



Kennedy School Newsletter



No. 17, 6 January 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 2! I trust that everyone enjoyed an extended Christmas break and that you are all well rested and ready to enjoy the new term ahead. I am pleased to say that we have been “trendsetters” and that all ESF schools will enjoy a three week Christmas holiday next year.

I have attached the new 2017/2018 school calendar to this newsletter and I have also negotiated with Mr Chris Sammons the Principal of WIS to align the KS and WIS calendar including the same CPD days. I hope this is helpful to our community members who have children at both schools.

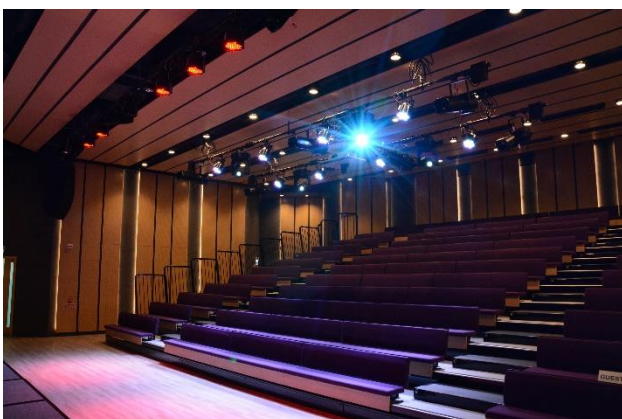
New School Hall

The new school hall is now finished apart from a few minor faults that still need to be completed. Mums and dads who have had a “sneak peak” today seem to be very impressed. Please feel free to come into school at any time if you would like a quick look. We are very proud of what we have achieved as the first phase of our Kennedy School Building plan and we really don’t want to spoil it by letting the children in!

Happy New Year.



John Brewster
Principal
INSPIRE + ACHIEVE + EXCEL



Upcoming events & due dates

| TERM TWO CALENDAR - DATES TO REMEMBER | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 10 January | 4J Assembly, 8:30am – 9:00am, Hall |
| 10 January | Chinese Book Fair 9:00am – 3:00pm |
| 10 January | Hong Kong Park – 1A, 1B, 1M (9:15am – 12:30pm) |
| 11 January | Hong Kong Park – 1S, 1R (9:15am – 12:30pm) |
| 11 January | Year 3 Bake Sale – 3W, 3O, 3T |
| 13 January | Book Character Day – Teachers and Students dress as their favourite book characters |
| 13 January | 'Agents of Change' Day – Year 6 |
| 6 February | Return Slip and payment to School – Vision Screening |
| 13 15 February | Vision Screening test – Kennedy School |
| 22 February | Year 1 DTaP-IPV immunizations |

Kennedy School Vision Screening Programme



Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th February 2017

VISION SCREENING 13th & 15th FEBRUARY 2017

Suzan Salnikow, an Optometrist, will be coming to Kennedy School on 13th & 15th of February to do vision screening for those children who sign up. If you want your child to have this service, [please download this vision screening form](#) and send it to the medical room with a cheque for HK\$220 made payable to 'Suzan Salnikow'. Please sign up by 6th of February.

Sally Connell and Henriette Teuchler
Kennedy School Health Professionals

The fee per child is \$220, payable by cheque to
Suzan Salnikow





Please return to school by Monday 6th
February 2017.



Dear Parents,

As you'll be aware, e-safety is one of our key concerns at Kennedy and we like to stay ahead of new developments. Yesterday a new report from the Children's Commissioner in the UK titled 'Growing Up Digital' was released regarding children's use of the internet.

The key points for parents are:

-  Children are using the internet more, on average 3-4 year olds spend 8 hours 18 minutes online per week.
-  Children are using Social Media without understanding the terms and conditions.
-  Children are being exposed to indecent images of other users on sites such as instagram.
-  Social media sites are inefficient at responding to allegations of cyberbullying, and will often take no action

It also concluded that schools in the UK should introduce a digital citizenship curriculum, beginning in primary, that teaches children the 'softer' skills in how to use the internet appropriately, and what to do when they are in trouble.

Please be assured that at Kennedy, we have had a digital citizenship curriculum embedded in our teaching for several years which meets or exceeds the recommendations made in this report.

