

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Kennedy School swimming program is now under way including our first sessions for our Year 1's who have taken to it like 'ducks to water'. The temperature of the water is a balmy 26°C. There is no more important skill for a child than to learn to swim and it is a crucial component of the Kennedy School PE program. Our swimming teachers from Aquakidz do a brilliant job and they work closely with our teachers and PE department.

Lock-down / Fire-drill

Yesterday, we conducted a "Lock-down" practice drill which we would use if the school was ever in a situation where we were placed under threat. The children knew what to do and where to hide if a "Code Red" situation was sounded.

Today we practised our "Fire-drill" evacuation and I'm pleased to say we were able to evacuate the whole school in 7 minutes. Both these drills are a vital part of our Health and Safety procedures at Kennedy School to ensure that your children are safe at all times.

Staff CPD Day - Saturday 6th May

All our teachers and EA's will be in school tomorrow for a Kennedy School Professional Development day. The first session will focus on 'student well being' and how we ensure that we incorporate this into our curriculum. We will then spend our time in three groups working on environmental awareness, analysing the assessment tools we use to measure students progress and auditing our Year group unit of enquiry resources.

Good luck to our TOM team tomorrow who are participating in the ESF Tournament of Minds competition at Kowloon Junior School.

Enjoy the weekend!

JOHN BREWSTER, PRINCIPAL



2017

MAY DATES

8 MAY	YR5 COCA COLA FACTORY TRIP - 5J
8 MAY	GATEWAY REGISTRATION OPEN FOR YR 1 PARENT CONSULTATIONS WITH CHINESE TEACHERS, EXCEPT AMY NGAN'S CHINESE GROUP
9 MAY	YR6 TRANSITIONS - GROUP 2 (6M, 6P)
9 MAY	MUM AND DAUGHTER TALK YR5
10 MAY	YR6 TRANSITIONS - GROUP 2 (6M, 6P)
10 MAY	YR5 COCA COLA FACTORY TRIP - 5K
11 MAY	YR5 COCA COLA FACTORY TRIP - 5D
11 MAY	PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE - HALL
11 MAY	DAD AND SON TALK YR5
12 MAY	INVITATIONAL AQUATHON



**DON'T
FORGET**

STUDENT WITHDRAWAL NOTICE

To assist us with class planning for the 2017/18 school year, if you are intending to withdraw your child/children from Kennedy School, please complete the [Student Withdrawal Notice](#) and submit to Anne Adams, Admissions Manager: admissions@kennedy.edu.hk. Just a reminder, at least one month's notice is required.

**KENNEDY SCHOOL NEW
PHONE NUMBER: 2579 5600**



EXPRESS YOURSELF! CALL FOR COMMUNITY EXPERTS FOR THE YEAR 6 EXHIBITION

Once again this year the Year 6 PYP Exhibition will fall within the transdisciplinary theme of How we express ourselves. Students will have the opportunity to inquire into a wide array of art forms and types of expression. They will explore in-depth a particular art form that resonates with them and build their exhibition around that. The exhibition process culminates with the exhibition itself on the evening of May 25th. We are putting a call out to our parent and wider community in hopes of inspiring you to share your talents, passions and interests with our students. Last year we had several parents volunteer to work with small groups of students throughout the

exhibition process.

Exhibition will begin in full swing after Easter but we wanted to start early with community support. If you think you might be interested please click the link here

<https://goo.gl/forms/VPplymoXHBHB6ed2> and fill in the form.

Any and all volunteers are welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jblue@kennedy.edu.hk

JOSH BLUE
VICE PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

STORY BOX, ADVENTURE BOX AND DISCOVERY BOX MAGAZINES

Your child will be receiving a sample of one of these magazines from Bayarde Press. We have these magazines available in our library but you now have the opportunity to place your own subscription so your child can receive their own copy each month. Please be sure to send the subscription form directly to Bayarde Press. We won't be handling any of these orders at school. Even if you decide not to take up this offer, you're still welcome to keep the sample copy your child brings home.

Happy Reading
Susan Mifsud and Nina Sehgal



BIRTHDAY BOOK

If your child has a birthday in May and June 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.

