

# EtonHouse International School – Wuxi

## 无锡伊顿国际学校

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### Principals' Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3

Dear parents, staff, students and interested community members.

I wish to start this week's newsletter by congratulating two of our students for being elected School Captains for the 2009/2010 school year. Well done to Rio Yamaji and Anton Roca Nallib. Both of you are worthy winners and we look forward to you both leading our student body over the school year.

I also wish thank the staff and marketing team for their fantastic efforts over the first three weeks of school. We have had a huge amount of work to cover in preparing for our Parent meetings and also developing the curriculum material to give our parents. In particular Anna Davidson, Tony Valentine and Belynda Seale have been very busy as our coordinators in developing a range of documentation for us to use across the school. It is reassuring to know we have a talented group of teachers and staff members dedicated to getting EtonHouse Wuxi working at its optimum.



Introducing our new School Captains Anton and Rio

### School Leaders Elected

As part of the pastoral care program at EtonHouse students are taught the value of leadership and given the opportunity to represent their peers as school leaders. This year we will have two school captains, a boy captain and a girl captain, three house captains and a number of house vice captains.

Last Friday self-nominated candidates gave election speeches after a week of campaigning for their fellow student's votes. Teachers and students from the whole school then cast their votes and the results were calculated on Monday.

Girl School Captain: Rio Yamaji

Boy School Captain: Anton Roca Nallib

Han House Captain: Yigit Sonmez

Vice Captain: Sodai Hosoi

Ming House Captain: Amber Meyer

Vice Captains: Nadja Keulan, Harriet Valentine

Tang House Captain      Chang Yun Kim

Vice Captains: Jackie Li, Lian Mc Call

Congratulations to all elected nominees. You have a big responsibility to represent your fellow students now and we as the teachers look forward to working with you. Leadership badges will be presented to all leaders at an assembly in the near future.

### **Parent Advisory Council - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 6pm**

Last year we established a small group from the parent body called the Parent Advisory Council. This group changes every year as parents come and go and also to allow other parents opportunities to be part of this group. The main function of the PAC is to support the school in approving policies and direction the school takes in its School Plan. I would like to re-establish this council and ask that continuing members contact Belynda Seale at the school to confirm their intention to continue and to organize the first meeting which I would like to schedule for **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm** in the school conference room.

### **Parents and Friends – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm**

I wish to strengthen our parent support within the school by establishing a more structured Parents and Friends body. This group will need to hold a meeting to elect a President and executive team that can help support the school with running major school functions such as Carnivals, School Community Fun days and various fundraising events. I would like to hold our first meeting of the P&F on **Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the school Conference room. All parents are welcome including those that do not wish to hold a specific role but want to be part of the EtonHouse P&F. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our first meeting. Future meeting dates and times can be decided at this meeting as well.

### **H1N1 Swine Flu Update**

I know we have sent a very clear statement on what we are doing to manage the pandemic H1N1. I wish to continue to reassure all parents that we have a very good system in place to continue to manage the hygiene within the school and also screen all that attend EtonHouse. We are currently investigating how to assist parents with a possible vaccination program that we can coordinate through the school. Further details will be provided as soon as we have completed our investigations. Thank you to the staff and parents for their cooperation and vigilance in this matter. I look forward to receiving your continued support and understanding.

### **EAL Parent Information Meeting**

A reminder that a special Parent Information Meeting that will explain the EAL program and strategies used has been organized by Anna Davidson (EAL and PYP Coordinator) for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept at 3pm.

### **Curriculum documentation**

Comprehensive curriculum documentation that outlines to parents what will be the course of study for their child over the year have been developed and translated and are now ready for distribution.. Anna Davidson

has worked extremely hard on refining these documents. Please have a look at the curriculum booklets and if you are unsure or need things explained please refer to your class teacher.

## PYP Corner

The IB Learner Profile is a series of 10 qualities that embody the ideal of an internationally minded person. Each week for the next 10 weeks, we will be running a Learner Profile theme of the week.

**Open-minded** - They understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.

Have a fantastic week and keep smiling ☺

Yours Sincerely



Rob Stewart

Principal

# Fortnightly Calendar

<i>Monday 2009/09/21</i>	<i>Tuesday 2009/09/22</i>	<i>Wed 2009/09/23</i>	<i>Thursday 2009/09/24</i>	<i>Friday 2009/09/25</i>
ECA	Staff meeting 3.30pm EAL Parent Meeting	Swimming continues EAL continues	MYP to Suzhou ECA	End of school
<i>Monday 2009/09/28</i>	<i>Tuesday 2009/09/29</i>	<i>Wed 2009/09/30</i>	<i>Thursday 2009/10/01</i>	<i>Friday 2009/09/02</i>
Two week break commences Wuxi Govt. dinner				
<i>Monday 2009/10/05</i>	<i>Tuesday 2009/10/06</i>	<i>Wed 2009/10/07</i>	<i>Thursday 2009/10/08</i>	<i>Friday 2009/09/09</i>
Two week break continues Staff Professional Devt				
<i>Monday 2009/10/12</i>	<i>Tuesday 2009/10/13</i>	<i>Wed 2009/10/14</i>	<i>Thursday 2009/10/15</i>	<i>Friday 2009/09/16</i>
Students return ECA PAC meeting 6 pm P&F meeting 7 pm	Staff meeting 3.45 pm	EAL	MYP to Suzhou ECA	