Please continue to talk to your children about their use of the internet, and where possible, to monitor their activities, especially with regards to any use of social media, including instagram.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS FURTHER, PLEASE CONTACT MR TIBBLE: KTIBBLE@KENNEDY.EDU.HK

Two red lanterns with yellow tassels are positioned on either side of a red rectangular banner. The banner contains the text 'MESSAGE FROM THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT' in white, bold, uppercase letters.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT

Chinese Book Fair

It is time to mark your calendars for the first Chinese book fair of this school year! To encourage children to read more Chinese books and as part of our Book Week activities, we are hosting a Chinese book fair on 10 January in the lower playground from 9:00 AM to 3:00 AM. The time slots scheduled for each year band to attend the book fair are as follows:

9:00-9:45 Year 5
9:45-10:30 Year 6
11:00-11:45 Year 2
11:45-12:30 Year 1
13:30-14:15 Year 4
14:15-15:00 Year 3

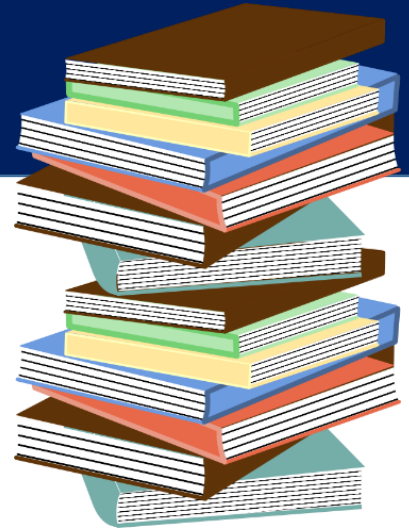
The publishers we have invited to attend the book fair are:

The Commercial Press
Better Chinese
Mandarin Matrix

The book fair will give our children the opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books for all reading levels. Parents are welcome to come to school at your child's time slot to read and select some books with/for your child. The cost of a book is about \$30-\$50 dollars including some big picture books. We think giving your child a maximum of \$100 will be sufficient. We look forward to seeing you there!

Denggao Zeng
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MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY



Author visit - Matthew Cooper



Today local author Matthew Cooper visited our school and read his books to our Year 1 and Year 2 students. Matthew has written three books that all have a local content with beautiful illustrations. His third book *The Last Gibbon* has only just been published and has a message from Jane Goodall on the back. An order form has already been sent home with the children that attended his visit but his books can be ordered by all students if they so wish. [Please click here to download the order form](#). Your child can leave the form and cheque in the office. The deadline for all orders is Monday 16th January. Unfortunately we can't take any more orders after this date.

Birthday Book

If your child has a birthday in January, February or March and you would like them to receive a book on their special day, please send \$100 in an envelope marked with your child's name and class, how old they will be and who the book will be from. **They will be the first to borrow the book and then we'd appreciate it if they would return it to the library after one month.** The book will be hand delivered to your child in their classroom on their special day and will have a label inside with a birthday message from the family. Once the book is returned, the label will remain inside for everyone to see. This is a great way to help us add new books to our collection.

Thank you
Susan Mifsud and Nina Sehgal



KENNEDY SCHOOL BOOK WEEK

I am delighted to announce that Kennedy School will be staging a Book Week next term. It will run from January 9 – 13 although some events will take place in the weeks immediately before and after. Amongst the highlights will be a visit by local author Sarah Brennan who will spend time with every year group reading and discussing her new book and talking about the writing process. We are also very fortunate to have the Faust Theatre Group coming in, performing a brilliantly funny poetry-based play to every year group called 'Splat'. Other events include a Teacher vs Student book quiz, teacher story readings at lunchtimes, comic strip and book mark making activities, 'pyjama party bedtime stories' in the library and a range of exciting Chinese story events too. The week will culminate in Book Character Day on Friday (13th January) when children and teachers will all come to school dressed as a book character. There will be many other classroom based events too. In addition, there will be competitions that the children can participate in if they wish, as below.

Reading in Extreme Circumstances

Children have a photo taken of themselves reading in an unusual place – under the bed, on top of the Macau Tower, sitting on playground apparatus, etc. E mail the photo to Mr Moore (include your name and class number) or bring a printed copy to school.



Book Trailers

Make a movie of your favourite story or a short scene from your favourite story. You, your friends and family can star in it if you wish. The movie should be no more than 4 mins long and should be sent to Mr Moore as an 'mp4' file (using an iPad to make the movie will be fine).

The deadline for these two competitions is Friday 13th January (the final day of Book Week). Good luck!

Jeff Moore
English Coordinator



FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT

Y4, Y5 & Y6 Breakfast Fitness Club

The Breakfast Fitness Club is now open to Y4 children as plenty of space remains.

The sessions will run on a Tuesday morning led by a coach from the [ESF Sports team](#).

Training commences at 7:30 and will conclude at 8:15.

Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing for physical activity and bring plenty of water.

The cost will be \$815 for 11 sessions.

For further information and to register please go to the Activities section of Gateway and select Term 2 Staff Run Activities.

