

## **Principals' Newsletter**

**Term 2 Week 3**

Dear parents, staff, students and interested community members.

Last week I had the wonderful opportunity to showcase EtonHouse International School to several high ranking Chinese Government Officials. These included Li Wei Min the Vice Director of The New District Administrative Committee of Wuxi Municipal People's Government who was most impressed with our facilities and program for our students. The importance of EtonHouse International School within the Wuxi New District is highly acknowledged and a positive partnership has developed to make the New District an attractive prospect for future International Expatriates. There is a very bright future for our school to continue to grow not only in student numbers but also in reputation as being a quality educational provider of international standards. The support we receive from our existing parents and the way you 'talk up' our school in the community is exceptional and greatly appreciated from all of us at EtonHouse.

### **International Day – Wednesday 2nd December**

We sent an individual letter home on Friday detailing this great opportunity to celebrate the diversity we have in our school. Students will be engaged in educational programs that feature cultural, historical and physical facts from over 6 different countries. Our volunteer parents and staff have worked exceptionally hard in preparing for this day. I look forward to seeing all the children in their National Costumes. Parents are invited to the morning assembly which will commence at the start of the day. Unfortunately we will not have the capacity for parents to remain with their child throughout the day. We promise to take lots of photos and share these with you on our web site.

### **Christmas Concert and Dinner**

The annual Christmas dinner and concert will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of December in the Hall at the school starting at 5.00pm. The evening will consist of a concert performed by the students, teachers and also if any parents would like to sing a song. This will begin at 5.30pm followed by dinner at 6.00pm. After dinner Santa will be visiting. Parents are requested to send a small gift (pre wrapped with name clearly labeled) for their child to the class teacher for Santa to distribute on the night.

There will be a meeting for those who wish to help with the organization on Friday December the 4<sup>th</sup> in the conference room at 2pm. There are two options for the dinner of which the parents will decide on at the meeting.

1. Source outside catering (menus to be reviewed at the meeting) with the school paying for the students and the parents paying for themselves as we did last year.
2. A pot luck type of arrangement where everyone brings a plate to share.

There will also be a cash bar for parents to buy drinks at. If you cannot get to the meeting but have a suggestion or would like to participate in the parent's song please email Pamela Tan at [pyyt@hotmail.com](mailto:pyyt@hotmail.com).

## X Country Another success

A big thank you to Mr Michael Anderson for organizing the Cross Country event again. The children braved the cold weather (as did our parents to support them), and all participated with great enthusiasm. Well done to everyone who gave their best effort on the day. Well done too to our parents and staff who ran in a parent/staff race at the end.



## School Buses and Safety

Our school buses were checked for safety by the Chinese Police last week. At EtonHouse we know it is very important that we have an extremely high standard of safety for our student to travel on.

## Staff Movement

Schools are a very dynamic place, we often have student arrive and sadly leave throughout the year. This is also true with staff. A number of staff are leaving EtonHouse due to personal reasons.

Ms Anna Davidson our PYP/EAL Coordinator will be leaving at the end of December. Anna will take up an opportunity to work with a family that will offer her the chance to travel around the world and reside in Canada and Australia. Wow!! We will miss Anna tremendously as she has taken a strong leadership role in the PYP and her efforts in getting us to

Candidacy status with the International Baccalaureate has been phenomenal. I will write more in the coming weeks about Anna and her replacement.

Miss Lishan our School Receptionist needs to leave us to go back to her family and home town. Lishan has been fantastic in keeping all things in order for us and being the first person people speak to when contacting EtonHouse. Lishan we wish you well with your medical procedures and hope that you will be well looked after by your family as you recuperate. All the very best from everyone at EtonHouse.

Finally Mr Jeef Zhang has had to leave us to take up a position with a family company. Jeef loves working with ICT (Information communication Technology) and has had an enormous impact on the high quality ICT we enjoy here at EtonHouse. Thank you Jeef for this amazing support. We hope to keep our printers and computers going!!!

## Invitation – 2009 Christmas Bazaar

The Taihu International School parents are running a charity event on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec from 11am – 2pm at TIS, The 2009 Christmas Bazaar will have a range of exciting events such as games, face painting, Food stalls and of course Santa. All welcome!

## PYP News

The Term 2 Curriculum overviews are ready to be distributed to all parents. You will receive this over this coming week by email. If you need them explained please feel free to contact your class teacher.

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. This week's profile is;

## Principled

They act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.

Have a fantastic week and keep smiling ☺

Yours Sincerely



Rob Stewart

Principal

# Fortnightly Calendar

<i>Monday 2009/11/30</i>	<i>Tuesday 2009/12/01</i>	<i>Wed 2009/12/02</i>	<i>Thursday 2009/12/03</i>	<i>Friday 2009/12/04</i>
ECA	Yoga class 9.30am Football Carnival at ISW	International Day EAL	MYP to Suzhou ECA	
<i>Monday 2009/12/07</i>	<i>Tuesday 2009/12/08</i>	<i>Wed 2009/12/09</i>	<i>Thursday 2009/12/10</i>	<i>Friday 2009/12/11</i>
ECA	Yoga class 9.30am	EAL	MYP to Suzhou ECA	