



Year 2 - Old Fashioned Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a difficult week for many of our staff and families connected to the Kennedy School / West Island School community, with the tragic death of Jamie Bruno a Year 11 student at WIS and ex Kennedy student. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with the family at this very sad time.

We have not highlighted the event with Kennedy children however, we have ensured that those children who have questions have had the opportunity to talk to someone. Our assemblies this week have had a focus on being good friends, being kind to one another and looking out for each other. Below are a few tips for you if your child ever needs to talk to you about a family member or a friends death.

1. Be honest and open; it's ok to use the words dead or

death.

2. Answer facts in short simple sentences without unnecessary detail.
3. Be available to listen and assist with any concerns.
4. Respect their views with non-judgemental responses.
5. Take time to talk about a person's life, not only their death.
6. Give comfort, hugs and reassurance as needed by your child.
7. Children deal with grief/ death differently to adults and they will make sense of information in their way and often revisit for more discussion and clarification.

Enjoy the weekend.

JOHN BREWSTER, PRINCIPAL

2017

MARCH DATES

1 MAR	YR 5 BAKE SALE - 5S, 5J
2 MAR	E-SAFETY WORKSHOP
3 MAR	PTA COFFEE MORNING 8:30AM
3 MAR	YR 6 DIALOGUE IN THE DARK - 6R
4 MAR	PTA GARAGE SALE
7 MAR	YR 3 ART JAM TRIP - 3T, 3S
8 MAR	YR 3 ART JAM - 3O, 3C
9 MAR	E-SAFETY WORKSHOP
10 MAR	YR 3 ART JAM TRIP - 3W
10 MAR	YR 6 DIALOGUE IN THE DARK - 6RO
15 MAR	YR 6 DIALOGUE IN THE DARK - 6M
16 MAR	E-SAFETY WORKSHOP
17 MAR	YR 3 GALLERY WALK FOR PARENTS
24 MAR	3 WAY CONFERENCES
24 MAR	YR 4 PARENT TEACHER APPOINTMENTS WITH CHINESE TEACHERS



YEAR 2 - OLD FASHIONED DAY



The Year 2 children and teachers had a lot of fun role playing a day in the life of a school child 100 years ago! Everyone dressed up and ensured that their uniforms were immaculate. Shiny shoes, neck ties and hair ribbons were very apparent. Some children even brought their lunch to school in a brown paper bag. The day started with a very formal assembly in the hall where the children played along famously and responded well when they were addressed by a very serious principal and very strict teachers. It was extremely difficult not to laugh but everyone stayed in

character, both teachers and students. The specialist teachers came to the classrooms where Chinese and Music were taught traditionally through lots of repetitive chanting and rote learning as the children politely sat in rows. Blackboards and chalk were used to copy spellings and sums and the children wrote using paint brushes and ink pots. The day ended with all the children attending Physical Education in the playground to partake in robust old fashioned drills. The children really learnt to appreciate how splendid school was for children way back in the good 'ol days.



**ESF 50TH
ANNIVERSARY
PRIMARY
SPORTS GALA**





Kennedy entered three teams into the DBIS Touch Rugby Tournament on Friday, two boys teams and a girls team. All three teams won their respective qualifying groups. The Boys A team were knocked out of their competition in a very closely fought game against Kellett Pokfulam. The match decided on a sudden death try during the drop off, when each team is reduced by a player during each minute of extra time. The Boys B team went a step further reaching the final of their competition only to be beaten 3-2 right at the end of the game. The Girls enjoyed the greatest success on the day. They developed as a team as they progressed through the day and deservedly beat QBS in their final to become the first Kennedy girls team to win a competition during the last decade. A great day for girls sport at our school.

DBIS TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT

My thanks to Mrs Panday, Mr. Dray and Mr. Adams without whom we would not have been able to provide as many children the opportunity to represent the school.

ESF 50TH ANNIVERSARY SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA



On Saturday over forty students were involved in the ESF 50th Anniversary Sports Extravaganza. In the morning the Cross Country Squad participated in a series of girls and boys races. The children performed extremely well with plenty of top five finishes, the highlight was a Kennedy 2nd place to Shaun Haskins who pipped Barney Tibbatts who finished 3rd in the Y6 Boys Race. Other results include Samantha Welsh 3rd and Leila Pimlott 4th in the Y6 Girls Race. Thorsten Cross and Lachie Scott finished joint 3rd in the Y5 Boys race and Christine Pudwill completed our medal winners with a 3rd place in the Y5 Girls Race.

