

Principals' Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4

Dear parents, staff, students and interested community members.

It is opportune that this week's Learner Profile quality is being reflective. With the two week break students now have the opportunity to reflect on how they have started the new school year. I strongly urge all parents to find time over the next two weeks to quietly sit with their children and talk about the past 4 weeks. Try asking these reflective questions:

Tell me about your class? What are the things you find most enjoyable? How well do you do things in the areas you really like?

Tell me about the things you find difficult to do? How well do you do in those areas?

Tell me about your class mates? Who do you like working with? Who would you like to work with? Who seems to be doing really well in your class? What do they do to do so well? Can you do those things too?

These questions may help guide your child in being reflective and making some discoveries on what they can do to strengthen their life at school.

One of the things that make a successful student is if they are motivated towards school. It is impossible to make a child **FEEL** positive and **FEEL** motivated. However If we change the way we **THINK** about a certain aspect of school then we can change the way we **DO** things. By **THINKING** and **DOING** things differently this will lead to changing the way we **FEEL**. A very powerful way to helping students improve their attitude and motivate them.



Introducing our new Korean SCL Beau. Beau is teaching a group of students Tae Kwon Do as part of our ECA program.

Parent Advisory Council - Monday 12th Oct 6pm - REMINDER

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 schedule for **Monday 12th October at 6pm** in the school conference room.

Parents and Friends – Monday 12th Oct 7pm - REMINDER

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 12th 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 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. 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

Thank you to all the parents that attended the Parent Information meeting on English as an Additional Language program (EAL). It was a terrific turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy the session. I am sure you will agree that the program is comprehensive. Now our students that require EAL have targeted support that connects the teachers learning program with the child's EAL support. Thank you to Ms Anna Davidson for facilitating this meeting.

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.

Reflective

They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience.

They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.

Have a fantastic holiday and keep smiling 😊

Yours Sincerely



Rob Stewart

Principal

Fortnightly Calendar

<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	Staff Professional Devt.	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	