4S - UNDER THE SAME SKY



Last Friday 28th April Mrs Barrie accompanied 16 4S students to a celebration of dance at Kowloon Junior School. Most of the ESF Primary and Secondary Schools took part showing so many different dance styles. 4S students were a credit to Kennedy and danced 'Sing, Sing, Sing' with such enthusiasm! The evening ended with all the participating schools dancing together. It was a wonderful evening and demonstrated the tremendous talent we have in our ESF schools. Well done 4S!

EMMA NAVIN VICE PRINCIPAL

YEAR 5 MUM AND DAUGHTER / DAD AND SON EVENINGS

As part of our Personal and Social Education programme at Kennedy, we offer an information night to girls and boys in Year 5 so they are better prepared for body changes as they mature. The information evenings will take place separately on the following dates:

MUMS AND DAUGHTERS - TUESDAY 9TH MAY

DADS AND SONS - THURSDAY 11TH MAY

SESSIONS WILL RUN FROM 6.00 - 7.00

Please sign-up at the Google doc (link below), registration will close on Monday 8th May. DEBBIE SHEWARD - VICE PRINCIPAL

[HTTPS://GOO.GL/FORMS/CW0TXCAU4QTKFB9Z2](https://goo.gl/forms/CW0TXCAU4QTKFB9Z2)

SAVE THE DATE



YEAR 1 SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS



YEAR 5/6 ASSEMBLY



On Thursday, we were dazzled by a showcase of music, dance and drama in our phase assembly. The assembly began with a ukelele group from 5S performing a song by Bruno Mars. Another 5S group then wowed us with their drama and improvisation, introducing us to two games called 'The Martha Game' and 'What are you doing?' Both games were completely unrehearsed and required quick thinking and confidence from the students performing.

Glen Ko from 5A and Tabitha Miller from 6M both had us spellbound as they each performed their own self-choreographed dance routines.

Wow - what a lot of talented children we have here at Kennedy School! Thank you to Mrs GG, Ms Barrie and Ms Ho for their help and support.

DEBBIE SHEWARD
VICE PRINCIPAL

YEAR 4 REFUGEE TALK

Year 4 learned about the plight of refugees in Hong Kong this week through an interactive presentation delivered by Christian Action. Students had to put themselves "in the shoes" of a refugee and also a government official to help them understand the problems facing refugees in Hong Kong.

The Christian Action website has lots of information on ways you can get involved or donate to this excellent non government organisation (NGO).

<http://www.christian-action.org.hk/>



KENNEDY 2016-2017 – YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Kennedy School is very proud to present a fabulous moment of the experiences and memories our children have made throughout 2016 – 2017. This Year Book will be full of children's work, entertaining photographs, pictures of school wide events and students amazing achievements. Our aim is to feature all children within the dazzling pages we are designing.

The Yearbook will be available on a pre-ordered basis for HK\$ 300 per book.

In addition, if you or your company would like to make a generous donation towards the Yearbook, we will acknowledge and recognize your contribution by placing your name in the Yearbook as well.

To ensure your family receives their pre-ordered copies in June, please complete the form below and return it to the class teacher along with the cheque payment by the new extended date Friday, 26th May 2017.

[Yearbook order form here](#)



MESSAGE FROM PTA



KENNEDY SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The lovely photographs that are taken at events such as Sports Day and Chinese New Year, are now available to purchase.

Currently pictures are available for:

[International Rugby Day](#) - Newly added to album

[Kennedy Tag Rugby tournament](#)

[Chinese New Year](#) - Newly added to album

[Year 2 - Old Fashioned School Day](#)

[Sports Day - Years 1 and 2](#)

[Sports Day - Years 3 and 4](#)

[Sports Day - Years 5 and 6](#)

[Year 4 show](#)

If you would like to order a copy of a photograph you may do so through the PTA Office - they will be printed on photograph paper in glossy format in a choice of 4R, 5R or A4 sizes.

[Photograph Order Form](#)

Please note that not all children are featured in the photographs for a particular event, and if your child is not in one of the pictures in our current album - it may be that they will be for future events.

GREEN NEWS

WASTE ELECTRICAL GOODS

With the funding approval of the Legislative Council Finance Committee in February 2015, EPD is developing the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Treatment and Recycling Facility (WEEETRF) at the EcoPark in Tuen Mun.

The e-waste collection vehicle stations tour 18 districts on Saturdays and Sundays on a roster basis to collect e-waste from the public. The collection from Southern District is Sat/Sun 13/14 May between 9am-6pm. They collect used computers, electrical appliances, fluorescent lamps and rechargeable batteries.