During the afternoon, the top players from the Kennedy football and netball teams combined with children from the other Island Primary Schools in representative teams against children selected from the Kowloon Primary Schools. In what was a very close football tournament the Kowloon boys had the edge over the Island boys but the girls maintained parity by winning the netball competition.

A huge thank you to all the teachers who came to support our children in particular Mrs. Tait and Mr. Richardson who organised the Cross Country runners on the day and Mrs. Khemlyani who volunteered to coach an Island Netball team.







YR 4 - YR 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.

KENNEDY SCHOOL HOUSE POINTS			
 LIONS 586	 PHOENIX 639	 DRAGONS 572	 UNICORNS 704

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

MESSAGE FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT

SAFETY IN PE AND GAMES LESSONS

Gentle safety reminders:

For PE and Games lessons, please ensure children wear only stud earrings and remove all other jewellery and watches. To ensure these precious items are not lost or left behind when removed at school, the best idea is to leave these items at home on PE or Games days.

Please also ensure that children with longer hair that can fall in their face have it tied up in a ponytail or braid for safety. Boys with long hair can use a headband or footballers topknot to hold their hair away from their face.



3-WAY CONFERENCES FRIDAY 24TH MARCH

SAVE
THE
DATE



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR
OUR 3-WAY CONFERENCES
ON FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH
9:00AM TILL 3:30PM

3-Way Conferences provide a forum for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge students' progress and achievement.

Your child will lead the conference and will talk about their learning progress. As parents you will have an opportunity to see samples of your child's learning.

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for the children on Friday, 24th March apart from when they come in for their appointment with you.

Registration will be done online via Gateway from 6th March.

There will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**.

Please look out for registration details in the next week's newsletters.

PTA COFFEE MORNING - 3RD MARCH 8:30AM



POWER OF PICTURE BOOKS: DEVELOPING A LOVE OF READING

Next Friday, March 3rd, I'll be facilitating a discussion around the importance of picture books in developing a love of reading amongst children. I'll touch upon a few strategies to use at home, suggest picture books and chapter books for read aloud with your children and answer any general questions around nurturing a love of reading at home. Picture books are for everyone so this mini-workshop is for parents across the school. And if time permits, we might even have a story or two ourselves.

See you on the 3rd of March!

JOSH BLUE VICE PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY



BIRTHDAY BOOK

If your child has a birthday in March, April, May 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE



SPORTS SHORTS

Could we get all parents to double check the children's sports shorts at home. We have a lot of 'Nurse' sports shorts missing and we are needing them returned for use for the future.

The shorts will be labelled 'Nurse' on the inside tab.

SALLY CONNELL AND HENRIETTE TEUCHLER
KENNEDY SCHOOL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

'SCREENAGERS' AT THE VINE IN WAN CHAI

Screenagers is a 60 min film that looks at family life and the struggles families face with social media, video games and internet addiction. The film contains insights from authors and brain scientists and gives some helpful strategies on how we can empower children to best navigate the digital world. There will also be a 30min discussion after the film. Tickets cost just \$60 and that really is to cover the license of the film – any profit will go towards the charity VCSL which supports refugee children in HK.

For more information and for tickets, please click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spot-centre-presents-screenagers-growing-up-in-the-digital-age-tickets-30965894825>

GREEN NEWS



SEPA ASSEMBLIES

Our SEPA teams presented at this week's assemblies to remind our children about our recycling programmes. HK is being labelled as the most wasteful city in the world as this news link shows:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWITc7AIWN8>

Of course, the first thing we should do is to reduce our waste, then recycle what we have left. We have a new company collecting our plastics called 121C Society for Recycling. Their aim is to turn all of our plastic waste into fleece material for clothing. Please remind whoever prepares your child's lunch to ditch the disposables. This means:



- NO TINFOIL
- NO ZIPLOCKS
- NO TETRAPACKS
- NO DISPOSABLE CUPS
- NO DISPOSABLE CUTLERY
- NO DISPOSABLE BOTTLES
- NO CLING FILM



