

Kennedy School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Another busy week at Kennedy School with many class trips and activities plus our Mother/ Daughter and Father/ Son evenings for our Year 5 students. This is part of our Personal and Social Education Program and its an introduction to our boys and girls about growing up as they approach puberty. It is a great chance for Mums and Daughters and Dads and Sons to talk, ask questions together in a friendly setting. We even had a number of Mums attend the Father/ Son night!

School Hours 2017/2018

Our major building works will commence at the end of June this year with the preparations and installation of two new lifts which will not be completed until December 2018. Due to the need for heavy machinery work we have had to negotiate our school day times to enable the heavy work to occur.

For the next two years the school day will finish at 2:50pm for bus students (currently 3:00pm) with the second bell ringing at 2:57pm for walkers. All after school activities will commence promptly at 3:00pm and finish sharply at 4:00pm. The playground will need to be vacated immediately to enable the heavy machinery work to commence. There will be no loss to learning time as we will be reducing the lunchtime break by 10 minutes from one hour to 50 minutes.

Bollywood comes to Kennedy!

Please see attached in the Newsletter the poster for our final PTA event of the year on Friday 9th June. It will be a fun night of dance, curries and a few drinks. Sign up early as tickets will sell fast. Enjoy the weekend!

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

JUNIOR CHOIR SUMMER WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS





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.

MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE

The Education Bureau and the CHP are asking the community to stay vigilant against the spread of Influenza and other Respiratory Infections.

The government has seen an increase in outbreaks of Influenza within the past few weeks, and are therefore recommending that parents check their child's temperature daily before sending him/her to school.

Influenza A & B, also called the flu, is caused by a virus. Flu symptoms usually begin quickly, they will appear 1-7 days after having been in contact with the virus. Some of the symptoms like fever will normally begin to go away after 2-4 days, however a person with Influenza is often contagious from 1 day before symptoms start to 5-7 days after.

Symptoms may include: Fever above 38,8C/102F, body aches, dizziness, headache, lack of energy, nausea and vomiting, runny nose, sore throat and coughing.

Influenza mainly spreads by contact with nose or throat discharges, saliva, or after touching contaminated objects.

There is no specific treatment for Influenza and antibiotics will normally not have any effect on the flu virus. The infected person should drink plenty of water and take adequate rest, and may receive symptomatic treatment to reduce fever and pain. In most cases, a child's body, with the help of the immune system, will get rid of the virus over time.

To avoid spreading the disease to other people in the household, please make sure that the infected person covers his/her mouth when coughing or sneezing (if using a tissue, discard straight away); washes hands frequently and always after having been outside, after going to the toilet, before eating and after wiping/blowing nose, coughing and sneezing. Please encourage the infected person not to share eating utensils.

Should your child show any symptoms of sickness, please keep your child at home and consult your doctor if needed. Any child with a fever is required to stay home an additional 48 hours after the temperature has come down to normal (below 37.5C/99.5F) without the use of fever reducing medication. Viral infections are very contagious; sending your child back to school before completely recovered will increase the risk of passing the virus on to others.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Kennedy School Health Professionals at nurse@kennedy.edu.hk or phone 2579 5613.





MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY



BIRTHDAY BOOK

If your child has a birthday in May or June and you would like them to receive a book on their special day, then please send \$100 in an envelope marked with your child's name and class, their date of birth and 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.

MANNEQUIN NEEDED - YEAR 6 EXHIBITION REQUEST

This year's Year 6 Exhibition is once again around the transdisciplinary theme of How We Express Ourselves. Students are inquiring into all areas of the arts including fashion. One of our students, Marisha, has sent me a note with a request: I would like to display my final piece on a mannequin but unfortunately, I don't know anyone who has one. I need a full mannequin with a torso, arms and legs. If by any chance you own a mannequin, know someone that has one, please let Mr. Blue know. Thank you for your time, help and cooperation. If you can help, drop me an email at jblue@kennedy.edu.hk



THE YEAR 5 MARKET DAY

DATE: MONDAY 22ND MAY

TIME: 11.00AM-12.30PM

VENUE: LOWER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

A special invitation to Year 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 children.

