

Principal's Newsletter

Term 3 Week 9

Dear parents, staff, students and interested community members:

I hope you all had a terrific Spring Break with your family and enjoyed the return of warm weather at last!!

The terrible news of security breaches and children and staff being harmed in schools in China over the past month has been startling. I have reviewed our security measures at EtonHouse and can assure all parents and staff that we have a very secure environment to ensure your child is safe. We have the full cooperation of the local Wuxi New District Police and they have stationed a policeman at the front gates for arrival and departure times to assist our security guards. We have also employed a further security guard for the times we have students and staff at the school.

These are precautionary measures as we take the security of our students and staff very seriously. It is understandable that when parents come to a new country their major concern is for the safety and education of their children. We are proud of the educational programs we offer here at EtonHouse as well as the high level of security to protect your child and provide a safe and secure learning environment at all times.

The signing in procedure for all visitors (INCLUDING PARENTS) has been reviewed and enforced so that all visitors are to sign in and after verification of purpose of their visit they are to wear a **visitor lanyard** to identify them on site. Can I ask all parents to adhere to this procedure and to report to reception on arrival to notify us of you being on site. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Swimming Program May 12th – June 30th

Every Wednesday starting next week on 12th May, we will be running a swimming program in our centre. The American Fitness Centre and EtonHouse have signed an agreement for us to use their excellent facilities at a greatly reduced cost. This is ideal for us as we still get access to a swimming pool, gymnasium and fitness centre on site without having to maintain it on a yearly basis. We have a common access way from our school oval to the centre so students will not be required to walk off school site to enter the centre.

Mr. Peter Donkin will be coordinating the program and our teaching staff will be conducting the swimming lessons. I want to remind you of the First Aid and Swimming Safety Training all EtonHouse staff completed at the beginning

of the school year. We are all trained and competent to provide a safe and highly effective swimming program for your child. This is a special feature of being part of the EtonHouse School.

The swimming program will conclude with a Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 30th June.

Spring Open House - Thursday 13th May 11 am - 1 pm

Once again we will open the doors of EtonHouse Wuxi on Thursday 13th May from 11 am to 1 pm. Parents are invited to bring a friend along to see the children in class working. This is a great way for Prospective Parents to view the school in action. We need every parent to ask a friend to come along and see EtonHouse at work.

The day will begin at 11am with a brief introduction from myself (Principal) followed by a tour of the school. We will conclude with offering our visitors lunch and a free bus trip back to Wanke and Chang Jiang International Garden.

Spring Carnival - Donations and Customers Still Required

The tickets and flyers for our Spring Carnival are now out in the community. A note went home earlier this week for ticket sales. Please return your ticket orders along with the correct money to Toni Chong by Thursday 13th May (Open House Day).

We still need you to support the carnival by donating goods, maybe buying a table to sell things or by just making sure you invite lots of your family and friends to this wonderful event. There already is an incredible response from the Wuxi Community with stalls to tempt the palate, quench the thirst and tickle your fancy in buying all sorts of interesting things. Also there are many events planned on the day to entertain both children and adults.

Make sure you keep Saturday 15th May free to attend this highly worthwhile event!

Uniforms and Hats

Being part of EtonHouse requires that all students wear their school uniform every day. I have noticed some students are coming to school wearing other clothing that detracts from our uniform. **Can parents please ensure their child is in uniform and also has a hat.** From now till the end of this school year we will expect every child to wear a hat to protect them from the sun at recess and lunch. **NO HAT NO PLAY!**

Mothers and Babies Water Confidence Classes on offer

Miss Seale is coordinating a fabulous water confidence program for mothers and their young babies (2 or under). This is being held every Thursday after school in our swimming centre. The cost is being met by EtonHouse so it is free! To register for this program please contact Toni Chong at school. EtonHouse parents will be given priority but this program is open to all interested parents. Hurry to register as places are limited!

Middle School opens Wood Work Classes on the Top Floor

We have refurbished the new area made vacant recently by Chiway in order to house our Technologies Curriculum for the Middle School. Cooking classes and woodworking classes have now commenced and designs are in with

cabinet makers to install a custom made kitchen for the students. This is a great celebration for us as we have grown very strong in the Middle School both in numbers (21 students) and in character. Our middle school students no longer travel to Suzhou on Thursdays as the program is now self sufficient. Great to see these promising craftspeople at work!

Photo here of woodworking in progress

ECA and EAL Session 4 Monday 10th May – Thursday 24th June

A reminder that ECA and EAL after school programs re-commence this coming week. Thank you for returning your request notes in on time.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great week, am looking forward to seeing you all at school on Thursday 13th for the Open House and Saturday 15th for our Spring Carnival! Take care and keep smiling! ☺

Yours sincerely,



Rob Stewart

Principal

Term 3 Calendar

Monday 2010/04/19 ECA	Tuesday 2010/04/20 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/04/21 Assembly Admin EAL	Thursday 2010/04/22 ECA	Friday 2010/04/23 School Finishes at 1.30 pm
Monday 2010/04/26	Tuesday 2010/04/27	Wed 2010/04/28	Thursday 2010/04/29	Friday 2010/04/30
Spring Break Holidays				
Monday 2010/05/03 Spring Break Continues	Tuesday 2010/05/04 Classes Resume Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/05/05 Assembly Year 4/5	Thursday 2010/05/06	Friday 2010/05/07
Monday 2010/05/10 ECA Session 4 commences	Tuesday 2010/05/11 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/05/12 Swimming commences Assembly Admin EAL resumes	Thursday 2010/05/13 SPRING OPEN HOUSE ECA	Friday 2010/05/14 Spring Carnival Saturday 15 th
Monday 2010/05/17 ECA	Tuesday 2010/05/18 Year 4/5 /MS Camp Expo Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/05/19 Year 4/5 /MS Camp Expo Swimming Assembly Admin	Thursday 2010/05/20 Year 4/5 /MS Camp Expo ECA	Friday 2010/05/21 Year 4/5 /MS Camp Expo

EAL

Monday 2010/05/24 ECA	Tuesday 2010/05/25 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/05/26 Swimming Student Led Conferences Assembly Year 3/4 EAL	Thursday 2010/05/27 ECA	Friday 2010/05/28
Monday 2010/05/31 ECA	Tuesday 2010/06/01 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/06/02 Swimming Assembly Middle School EAL	Thursday 2010/06/03 ECA	Friday 2010/06/04
Monday 2010/06/07 ECA	Tuesday 2010/06/08 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/06/09 Swimming Assembly Language Classes EAL	Thursday 2010/06/10 ECA	Friday 2010/06/11
Monday 2010/06/14 ECA	Tuesday 2010/06/15 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/06/16 Dragon Boat Festival No School	Thursday 2010/06/17 ECA	Friday 2010/06/18
Monday 2010/06/21 ECA	Tuesday 2010/06/22 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/06/23 Swimming Assembly N/R EAL	Thursday 2010/06/24 ECA	Friday 2010/06/25
Monday 2010/06/28	Tuesday 2010/06/29 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/06/30 Swimming Carnival Assembly all Classes	Thursday 2010/07/01	Friday 2010/07/02 Reports Home Last Day of School Day Ends 1.30 pm