

## Principals' Newsletter

Term 2 Week 10

Dear parents, staff, students and interested community members.

We welcome Kim Min Sun Y7 student and her family to the EtonHouse family. We hope you enjoy and flourish in our exciting school.

We know schools can be a busy place but the last couple of weeks have been really amazing. I was in Hong Kong over the weekend recruiting teachers on behalf of EtonHouse International Schools –China. We interviewed over 30 teachers and we are hoping to appoint a number of them to various EtonHouse schools. Our aim is as always to ensure we appoint quality teachers that will reflect our teaching philosophies and high expectations in their teaching programs.

### **EtonHouse families give generously to the Haitian Earthquake Appeal**

As you are aware the terrible tragedy that occurred recently in Haiti due to a massive earthquake has made world news and touched a lot of us emotionally. The earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale has left hundreds of thousands dead, with many more homeless. Our commitment to being part of the global community and caring for others less fortunate than us has led EtonHouse International Schools China all contributing in raising funds to help the victims of this earthquake.

On Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, students led by our Middle School students, were invited to dress in red and blue (the principal colours of the Haitian flag) and bring a donation for the appeal. The response was better than had been anticipated: 9506.3 RMB was raised. Many people dug deep to give generously; some of the younger students gave their pocket money; staff members' contributions and a very generous donation from a parent all amounted to an impressive effort at aiding a worthy humanitarian cause. We should also thank Mr. Valentine for donating the three Jiao!

Many thanks to all of those who supported the EtonHouse appeal. All funds raised will be remitted to the International Red Cross in Geneva this week.



## **Marketing and Financial Reports to Chiway and EtonHouse Board of Directors**

Last Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup> January) I travelled to Shanghai to present our Marketing Report on behalf of our SCL Marketing Team and the Financial Report alongside our Account Jenny Hua. The Board were very happy with the strong reputation we are establishing here at EtonHouse and also the sound educational and management programs we are implementing. The market has been quite flat during 2009 and reflects the limited growth in International Families coming to China and Wuxi. The prospects of 2010 are quite promising and we are beginning to experience a strong influx of enquiries and enrolments. Last week we had over 17 prospective families enquire about our school. On Thursday we enrolled 4 new students alone. Not only do we receive referrals from Multi National Companies due to our reputation in providing a quality International Education but we are also finding that you the parent are a major reason for families wanting to come to EtonHouse. Your positive 'talk' about our programs, facilities and the professional caring staff we have has made a significant difference to the community's strong perception of how good our school is. Thank you and keep saying all those wonderful things!! ☺

### **School Class Photos:**

Thank you everyone for the sensational way your children were dressed for our Class Photos. The photos look great and are displayed on our new display boards in the Foyer. Please come and have a look. The photos will also be put on our school website.

We plan to also hire a professional photographer later in the year to take further class and individual photos that parents can purchase.

### **Parents Advisory Council Meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 3.30 pm**

The PAC met last Monday and reviewed aspects of the School Development Plan as well as look at the Marketing Plan that I presented to the Board of Directors. Some great recommendations were discussed and will be presented to the EtonHouse School Community over the coming months as we lead into the development of the 2010 / 2011 school year. A copy of our marketing plan is available in the school foyer.

PAC Members: Kuriko Hachiya, Yayoi Ito, Park Eun Jung, Park Moon Sil, Pamela Tan and Kurade Dattatraya

### **Chinese New Year Special Assembly – Monday 8th February**

As many of our school community will be travelling early to make the most out of the Chinese New Year celebrations and school break, we will hold our special Chinese New Year Assembly on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm. All parents are invited to help us celebrate this important calendar event.

### **EtonHouse Principals to meet in Wuxi – 28-29 January**

Last Thursday and Friday we hosted the EtonHouse China group of Principals here in Wuxi. It was a delight to be able to show them the wonderful work your children are doing and the exciting classrooms we have due to our fabulous staff and their untiring efforts. Well done everyone.

Stay safe and enjoy this time with your children and keep smiling ☺

Yours Sincerely



Rob Stewart

Principal

# Monthly Calendar

<b>Monday 2010/01/25</b>	<b>Tuesday 2010/01/26</b>	<b>Wed 2010/01/27</b>	<b>Thursday 2010/01/28</b>	<b>Friday 2010/01/29</b>
ECA PAC 3.30 pm	Board meeting Shanghai Australia Day	EAL	MYP to Suzhou ECA Principals Meeting Wuxi	Principals Meeting Wuxi
<b>Monday 2010/02/01</b>	<b>Tuesday 2010/02/02</b>	<b>Wed 2010/02/03</b>	<b>Thursday 2010/02/04</b>	<b>Friday 2010/02/05</b>
ECA		EAL	MYP to Suzhou ECA	
<b>Monday 2010/02/08</b>	<b>Tuesday 2010/02/09</b>	<b>Wed 2010/02/10</b>	<b>Thursday 2010/02/11</b>	<b>Friday 2010/02/12</b>
Chinese New Year Assembly 2.30 pm			MYP to Suzhou	Last Day of Term2 School ends at 1.30 pm
<b>Monday 2010/02/15</b>	<b>Tuesday 2010/02/16</b>	<b>Wed 2010/02/17</b>	<b>Thursday 2010/02/18</b>	<b>Friday 2010/02/19</b>
Chinese New Year Holiday break	Chinese New Year Holiday break	Chinese New Year Holiday break	Chinese New Year Holiday break	Chinese New Year Holiday break
<b>Monday 2010/01/22</b>	<b>Tuesday 2010/01/23</b>	<b>Wed 2010/01/24</b>	<b>Thursday 2010/01/25</b>	<b>Friday 2010/01/26</b>
Chinese New Year Holiday break	Chinese New Year Holiday break	Chinese New Year Holiday break	Chinese New Year Holiday break	Chinese New Year Holiday break
<b>Monday 2010/03/01</b>	<b>Tuesday 2010/03/02</b>	<b>Wed 2010/03/03</b>	<b>Thursday 2010/03/04</b>	<b>Friday 2010/03/05</b>
Start of Term 3 Classes resume			MYP to Suzhou	Student reports home