Y4-6 Kennedy School Games Rotations:

Year 4:

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Dragons | Lions | Phoenix | Unicorns |
| Cricket | Netball | Rugby | Hockey |

Year 5:

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Dragons | Lions | Phoenix | Unicorns |
| Athletics | Netball | Rugby | Hockey |

Year 6:

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Dragons | Lions | Phoenix | Unicorns |
| Athletics | Netball | Rugby | Hockey |

Please ensure your child is wearing their P.E. Kit for Games as well as for P.E. lessons. Additionally, for children in Year 4 to 6, please ensure your child has the correct kit for their Unit:

Hockey - in accordance with the HKHA regulations all children participating in hockey **MUST** wear shin pads and a mouth guard. Long socks to hold shin pads are also recommended. All of these items are available from the PTA Office.

Rugby - although there is no mandate from the HKRFU we strongly recommend the use of mouth guards when playing rugby.

Mouth guards and shin pads are available for purchase from the PTA Office.



Kennedy Sports Upcycling Process

Before you throw out any old trainers or football boots please consider donating them to the Laos Rugby Federation courtesy of the school. Please place any unwanted trainers or boots into the blue bin inside the school office. We will also accept cricket bats, wickets and balls.

Please click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) to discover about the long term impact your donations are having to the development of rugby in Laos.



Wall of Fame

Please encourage your child to celebrate their sporting passions and successes with the rest of the Kennedy Community through this format. The Kennedy School Sports Wall of Fame on our VLE is a forum where children can share their sporting achievements.

[Kennedy School Wall of Fame](#)

Click on "add a new discussion topic" to start a new thread about your event/sport. Then enter details of your event or sporting achievement along with a photo of you in action, if you have one.

Please celebrate the successes of other children at Kennedy by reading their threads and writing positive comments for them.

Tim Luck

Head of PE and Swimming

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ACTIVITIES BY EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Click on the following links to view advertisements for after school activities provided by [external agencies](#) and [ESF Educational Services](#).

| DAY | ACTIVITY | PROVIDER |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|
| Various | <u>Football, Basketball, Tennis, Gymnastics, Kung Fu, Netball, Science, Writing Class, Japanese Class, Dance, Spanish</u> | ESF Educational Services |
| Various | <u>Science Adventures, Stormy Chefs, Mission Runway – *NEW*</u> | Active Kids |
| Monday | <u>Drama, Speech & Communication Classes - *NEW*</u> | Starlit Voice |
| Monday | <u>DIY Workshops - *NEW*</u> | Brainchild |
| Monday | <u>Chess Lessons - *NEW*</u> | Hoyinping Chess |
| Monday | <u>Fabric Fun</u> | Fabric Art |
| Various | <u>Foundation's Orator, Filmmaker & Novelist - *NEW*</u> | Foundation Academy |
| Wednesday | <u>Bricks 4 Kidz - *NEW*</u> | Elite Bricks |
| Thursday | <u>Art Classes - *NEW*</u> | Banana Art |
| Friday | <u>Creative Writing and Publishing</u> | Elephant Community Press |



KENNEDY SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2017/2018

1. Term 1 2017 (85 days including 2 CPD day)

| | August | | | September | | | | October | | | | | November | | | | December | | | | | |
|------|--------|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Week | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | | | | |
| Mon | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| Tue | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| Wed | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Thur | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Fri | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Sat | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Sun | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |

2. Term 2 2018 (53 days including 1 CPD days)

| | January | | | | February | | | | March | | | | |
|------|---------|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|-------|----|----|----|----|
| Week | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| Mon | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| Tue | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Wed | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Thur | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Fri | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Sat | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Sun | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |

= General Holidays
 = ESF 'Half Term' Holidays
 = Term Time
 = Staff Meeting
? = Continuous Professional Development (All Schools)
 = School closure Kennedy School CPD

3. Term 3 2018 (52 days including 2 CPD days.)

| | April | | | May | | | | June | | | July | | | | August | | | | | | | |
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| Week | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 30 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | | | |
| Mon | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
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| Sat | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| Sun | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |

TOTAL: 190 SCHOOL DAYS INCLUDING 5 CPD DAYS (see note 2)

NOTES

- Calendar constructed to allow: one week mid-term break in Term 1; ten day mid-term break in Term 2 (to include Lunar Year's Eve); 3 week break at Christmas; and 2 week + 1 day break at Easter; year end in June.
- A Term 1 ESF CPD day date has been set for all schools. Additionally, all schools will need to identify 4 further CPD days in 2018 dependent on the Government gazetting of 2018 general holidays.
- Start date for 2018/2019 shown for indication only. We recommend individuals and families avoid making travel plans for 2018 until the school start date and back to school work date are confirmed.



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