- 13/5/2017 - SOUTHERN SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE (AMPHITHEATRE ADJACENT TO PIK YUEN HOUSE), ABERDEEN. [Click to view the map](#)
- 14/5/2017 SOUTHERN AP LEI CHAU ESTATE (OPEN SPACE BETWEEN LEI CHAK HOUSE AND LEI TIM HOUSE), ABERDEEN AP LEI CHAU. [Click to view the map](#)

If you have larger items, to provide a convenient channel for the public to properly handle their e-wastes, from October 2016, the contractor (ALBA-IWS) will provide e-waste collection through appointment via the hotline (2676 8888). They collect mainly washing machines, refrigerators, air conditioners, televisions and computer products viz. computers (i.e. desktops, laptops and tablets), printers, scanners and monitors.



KENNEDY COMPETES IN BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

This past Thursday, May 4th, Kennedy School competed along with four other schools at a Battle of the Books (BOB) semi-final event at ESF Quarry Bay School. On Thursday around 30 schools from around Hong Kong and Southern China competed in the semi-final events to determine who would go on to the BOB Final in two weeks time. Kennedy scored very well in each of their rounds against QBS, Victoria Shanghai, Canadian International School and French International School. Unfortunately, despite their valiant effort, Kennedy School was ultimately defeated and Quarry Bay School will be advancing to the finals. The twelve Year 5 and 6 students who competed began reading the selection of 20 books as early as Term 3 in the last academic year. Our Year 6 students moving on next year will be looking to join the BOB team at their new secondary schools and I'm sure our Year 5s and our current Year 4s are eagerly awaiting the release of the Battle of the Books titles for 2017-18.

I'd like to especially thank Ms. Susan Misfud who has gone above and beyond in preparing the Battle of the Books team this year. Her dedication in writing practice questions and making review sessions fun and engaging with interactive technologies directly attributed to the successes of this year's team. A huge thank you to all of the Year 5 and Year 6 students who came out for the Battle of the Books team--we started with over 50 students enrolled before narrowing down to the final 12 before spring break. Until next year, keep reading. **JOSH BLUE VICE PRINCIPAL**



MESSAGE FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT

HK CRICKET COACHING OPPORTUNITIES

The Y3 children have been extremely fortunate to have access to coaching provided by the Hong Kong Cricket Development team.

If your child is interested in continuing their cricket journey please refer to the information provided through the links below:

[CCC \(Craigengower Cricket Club\)](#) at Happy Valley
on FRIDAYS 17:00 to 18:30 - FREE/6 lessons

[Yau Tong Road Playground](#) on SATURDAYS
10:00 to -12:00 - \$100/6 lessons

The HK Cricket Development [Website](#)



ADDITIONAL GAMES SUPPORT

The school has also received fantastic coaching support from the following organisations:

Hong Kong Cricket Club Gappers - for further information please [CLICK HERE](#)

Valley Hockey Academy - for further information please [CLICK HERE](#)

Valley Fort Rugby Academy - for further information please [CLICK HERE](#)

Sandy Bay Rugby - for further information please [CLICK HERE](#)

WALL OF FAME

KENNEDY SCHOOL WALL OF FAME ON FACEBOOK

Please feel free to share your child's sporting achievements, whether with the school or an external club, on the ESF Kennedy School Facebook page.

Simple add: @ESF Kennedy School and #kennedyschoolwalloffame to your post and it will be included in the school stream.

The Wall of Fame on the VLE will continue as a forum to the children to share their achievements with their peers.

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.

[KENNEDY 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.

TERM 3 - SUMMER SWIMMING TIMETABLE

The swimming schedule for the week is below. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit on their swimming day:

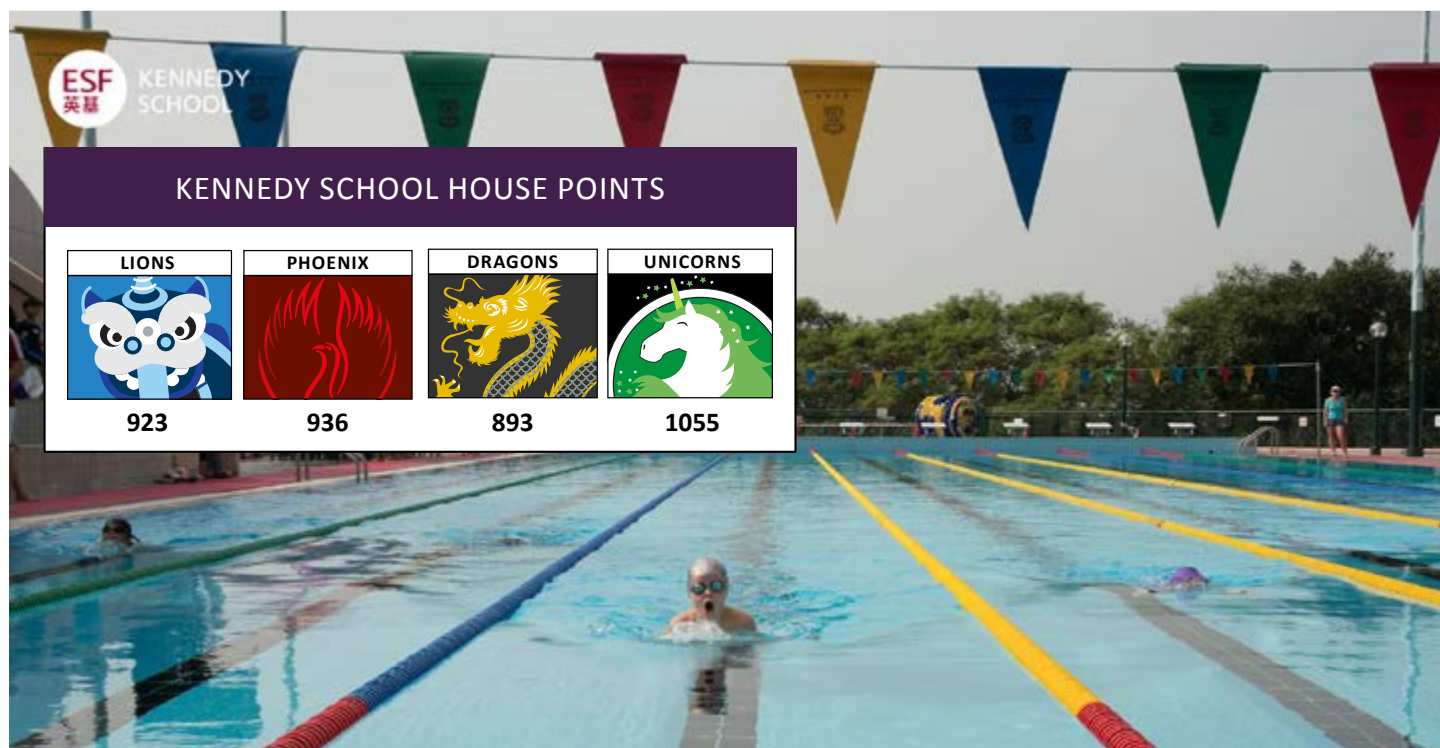
To be prepared for swimming every child requires:

- KENNEDY SCHOOL SWIMMING KIT - SWIMMING COSTUME OR SHORTS/JAMMERS.
- SWIMMING CAP FOR ALL CHILDREN WITH HAIR BELOW THE TOPS OF THEIR EARS.
- LARGE WHITE T-SHIRT OR SWIM ROBE
- WATERPROOF SHOES, CROCS OR SANDALS FOR WALKING TO AND FROM THE POOL.
- LARGE TOWEL, PREFERABLY A BEACH TOWEL.
- A STRONG WATERPROOF BAG.





Swimming kit, swim caps and swimming bags are all available from the PTA Office.

A rash vest is highly recommended for sun protection but is not compulsory. Swimming goggles are also highly recommended. Please ensure goggles are measured to fit your child prior to their lesson to avoid your child losing pool time.