LOHAS Expo is the trade expo for Organic, Health and Green Living products with the aim to promote LOHAS (Lifestyle Of Health And Sustainability) since 2012. They are open to the public on Saturday 25th February 11am - 7pm. Tickets costs \$10. For more info, please click here: <http://www.lohasexpohk.com/general-show-information/?lang=en>

ALL YEARS ASSEMBLY DATES / TIME: 8:30 - 9:00AM

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR1 AND YR2

1 MARCH
YR 1 & YR 2 ASSEMBLY - 1A

8 MARCH
YR 1 ASSEMBLY - 1M

15 MARCH
YR 1 & YR 2 ASSEMBLY - 2J

22 MARCH
YR 1 & YR 2 ASSEMBLY - 1B

29 MARCH
YR 1 & YR 2 ASSEMBLY - 2A

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR3 AND YR4

28 FEBRUARY
YR 3 & YR 4 ASSEMBLY - 3C

7 MARCH
YR 4 ASSEMBLY - 4C

14 MARCH
YR 3 & YR 4 ASSEMBLY - 3T

21 MARCH
YR 3 & YR 4 ASSEMBLY - 4D

28 MARCH
YR 3 & YR 4 ASSEMBLY - 3S

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR5 AND YR6

2 MARCH
YR 5 & YR 6 ASSEMBLY - 6RO

9 MARCH
YR 6 ASSEMBLY - 6M

16 MARCH
YR 5 & YR 6 ASSEMBLY - 6R

23 MARCH
YR 5 & YR 6 ASSEMBLY - 5S

30 MARCH
YR 5 & YR 6 ASSEMBLY - 5J

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	FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TENNIS, GYMNASTICS, KUNG FU, NETBALL, SCIENCE, WRITING CLASS, JAPANESE CLASS, DANCE, SPANISH	ESF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
VARIOUS	SCIENCE ADVENTURES, STORMY CHEFS, MISSION RUNWAY	ACTIVE KIDS
MONDAY	DRAMA, SPEECH & COMMUNICATION CLASSES	STARLIT VOICE
MONDAY	DIY WORKSHOPS	BRAINCHILD
MONDAY	CHESS LESSONS	HOYINPING CHESS
MONDAY	FABRIC FUN	FABRIC ART
VARIOUS	FOUNDATION'S ORATOR, FILMMAKER & NOVELIST	FOUNDATION ACADEMY
WEDNESDAY	BRICKS 4 KIDZ	ELITE BRICKS
THURSDAY	ART CLASSES	BANANA ART
FRIDAY	CREATIVE WRITING AND PUBLISHING	ELEPHANT COMMUNITY PRESS

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YOUR CHILD AND TECHNOLOGY



HOW TO TAKE BACK CONTROL

This term Kennedy School will be running three events to offer guidance and practical advice to parents on how to ensure your children are safeguarded online, and how best to manage the potential dangers of social media and online gaming.

Creating a Safer Internet Environment at Home

PC- March 2nd 18:30 - 20:00
Mac- March 9th 18:30 - 20:00

In these 90 minute workshops:



We'll help you to set up your Win10 or MacBooks with our Kennedy recommended Internet Controls.



We'll show you how to monitor and control your child's iPad or iPhone from your own device.

Due to the logistics of this event, you must register to attend. Please click here and read the information carefully to ensure the workshop is applicable to you.

Please visit here for more information and to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/9AUA93BU7ijK338j2>

A Rough Guide to Social Media and Online Gaming

March 16th 18:30-19:30

The world of social media and online gaming is constantly changing, and knowing what's safe and what isn't is a serious and challenging issue. This talk will provide an overview of the social media your child is likely to be using as they grow older, as well as guidance on how best to manage their access and use of it.

In addition we will also discuss how to manage online gaming, including which games are and aren't appropriate, parental control settings on Xbox and Playstation, and how to manage your child's exposure on games like Minecraft and Roblox.

Please visit here to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/w2Be2fwRGJkAkckI1>



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ESF 50TH ANNIVERSARY PRIMARY CHORAL CONCERT

Friday, 17 March 2017 7pm
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Ticketing Enquiries 票務查詢 : 3761 6661

Programme Enquiries 節目查詢 : 3762 2657

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