



# Kennedy School

## Kennedy Newsletter Issue No. 9, 28th October, 2011



### 50 YEARS OF KENNEDY SCHOOL

Kennedy School first opened in 1961 at a site in Kennedy Road, Mid-Levels and was known as Kennedy Road Junior School. In those days it was an English-medium government school. ESF was set up in 1967 by a HK Government Ordinance.

Kennedy became part of the ESF in 1979. Our present campus was opened in 1989 and the school moved to our present site in Sha Wan Drive, but retaining the name Kennedy (whilst dropping the 'Road').

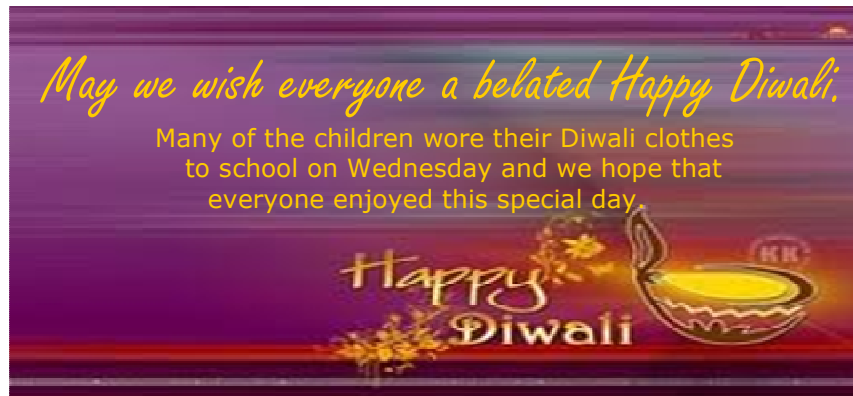


Throughout the coming academic year we shall be arranging a series of events and celebrations to mark this important anniversary.

Best regards,

*Paul Hay*

Paul Hay  
Principal



## HALLOWEEN BARBECUE - FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

6:00pm - 9:00pm



The annual Halloween barbecue is fun for all the family - barbecue, pizza, scary stories, entertainer and Halloween fun - start looking out your fancy dress for the night! We do still need more volunteers to make the night go well - please look in the PTA newsletter to see where you can volunteer some of your time on the night.



## STAY GREEN FOR HALLOWEEN



The SEPA's are setting up recycling stations where you can recycle glass, plastic, metal and paper. Please keep in mind that any recycled trash needs to be 'food free'. Make sure you put things in the correct bins, or else the whole bin will be sent to the landfill.

**WAIT! DON'T CONTAMINATE! RINSE AND RECYCLE!**

From the Kennedy SEPA Team

## PARENTS' EVENINGS (REPEAT)

We shall be holding parents' evenings from 3.30pm to 6.30pm on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** and from 3.30pm to 6.30pm on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November**.



Please use the booking system on the **Gateway** to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. You may also wish to make an appointment to see certain subject specialist teachers (Chinese, Music, PE, Individual Needs, E.A.L.); however, this is entirely optional.

Online registration is **now open** and will **close on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm**. Each appointment will be 10 minutes.

Please visit <https://ks.tg.esf.edu.hk/login.php?CurPage=/> to login to Gateway (using your existing family login and password) and follow this path: **Communication > Parent Consultation**.

For Parent Consultation booking instructions, please follow this link:

<http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/sites/kennedy/files/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20GatewayForParents.pdf>

This link will provide you with a video demonstration:

<http://parents.tg.esf.edu.hk/ks/parent-consultation>

To retrieve your Gateway login details, please click on the 'forgot password or login name?' button and follow the instructions. More information on this can be found under: <http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/how-retrieve-forgotten-gateway-login-name-and-password>

We will not accept any telephone bookings. We regret that if you are unable to attend any of the scheduled times, it will not be possible to arrange an alternative appointment at another time.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Hamblin  
**Deputy Principal**

## ALL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WILL BE CANCELLED ON 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER



Please note that **all staff run** activities (except Football) and **all outside agencies'** activities **will be cancelled** on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November due to Parents' Evenings.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS, 7-10 Nov

**Photographs of all classes and individual photos of all children** will be taken during **7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November**. Please ensure that children wear the correct uniform on the day. The schedule will be provided in next week's newsletter.