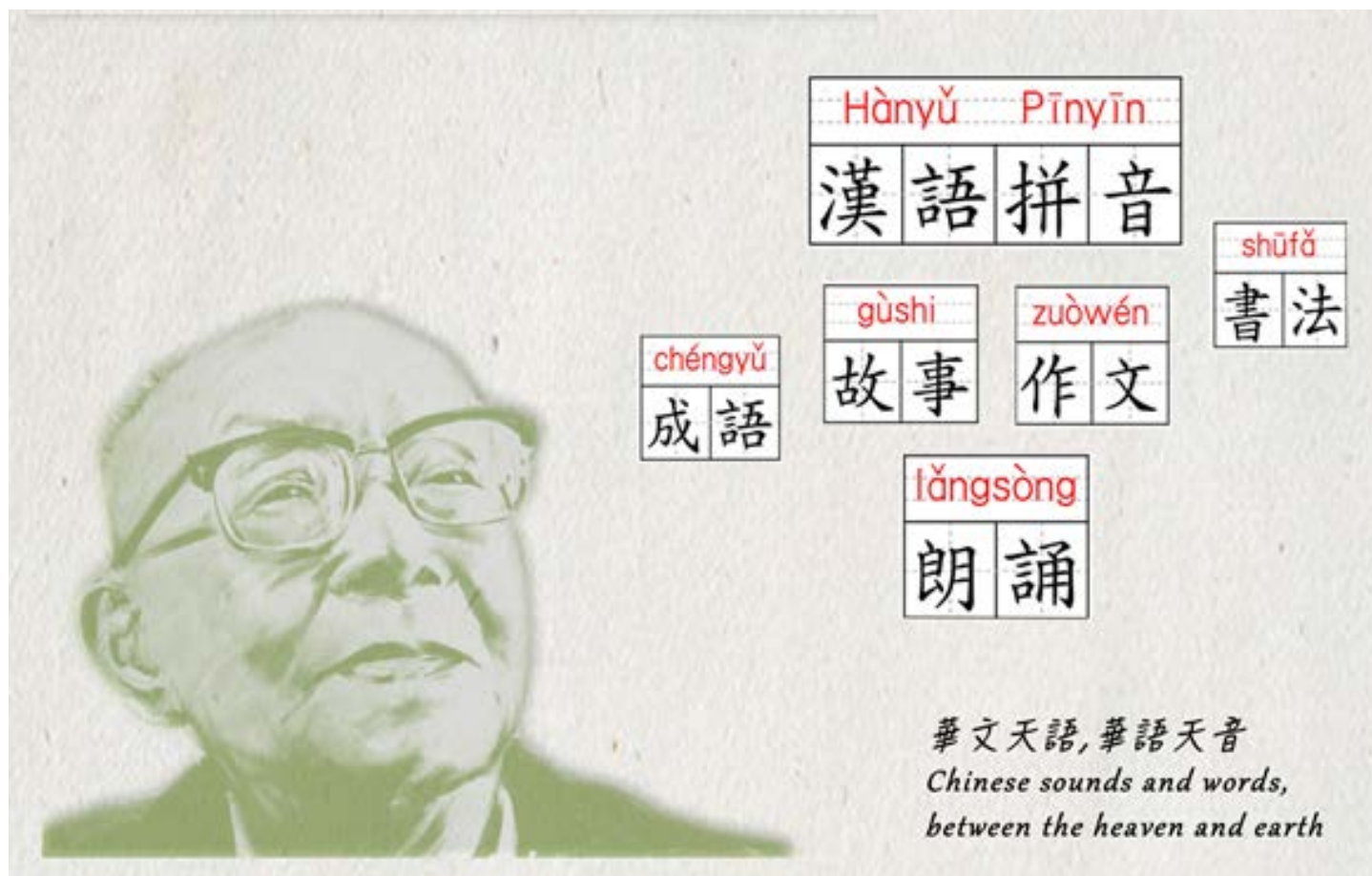
Monday May 8	Tuesday May 9	Wednesday May 10	Thursday May 11	Friday May 12
	Y6 Transition Grp 2	Y6 Transition Grp 2		Y2 Community Day
8:45 - 9:15 2C	8:45 - 9:15 1A	8:45 - 9:15 4C	8:45 - 9:15 3T	8:45 - 9:15 2R
9:15 - 9:45 2A	9:15 - 9:45 1B	9:15 - 9:45 4D	9:15 - 9:45 3O	9:15 - 9:45 2J
9:45 - 10:15 2P	9:45 - 10:15 1M	9:45 - 10:15 4S	9:45 - 10:15 3S	9:45 - 10:15 4J
10:30 Break	10:30 Break	10:30 Break	10:30 Break	10:30 Break
11:15 - 11:45 1S	11:15 - 11:45 5A	11:15 - 11:45 2C	11:15 - 11:45 3C	11:15 - 11:45 4M
11:45 - 12:15 1R	11:45 - 12:15 5K	11:45 - 12:15 1S	11:45 - 12:15 3W	11:45 - 12:15 5J
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		13:45 - 14:15 2P		