As part of the 'Enterprise' unit of inquiry through the theme 'How We Organise Ourselves', the Year 5 children have spent 6 weeks researching, designing, innovating and producing an array of unique and personalised goods to sell at unbelievable prices!

Their hard work will culminate in the Year 5 Market Day where the rest of the Kennedy School students are invited to purchase the Year 5 products. This year we have a fine selection of arts & craft, stress balls, key chains, bookmarks, brownies, cookies, popcorn, lollipops and much, much more!

Prices range from around \$5 to \$20 and all profits will be donated to our four house charities. Every class will get an opportunity to visit the market so please help prepare your child with some pocket money to spend that day.

Thank you for your support!

The Year 5 team













2C wowed us this week with their class assembly which was an adapted story by one of 2C's budding authors. We followed the journey of a little girl who had been carrying around her bag of worries. Despite her twin brother trying to lure them out with Pokemon, the worries continued to grow. With encouraging words from her teacher and brother, she reflected and overcame her worries. Each student played an important part in bringing the story to life, sharing different ways we can mindfully breathe, sharing worries of their own and ways that they have overcome some personal worries. On top of all that, the musical interludes of 'Don't Worry, Be Happy'enhanced the story and brought the 2C student to life. They were all so committed, dedicated and enthusiastic throughout the whole assembly. I'd like to thank 2C for a fantastic assembly. Thank you also to Ms. Robinson and Ms. Adcock who helped the students of 2C bring their ideas for assembly to life. It was also very nice to see the parents and friends of 2C in attendance. I think I can safely say that all in attendance are now looking forward to a worry free weekend! Well done! JOSH BLUE VICE PRINCIPAL









It was the turn of 4S to present their class assembly this week. Year 4 explored the arts as part of their last unit 'How We Express Ourselves' and the theme of the assembly was around Jazz. music. 4S shared with us a story entitled 'Ben's Trumpet'. The story of Ben is fiction and , about a jazz musician who grew up in the twenties. The story conveyed the very sound of jazz music. The children recited their lines with such confidence! The story ended with a wonderful jazz dance performed with such enthusiasm. Eight students played instruments to open and close assembly - Rosie, Yutong, Carmel, Saffron, Jerry and Mina played piano, Zoe played guitar and Cyrus violin. Such talent in 4S! Well done and thank you to 4S and Ms Spratt, Ms Ho (dance teacher) and to both Mrs GG and Ms Barrie. A great assembly for highlighting the importance of celebrating music and dance! Thank you too the parents of 4S for coming to watch! I hope you enjoyed it too and were equally impressed with your talented children! EMMA

YEAR 5A ASSEMBLY







5A kept us thoroughly engaged and entertained throughout their class assembly on Thursday. They began by introducing us to their current Enterprise unit by looking at enterprise through the ages and how people exchanged goods prior to the introduction of currency. They then went on to give us a taste of their upcoming Market Day on May 22nd. The children had written the entire assembly themselves and each enterprise group presented their sales pitch in turn. They were all fantastic and clearly had so much fun sharing their catchy jingles, persuasive adverts and amusing dramas. The assembly finished with a cleverly re-worded song about the Market Day. It was lovely to have so many parents join us for the assembly and I'm sure you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thanks to Mrs Orange and Mrs GG for their help and support with preparing the children. Well done 5A - a great job! DEBBIE SHEWARD VICE PRINCIPAL













Yesterday students from Year 3 to Year 6 were given the opportunity to show their parents what they had been learning across a range of performing arts. We listened to the orchestra play a range of music including 'Nutcracker'and 'The Trout' as well as hearing a violin solo, guitar ensemble, Chinese music ensemble and 5S ukulele band who sang and played a superb version of 'Just the Way You Are'.

Students across year 6 have been part of a extension music group and they performed 'In the hall of the Mountain King; and 'Hello' a very challenging pop song to sing.

We saw both a dance solo and a dance group from 6M as well as a girl band called Salute sing 'Wings'. Hilary from 3O also sang a solo.

I was truly touched by the ability and artistic flair of the children.

The show was fantastic. It was wonderful to see such a range of performing arts showcased. The quality of each performance was of such a high standard and the children were outstanding.

