



# Kennedy School Newsletter



No. 19, 20 January 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Another busy week at Kennedy School with many year groups enjoying the cooler weather and venturing outdoors. Today our year sixes have been enjoying the sunshine in Cheung Chau.

We look forward to next week's Chinese New Year celebrations. Remember to come to school next Thursday dressed to celebrate this very special time of year for all of us living in Hong Kong.

## Donations to Laos Rugby Foundation

Although Tim Luck mentions this in his P.E. report, I would also like to highlight the enormity of this donation; involving 400kgs of rugby kits, boots and balls. Without Tim driving this wonderful KS effort, it would not have happened. Thanks Tim!



JOHN BREWSTER  
PRINCIPAL  
**INSPIRE, ACHIEVE, EXCEL**

## JANUARY 2017

### 23 JANUARY

YEAR 4 SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP

### 24 JANUARY

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY CHINESE NEW YEAR, SCHOOL HALL 8:30AM - 9:00AM

### 25 JANUARY

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY CHINESE NEW YEAR, SCHOOL HALL 8:30AM - 9:00AM

### 26 JANUARY

DRESS-UP IN CHINESE COSTUME

### 26 JANUARY

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 CHINESE NEW YEAR ASSEMBLY

### 26 JANUARY

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL - **3PM FINISH TIME**

## FEBRUARY 2017

### 6 FEBRUARY

RETURN DATE TO SCHOOL

### 8 FEBRUARY

YR1, YR2, YR3 & YR4 SPORTS DAY

### 9 FEBRUARY

YR5 & YR6 SPORTS DAY

### 10 FEBRUARY

YEAR 5 CHINESE ASSEMBLY 8:30AM - 9:00 AM

### 13 | 15 FEBRUARY

VISION SCREENING TEST – KENNEDY SCHOOL

### 22 FEBRUARY

YEAR 1 DTAP-IPV IMMUNIZATIONS

## MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE



### VISION SCREENING 13TH AND 15TH FEB 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.

## MESSAGE FROM THE P.T.A.

### KENNEDY COMEDY NIGHT – THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

We are very pleased to introduce our first ever Comedy Night, featuring 5 comedians from TakeOut Comedy: Jami Gong, Pete Grella, Ryan Hynek, Ben Quinlan and Anthony Solimini.

Ticket Price: HK\$325

Includes: Entrance and Indian Snacks

Date: Thursday 9th February

Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

6:30pm – 8:00pm – Bar open Indian Snacks served

8:00pm – 9:30pm – Comedy Night in the hall

Don't miss out on a fun night -

[click here for more information and a booking form](#)



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents,

你们好, 新年好!

The Year of the Rooster is approaching. The Lunar New Year will begin on Saturday, the 28th of January this year.

The rooster is the 10th sign in the Chinese zodiac. It is generally aligned with loyalty, a sociable and friendly nature and with a punctuality that is bound to impress. How are you going to enjoy this big moment? Students at Kennedy school are ready to welcome and celebrate this important event of the year.

Chinese New Year Assembly, again, will be an unforgettable experience for the KS community. We will have a whole school CNY assembly on Thursday, 26th of January. We would be very grateful if you could dig into your wardrobe to dress your child in Chinese traditional clothes on the day. If you don't have any Chinese traditional clothes, please let them wear something red to school to guarantee good luck in the year of the Rooster!

Chinese New Year phase assemblies will be also run in the hall and parents of the performers will be invited to watch the shows.

As part of Chinese New Year Celebration, we are going to organise a CNY games day for ALL students on Tuesday (24th January 2017). Please see below the time slots that scheduled for each year band to play games:

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2017	
9:00 - 9:45	5J 5D 5A 5K 5S
9:45 - 10:30	6S 6P 6R 6RO 6M
11:00 - 11:45	2J 2A 2P 2R 2C
11:45 - 12:30	1R 1M 1A 1S 1B
2:15 - 3:00	3S 3O 3C 3W 3T

We need some parent volunteers to look after the game booths in each time slot. We will appreciate it if you [Sign Up](#) for being a parent volunteer in the time slot that your child will be playing.

Thank you for your strong support with your children's study of Chinese and we look forward to having more fun in the Year of the Rooster.

恭喜发财, 鸡年快乐!