KENNEDY SCHOOL HOUSE POINTS

LIONS	PHOENIX	DRAGONS	UNICORNS
			
923	936	893	1055

MESSAGE FROM THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT



THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL ZHOU YOUGUANG CUP CHINESE TALENT SHOW (HONG KONG), 2017

To better promote Chinese Culture and to strengthen Chinese education amongst Hong Kong's youngsters, Kennedy School together with other ESF schools are going to hold Zhou Youguang Cup Chinese Talent Show in June, at Kennedy School.

We also aim to use this event to showcase young Chinese learners' talent and to offer them a platform for communication. This year's event will be very special as it coincides with the 50th anniversary of ESF. Here are some basic information of the Chinese Talent Show:

PARTICIPANTS: Students of 4-18 ages old, in kindergarten, primary or secondary schools

COMPETITION GROUPS:

- Chinese Native Speakers – both parents are of Chinese origin, and using Chinese as her/his first language.
- Non Chinese Native Speakers – with one or two non-background parents, or using other languages as first language despite the fact that parents are of Chinese origin.

USE OF LANGUAGE:

Putonghua is the only accepted language in speech items. Both simplified and traditional Chinese characters are accepted in writing items.

KEY REGULAIONS:

Every participant should select competition items matching their competition group and year level.

Every native speaker of Chinese can choose no more than three competition items that match their age group;

Lower primary (Year 1 - Year3) non-native speakers of Chinese can choose no more than two competition items. Upper primary (Year 4 -Year 6) and secondary non-native speakers of Chinese can choose no more than three items.

PRIZES:

Any participants whose total score from three competition items is the highest will be awarded the title of "champion" (kindergarten and lower primary non-native students only need to have the highest total from two competition items).

Champions will get a certificate of award and a special cup; they will also be qualified to enter the national final.

Each item from each group will have one first prize, one second prize and one third prize (a certificate will be awarded); additionally, there will be several awards of excellence (a certificate will be given to the winners).

One or two extraordinary participants from this year's event will be chosen to be the "Chinese Culture Ambassador"; they will become the image ambassador showing up on Hong Kong region's poster for the year.

Please click [HERE](#) for detailed information.

REGISTRATION PERIOD: From now on till May the 24th

REGISTRATION METHODS AND PAYMENT:

- Online Registration: Please register at <http://www.apclta.org> Registration fees can go directly to HSBC (004) 450-4-046709. Please email the receipt with student's name and competition items to zhouyouguang2017@kennedy.edu.hk as the evidence for successful registration.
- Collected by Chinese teachers: Please download registration form for [Chinese Native Speakers](#) or [Non-Chinese Native Speakers](#) Fill up the form and hand it with crossed cheque to your child's Chinese teacher (Cash is not acceptable)

THE CHEQUE IS MADE PAYABLE TO: HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF Pinyin QUALITY EDUCATION (PYQE)

KENNEDY SCHOOL TERM 2 REPORT

Please note that your child's Kennedy Term 2 Report is now available to view and download as a PDF document from the Gateway. This includes unit of inquiry 3 and 4.

We hope that you will share the report with your child in a positive way.

Please download and view/print the report from the Gateway by following the instructions below:

- Login to Gateway (<https://ks.tg.esf.edu.hk>) and click the 'ARR Report' button:



- Select your child (if you have more than one child in the school) and click on the report you wish to view (i.e. "Kennedy 2nd Term Report"):



- Save in the usual way to your preferred location and print if needed

PLEASE NOTE – the school reports may not display correctly when viewed or printed from within your web browser. If necessary, please:

- Download and install Adobe PDF Viewer from <https://get.adobe.com/reader/> (any optional offers shown on the download page can be un-ticked/un-checked if you wish)
- Download and save the report to your PC or Mac
- Open the report using Adobe Reader
- Some school reports require Chinese Fonts to be installed. If prompted, please download and install them and then re-open the report PDF

If you have any difficulties please email ITSupport@kennedy.edu.hk stating your child's name and class.