## News from the Library

Reader of the Week: Ms. Chainani  
I LOVE all books about Penguins! Whether fiction or non-fiction, I want to learn all I can about these fascinating birds. Online resources such as Encyclopedia Britannica also help me to learn all I can about Penguins.



## FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

### Last Swimming Sessions

Last swimming lessons will take place next Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. Please refer to the timetable on the right.

### Kennedy Games Programme

The Games programme will commence next week for all classes. Children will need to come to school wearing their **PE kit** on the day of their Games and have a hat and water bottle with them. **Mouthguards** are compulsory for all children from Yr 3-6 playing cricket and strongly recommended for touch rugby. Mouthguards are available from the PTA Office for \$50 and require moulding with hot water. Children playing hockey must also wear **shin pads**. Shin pads can be purchased from all good sports shops.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Year 1</b>
	<b>Year 3</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
	<b>Year 4</b>

<b>Monday</b>	
Oct 31	
8:45	2J
9:15	2H
9:45	5M
10:15	
10:45	4D
11:15	6T
11:45	
12:30	
13:00	
13:30	2C
14:00	2P

## High Heeled Shoes on the Playground and in the Gym





The school has made a significant investment in building the new gymnasium and resurfacing the school playgrounds. Please can you help to prolong the life of these facilities by avoiding wearing high heels on the playground and in the gym as they cause significant damage to both surfaces.

**Tim Luck**

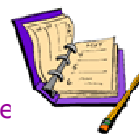
**PE Coordinator**

## PYP Information for Parents

Updated information can be accessed throughout the year in the following places:-

<p><b>Kennedy School website</b> (<i>Learning at KS-PYP</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation for parents</li><li>• Links to the IB website</li><li>• Curriculum overviews</li></ul>	
<p><b>Virtual Learning Environment VLE</b> (Parents-PYP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation for parents</li><li>• Introduction Booklet</li><li>• Y1-Y6 Curriculum Statements</li><li>• Programme of Inquiry (POI)</li></ul>	
<p><b>PYP Notice board in the school playground</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction Booklet</li><li>• Programme of Inquiry (POI)</li><li>• IB and School Mission Statements</li></ul>	
<p><b>At the school reception</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IB publication with details of the Primary Years Programme, including an explanation of the curriculum, teaching methods and assessment.</li></ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jenny Ryan</b> <b>Primary Years Programme Coordinator</b> <a href="mailto:pyp@kennedy.edu.hk">pyp@kennedy.edu.hk</a></p>	

## UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



October 31 <sup>st</sup>	- Games timetable comme
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	- PTA Halloween BBQ 6-9pm
November 7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	- School Photographs
November 8 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	- Parents' Evenings
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	- Bake Sale - 6D, 6R
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	- Bake Sale - 6C, 6J, 6T
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	- Term 1 ends at 12noon
December 17 <sup>th</sup> - January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	- <b>Half Term Holiday</b>
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- Term 2 starts

To view more events, please click on:

<http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/calendar-date/2011-11?mini=calendar-date%2F2011-11>



### TIME TO HIT THE COURTS!

Fantastic fun was had by the ESF tennis campers that joined the ATA ESF coaching team at South Island School last week for the mid term break. For those that missed this opportunity the next tennis camps will take place during the Christmas holidays at South Island School and KGV.



It's now perfect weather for tennis.... so if you are interested in registering your son or daughter into the after school or weekend tennis programme at your school please visit [www.esf.org.hk](http://www.esf.org.hk) or contact the office on tel: 2711 1280.