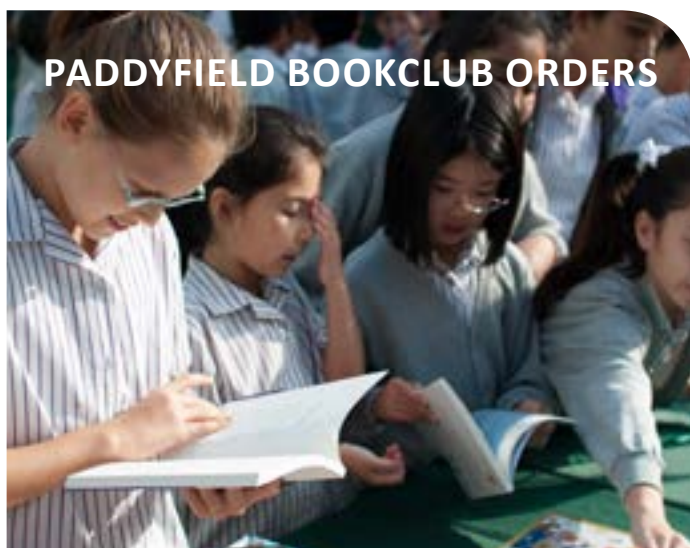
Gong Xi Fa Cai, Ji Nian kuai le!

**DENGGAO ZENG**

HEAD OF CHINESE

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## MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY



### PADDYFIELD BOOKCLUB ORDERS

Dear parents, a reminder that the deadline for Paddyfield orders is Monday 6th February. Unfortunately we can't accept any orders after this date. Please take care to read all the instructions on the order form and be sure to write the cheque to PADDYFIELD.COM LTD. The completed order forms can be left at the office or with the class teacher. We would also like to emphasise that any orders you place will generate Paddyfield Book Club credits for our school to purchase new library books. Once we receive all the ordered books from Paddyfield, we'll deliver them to your child's classroom for them to take home. If you have any inquiries regarding this, please email us at [library@kennedy.edu.hk](mailto:library@kennedy.edu.hk). We'll send out a further update with the expected delivery date once all the orders have been sent to Paddyfield.

**SUSAN MIFSUD AND NINA SEHGAL**

## KENNEDY SCHOOL BOOK WEEK COMPETITION NEWS

Thank you to all those children who took part in the various competitions that were running before and during Book Week. The level of creativity shown this year was just amazing. Here are the winners:-

**JEFF MOORE**

**ENGLISH COORDINATOR, KENNEDY SCHOOL**

### READING IN EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES WINNERS:

HANNAH MCDONALD (6P)

PAIGE MCDONALD (4D)

KAIRA KHUNGAR (4D)

LARA WEBRE (4M)

LENNY LAM (1S)

AMELIA PAU (4S)

HAYLEY WEBRE (3S)

MELISSA VAN MEERENDONK (2C)



### MOVIE TRAILERS FOR A FAVOURITE OR ADAPTED STORY

‘HORRID HENRY AND THE NUTCASE’  
BY ADVAITH EYUNNI (4M)

‘IT’S A BOOK’  
BY STELLA POZZATTO (2A)

‘THE 9 YEAR OLD JEDI’  
BY CHARLIE CHAPPEL (5K)







Thank you to all those children who put in so much time, energy and creativity in submitting writing for this annual Hong Kong event. The standard this year was particularly high, and it was very difficult to select just 10 of our young Kennedy writers, out of all those who entered, to be submitted to the next round of the competition.

### HERE ARE THE SUCCESSFUL ENTRANTS:

GREGORY KO 6P

HILLARY SIT 5D

MAYUKA HASHIMOTO 5S

LILY MEI PECKHAM 4J

CHARISSE LAI 3C

ALICIA VON HAUSSWOLF 5A

POPPY ROBERTS 4J

KING HIN LAU 6S

DIA BHARWANI 6S

EVA GUNNING GARCIA 6M

Thank you once again to all Kennedy students who entered, and good luck to these ten children for the next round.

## FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT



### SPORTS DAY VOLUNTEERS

The dates of the three Sports Day this year will be as follows:

**YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 SPORTS DAY:**

WED 8 FEB, 9 – 11:30AM

**YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 SPORTS DAY:**

WED 8TH FEB, 12:45PM - 2:40PM

**YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 SPORTS DAY:**

THURS 9 FEB 8:45AM – 12:20PM

Please contact your Class Parent if you are available to help with the scoring at any of these events. Further information with regards to volunteering will be emailed to you via your class parent in due course.

### Y4-6 GAMES ROTATIONS:

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.

YEAR 4			
DRAGONS	LIONS	PHEONIX	UNICORNS
HOCKEY	CRICKET	NETBALL	RUGBY

YEAR 5			
DRAGONS	LIONS	PHEONIX	UNICORNS
HOCKEY	ATHLETICS	NETBALL	RUGBY

YEAR 6			
DRAGONS	LIONS	PHEONIX	UNICORNS
HOCKEY	ATHLETICS	NETBALL	RUGBY

### KENNEDY SPORTS UPCYCLING



Yesterday DHL came to Kennedy School to collect our latest donations to be transported to the Laos Rugby Federation. In all thirty boxes of donations, weighing in

at nearly 400kgs, are making their way to Vientiane. It has been a real team effort. As a school we have donated over 225 pairs of boots donated by you along with over 100 team kits we no longer use. We also received over 100 kits from another local school. Escapade have donated an incredible 400 rugby balls. Santa Fe Movers donated all the boxes and resources

for packing the donations and DHL are generously transporting all of our donations to Laos free of charge.

The Laos Rugby Federation forwarded me this video of our previous donation of boots in action at the grassroots level. Towards the end of [THIS VIDEO](#) you will see children playing barefoot and the difference our work will make to them.

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.



## 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.

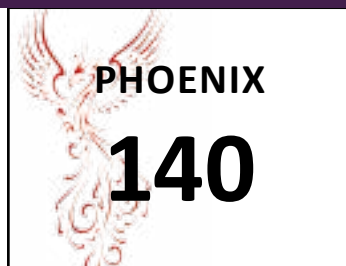
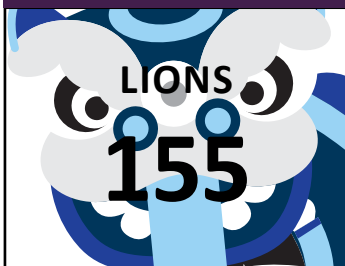
Please celebrate the successes of other children at Kennedy by reading their threads and writing positive comments for them.

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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.

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## KENNEDY HOUSE POINTS





## GREEN NEWS



### THIS WEEK IN GREEN NEWS...

With our lovely weather at the beginning of 2017 and some staff training on Tuesday, many classes have been enjoying the many advantages of learning outdoors. Nature is not gender bias and it's a buffer of life stress allowing our children (and staff) to be much more relaxed and creative.



### THINGS TO DO FOR FREE

Here's a great link to 10 free things you can do in HK this week, with 8/10 of them outdoors.

[Here's the link for newsletter:](#)



### YEAR 2 ACTION HEROES

Masarang Foundation were very interested in action Rafi and Surin took in year 2 when they heard about the destructive nature of palm oil. Here's a link to the article on their website:

<https://masarang.hk/>

**LESLEY DAVIES**

CLASS TEACHER AND ESD COORDINATOR





## 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
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VARIOUS	<a href="#">SCIENCE ADVENTURES, STORMY CHEFS, MISSION RUNWAY</a>	ACTIVE KIDS
MONDAY	<a href="#">DRAMA, SPEECH &amp; COMMUNICATION CLASSES</a>	STARLIT VOICE
MONDAY	<a href="#">DIY WORKSHOPS</a>	BRAINCHILD
MONDAY	<a href="#">CHESS LESSONS</a>	HOYINPING CHESS
MONDAY	<a href="#">FABRIC FUN</a>	FABRIC ART
VARIOUS	<a href="#">FOUNDATION'S ORATOR, FILMMAKER &amp; NOVELIST</a>	FOUNDATION ACADEMY
WEDNESDAY	<a href="#">BRICKS 4 KIDZ</a>	ELITE BRICKS
THURSDAY	<a href="#">ART CLASSES</a>	BANANA ART
FRIDAY	<a href="#">CREATIVE WRITING AND PUBLISHING</a>	ELEPHANT COMMUNITY PRESS

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