A special thank you to all the music teachers including Ms Barrie and Mrs GG as well as Susan Tan, Graeme Morris, Sunny Yeun, Bruce Hunniset and the technical team especially Manx for the fabulous lighting and sound. EMMA NAVIN VICE PRINCIPAL

KENNEDY 2016-2017 – YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Kennedy School is very proud to present a fabulous momento 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

EA ECO HEROS!

Last Saturday we had lots of fun learning outdoors. Our Educational Assistants shared great ideas on how to support our children's learning in an outdoor environment and they also helped to organise our outdoor spaces and design educational resources.









MAGICALLY GROWN FOOD FROM WASTE!

Sisters, Nica and Téa decided to save their waste pineapple top and plant it in a pot. Imagine their surprise when, just a few months later, another pineapple began to grow! This is a great project to try with your children at home and you can use many varieties of waste food. Give it a go!



FOOD SAVIOR

Hong Kong is a city for food lovers. With roughly one restaurant for every 300 people, it has one of the highest per-capita concentrations of cafés and restaurants in the world. The downside to that is a lot gets wasted - some 3,400 tonnes of food a day (or eight A380 Airbus planes worth). Our 'Seed to Stomach' programme at Kennedy is helping children to appreciate where their food comes, but we have a long way to go to solve our food waste problem in Hong Kong. This is where Food Savior steps in. It connects consumers with restaurants offering last-minute deals on their surplus food – yummy stuff that is perfectly edible but just cannot be sold the next day. Check out their Facebook page for more information:

https://www.facebook. com/foodsavior/?hc_ ref=NEWSFEED&fref=nf

MESSAGE FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SWIMMING PROVIDER AQUADKIDZ

Aquakidz was very happy to welcome the Year 1s to the swimming pool recently. It's a wonderful opportunity to nurture a love for swimming. All our Year 1s have been assessed and are now ready to start lessons in their respective groups. We were excited to see so many strong swimmers!

Training is under way with the Year 5s and 6s for the upcoming galas at Discovery College next month. In addition to perfecting technique, extra attention is being paid to starts and turns to give our swimmers a competitive edge.

Lastly, a gentle reminder that all swimmers with medium to long hair should wear a swim hat during their lesson. Goggles are optional but useful, they should be checked for fitting at home prior to swimming days as a lot of time is wasted by adjusting them during lesson time. Please name ALL swimming items, especially goggles!



KELLETT INVITATIONAL AQUATHON COMPETITION

Wishing our four Aquathon teams competing at the Kellett Invitational Aquathon event on Friday 12th May all the best.

Hong Kong Primary Aquathons consist of a team of six children, three girls and three boys, each completing a 250 metre swim followed by a 1km run. Each of the six team members times are combined for an overall school score. The lowest score winning the event. This is the toughest school event of the year and our amazing squad are currently training twice a week in preparation for the JCSR and ESF Aquathons in June.

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.



Please see the link on the VLE homepage as well as in the PE section



SWIMMING SCHEDULE - MAY 15TH TO MAY 19TH

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

Monday	Tuocday	Wodpocday	Thursday	Friday
	Tuesday	Wednesday	•	•
May	May	May	May	May
15	16	17	18	19
8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15		8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15
2C	1A	HKU Closed	3Т	2R
9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45		9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45
2A	1B		30	3W
9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15		9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15
2P	1M		3S	4J
10:30	10:30		10:30	10:30
Break	Break		Break	Break
11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45		11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45
15	5D		3C	4M
11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15		11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15
1R	5A		23	5 J
12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45		12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45
LUNCH	5K		LUNCH	5S
12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45		12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45
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KENNEDY SCHOOL HOUSE POINTS LIONS PHOENIX DRAGONS UNICORNS 923 936 893 1055

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.

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 <u>Chinese Native Speakers</u> or <u>Non-Chinese Native Speakers</u> 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.

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

Login to Gateway (https://ks.tq.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:

- a) 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)
- b) Download and save the report to your PC or Mac
- c) Open the report using Adobe Reader
- d) 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

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

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR3 AND YR4

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

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR5 AND YR6

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	<u>SCIENCE ADVENTURES,</u> 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	<u>DIY WORKSHOPS</u>	BRAINCHILD (TERM 3)
MONDAY	<u>CHESS LESSONS</u>	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	<u>ART CLASSES</u>	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