### ACTIVITIES & CAMPS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

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

**INSPIRE \* ACHIEVE \* EXCEL**

WIN A CHANCE  
TO GO ON A  
HK DELIVERY  
SEE WEB FOR  
DETAILS



CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

Teach your child the importance of **GIVING**  
and make another child **SMILE**

## DONATE A BOX OF HOPE

It is so simple:



1. Wrap a box  
(wrap lid separately)



2. Add the NEW gifts



3. Drop off the box

Some children have never received a gift

**HELP US CHANGE THAT**

## COLLECTION DATES 7-11 NOVEMBER

See reverse for details and collection locations

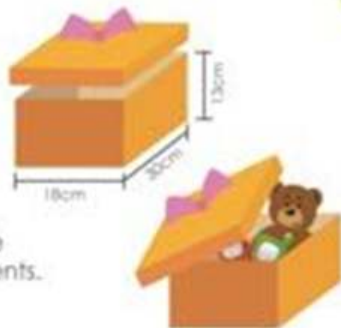
[www.boxofhope.org](http://www.boxofhope.org)



## HOW IT WORKS:

Find an empty medium-size shoe box, approximately 18 x 30 x 13cm. Wrap the lid and box separately in wrapping paper.

- PLEASE DO NOT wrap any items individually.
- Please secure the lid with an elastic band, and DO NOT seal the box as it may need to be checked to ensure it meets customs requirements.



## WHAT TO PACK:

All items must be NEW. Please try to include 2 items from each category. Remember to make your box both FUN and EDUCATIONAL! Try to make it suitable for ANY AGE.

- **TOYS** - something to love - Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, small musical instrument, (Boys: trucks and cars. Girls: doll, clip-on earrings, make-up or hair accessories), etc.
- **EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES** - something to do - Books (Chinese or Simple English), pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, colouring book, notepad, picture/puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers, etc.
- **HYGIENE ITEMS** - something to use - Toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of wrapped soap, flannel, wipes, etc.
- **OTHER ITEMS** - something to wear - Sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces, watches, calculators, torches (batteries incl), etc.

## WHAT NOT TO PACK:

- NO** ■ FOOD/ MEDICINE/ WAR RELATED ITEMS toy guns/ soldiers/ knives
- NO** ■ CLOTHING (other than listed above) FRAGILE ITEMS Glass containers/ mirrors
- NO** ■ LIQUIDS of any kind including blow bubbles/ shampoo/ bubble bath/ toiletry sets/ aerosols
- NO** ■ DANGEROUS ITEMS Marbles/ sharp objects/ scissors/ razors

## WHERE TO TAKE YOUR BOX:

Sunshine House International Pre-Schools  
The Woodlands Group  
Kelett School (Primary & Upper)  
Southside Kindergarten  
French International School  
Montessori For Children  
Lou Pichoun  
Sai Kung International Pre-School  
Casa Di Bambini  
The Peak School  
Beacon Hill School  
Kennedy School  
The Australian International School  
The Canadian International School  
Hong Kong Academy  
Independent Schools Foundation

Letterland  
Little Academy  
Tutor Time (International Nursery & Kindergarten)  
Kingston International School  
Discovery Bay International School  
Discovery College  
SKH Wei Lun Primary School  
Discovery Montessori School  
Discovery Mind International Play Centre & Kindergarten  
The International Montessori School  
Singapore International School (HK) (Primary & Secondary)  
ESF International Kindergarten (Hillside)  
German Swiss International School (Kindergarten Dept)  
The Harbour School  
Allen & Overy, 10th floor, 3 Exchange Square, Central

WHEN? : 7-11 NOVEMBER

Get Involved This Year And Make A Difference

[www.boxofhope.org](http://www.boxofhope.org)

*Emmanuel Church*  
*Family Ceilidh*



An evening of Scottish Dancing for all the family. No experience necessary!

*Saturday 5th November*

*6:00 - 9:30pm*

*West Island School (3rd Floor)*

**Tickets:**  
Adults HK\$250  
Children HK\$100  
includes food

**Programme:**  
6:00 – 6:30 Dancing  
6:30 – 7:30 Dinner  
7:30 – 9:30 Dancing

**Tickets in advance:**  
Please send cheque payable to  
**'St John's Cathedral'**

c/o Karen Carmichael, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Block 43, Baguio Villas,  
550 Victoria Road, Pokfulam, Hong Kong  
by 1<sup>st</sup> November Tel: 9315 1942