Pamela Riordan
ARR Coordinator

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

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR1 AND YR2

10 MAY
YR 2 ASSEMBLY - 2C
24 MAY
YR 2 ASSEMBLY - 2R
7 JUNE
YR 1 ASSEMBLY - 1S

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR3 AND YR4

9 MAY
YR 4 ASSEMBLY - 4S
23 MAY
YR 4 ASSEMBLY - 4M
6 JUNE
YR 3 ASSEMBLY - 3W

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR5 AND YR6

11 MAY
YR 5 ASSEMBLY - 5A
25 MAY
YR 5 ASSEMBLY - 5D
8 JUNE
YR 5 ASSEMBLY - 5K

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 (TERM 3)
VARIOUS	STEM CODING	KIP MCGRATH EDUCATION CENTRES (TERM 3)
MONDAY	DRAMA, SPEECH & COMMUNICATION CLASSES	STARLIT VOICE (TERM 3)
MONDAY	DIY WORKSHOPS	BRAINCHILD (TERM 3)
MONDAY	CHESS LESSONS	HOYINPING CHESS (TERM 3)
MONDAY	FABRIC FUN	FABRIC ART
VARIOUS	FOUNDATION'S ORATOR, FILMAKER & NOVELIST	FOUNDATION ACADEMY
WEDNESDAY	BRICKS 4 KIDZ	ELITE BRICKS
THURSDAY	DISCOVERY DOME	ASTRO CLUB (TERM 3)
THURSDAY	ART CLASSES	BANANA ART (TERM 3)
FRIDAY	CREATIVE WRITING AND PUBLISHING	ELEPHANT COMMUNITY PRESS

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HONG KONG AUSKICK - AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL PROGRAM

HK Auskick provides the introductory Australian Rules Football program in HK for boys and girls from 4 to 14 years old, catering to all skill levels and highly compatible with any football background or passion. In conjunction, Hong Kong Junior AFL provides further training, development and the opportunity to play games in age groups from U8 to U15.

The programs makes learning to play the team game of Aussie Rules fun, safe and easy for kids. Through weekly coaching sessions the players will learn the skills of the game in an exciting, social and safe environment. It also provides a great opportunity for parents to interact with their kids during the activities and make new friends across Hong Kong around the greatest game on earth.

The 2017 season in Hong Kong commences on the weekend of 29/30 April and runs until early September, making it a perfect off-season fit with other football codes. A modified program is conducted across most of July to cater for summer holidays. Sessions are hosted by 5 Clubs based in 4 main locations across Hong Kong: Kowloon (and Sai Kung), Lantau Island (DB), Sandy Bay (Pok Fu Lam) and Happy Valley.

In 2017 our players of all ages will also have the opportunity to participate in a touring party that will travel to Shanghai on the weekend of the inaugural AFL main season game on 14 May between Port Adelaide and Gold Coast. Players will have the opportunity to participate in football events on against other travelling clubs and on the ground of the main game. We are also in the final stages of confirming our participation in an AFL game in Melbourne during the HK summer holidays, stay tuned for details.

Details of the Hk Auskick 2017 season, including registrations, are available on our website: <http://auskickhk.com> and you can keep up to date with our activities by liking us at <http://facebook.com/auskickhk> Complete your Early Registration by 23 March 2017 to ensure your kit is available prior to kit collection for the first session weekend.

Our program is run entirely by volunteers, and the success of our program and at each of our locations is on us all. If parents have the time or skills to contribute then please let your Club know during the registration process or email us at hk.auskick@gmail.com





ESF TIGERS BASKETBALL

Elite Academy Programme



BOYS WANTED FOR TRIALS

ESF Tigers Basketball will be holding **TEAM TRIALS** in April 2017 for players who are interested in joining their successful competitive teams Elite Academy Programme. Only those players who are willing to commit to playing basketball at least **TWICE** a week, are passionate about the sport and who want to improve their individual fundamental skills and participate in a **TEAM** programme, should apply to attend **TRIALS**, as shown below.



Location: 3/F Sports Hall
West Island School
Victoria Road
Pok Fu Lam, Hong Kong

Thursday 27th April 2017 & Thursday 4th May 2017

U12 Boys (Born 2005) 5.00pm-7.00pm

Players should arrive no later than 4.30pm for warm-up.

**OPEN TO ALL
ESF &
NON-ESF
STUDENTS**



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www.esf.org.hk

**To apply to attend trials, please email
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