Parents will appreciate the entertainment value of the production and enthral at the diva moments performed by the wicked witch played by our very own **Jacqueline Gourlay Grant** (critically acclaimed for her starring role in "Putting It Together").

Event Name: SLEEPING BEAUTY

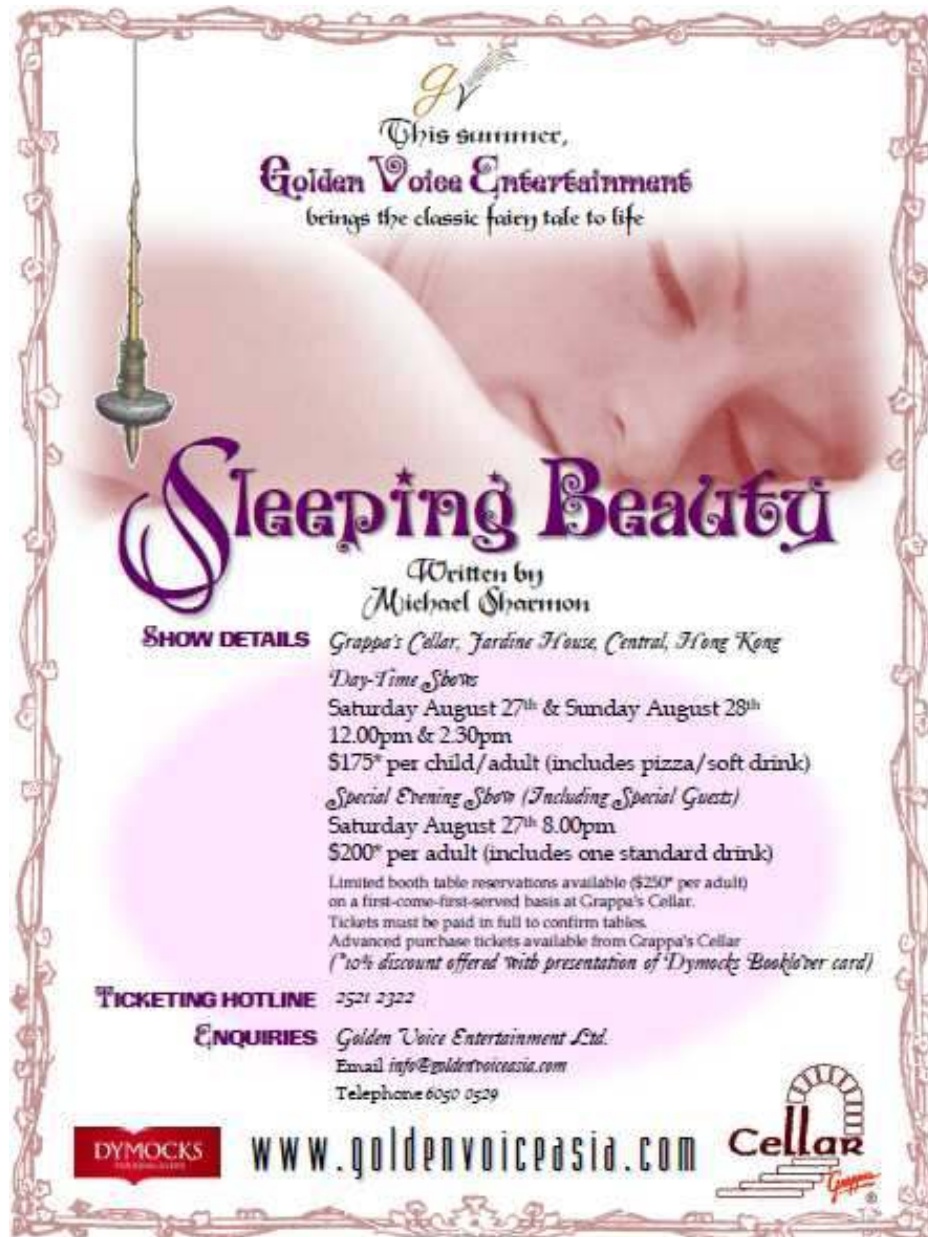
Presenter: Presented by Golden Voice Entertainment

Venue: Grappa's Cellar, basement, Jardine House, Central, HONG KONG

Date & Time: August 27 & 28, 12.00pm, 2.30pm daily
(Special evening show August 27 @ 8.00pm)

Ticket Price: Daytime ticket price \$175 per child/adult (includes pizza/soft drink)
Evening show ticket price \$200 per adult (includes one standard drink)
Tickets are available from Grappa's tel: 2521 2322

Presenter's Tel: Programme Enquiry : 6050 0529



Golden Voice
This summer,
Golden Voice Entertainment
brings the classic fairy tale to life

Sleeping Beauty

Written by
Michael Sharnon

SHOW DETAILS *Grappa's Cellar, Jardine House, Central, Hong Kong*

Day-Time Shows
Saturday August 27th & Sunday August 28th
12.00pm & 2.30pm
\$175* per child/adult (includes pizza/soft drink)

Special Evening Show (Including Special Guests)
Saturday August 27th 8.00pm
\$200* per adult (includes one standard drink)

Limited booth table reservations available (\$250* per adult)
on a first-come-first-served basis at Grappa's Cellar.
Tickets must be paid in full to confirm tables.
Advanced purchase tickets available from Grappa's Cellar
(*10% discount offered with presentation of Dymocks Booklover card)

TICKETING HOTLINE 2521 2322

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