

Principals' Newsletter

Term 2 Week 11

Dear parents, staff, students and interested community members.

We welcome an additional 8 enrolment from Nursery to Year 8 to the EtonHouse family. We hope you enjoy and flourish in our exciting school.

Chinese New Year Special Assembly – Monday 8th February Commencing at 2.30pm!

Our Chinese New Year Assembly on Monday 8th will need to start at **2.30 pm sharp!** All parents are invited to help us celebrate this important calendar event and we ask you to make sure you arrive at the school in plenty of time to be seated by 2.30 pm. In recognizing the need for all spectators to get a great view at our assemblies we have re-arranged the seating so all parents are seated to either side of the children. Our SCLs will gladly be on hand to show you to your seats.

As part of our lead up to Chinese New year we have a “*Wishing Tree*” in our Foyer. The students have really enjoyed writing wishes and tying them to the tree. Some of the wishes are very touching like “I wish good health for all of my family.” All parents are invited to also write a wish and place it on the tree.



Foot and Mouth Disease and H1N1

Last week we had two cases of foot and mouth disease. This is a common viral infection that causes fever and blister – like eruptions in the mouth and/or a skin rash. The disease usually begins with a fever, poor appetite and tiredness. After two days sores usually develop in the mouth. The sores are usually located on the tongue, gum and inside the cheeks. There is no specific treatment, however normal medicine for pain and sore throats can be used. Contacting your medical centre is also advisable. Good hygiene practices such as washing hands, cleaning dirty surfaces and avoiding

close contact can lower the risk of infection. This is of course very similar to the practices we are promoting with the control of H1N1.

If your child does develop a fever please keep them home and let the school know of any outcome.

In School PYP/MYP Workshop – Saturday 6th Feb and Sunday 7th Feb

Tomorrow our staff will participate in a two day workshop to increase our understanding of the PYP and MYP curriculum and inquiry based strategies that help deliver effectively this curriculum.

We have two expert consultants from Hong Kong with us to facilitate this program. The work is vital in our journey towards “authorization “with the International Baccalaureate in December this year.

Mandarin and Mathematics Parent workshops scheduled for Term 3

Next term we will run a series of parent workshops to help parent understand how we are teaching Mandarin and also about the Everyday Maths program that we use as part of our Mathematics Curriculum. Dates for these sessions are yet to be set however the first session will be Mandarin and scheduled for late March early April. The sessions will be run from 3.30 – 4.15 pm so that we can use the 4.30 home buses.

ECA and EAL News

A reminder that next week we will not have ECA or EAL after school classes.

The ECA and EAL sessions will recommence in the second week back from Chinese New Year break. A separate note will be sent home next week asking students to choose from a variety of ECA sessions. These will be collated in the first week back and all students and parents notified of the group they are in.

If you have a contact or would like to run a ECA session please contact Ms Belynda Seale ECA Coordinator at school.

The EAL sessions will commence again on Wednesday 10th March. Mr Michael Anderson (EAL Coordinator) will organize the students into appropriate groupings and inform students and parents of their classes after the CNY break.

Finally we are strengthening our EAL program during the school program with Ms Seale running Intensive Survival EAL after lunch each day as well as the appointment of a new TA Ms Hazel Qian to assist teachers run further EAL strategies within the classroom. The staff is also getting access to quality professional development with EAL Heather Pate who is going to run sessions with the staff over term 3.

Stay safe and keep smiling ☺

Yours Sincerely



Rob Stewart

Principal

Monthly Calendar

Monday 2010/02/01 ECA	Tuesday 2010/02/02	Wed 2010/02/03 EAL	Thursday 2010/02/04 MYP to Suzhou ECA	Friday 2010/02/05
Monday 2010/02/08 Chinese New Year Assembly 2.30 pm	Tuesday 2010/02/09	Wed 2010/02/10	Thursday 2010/02/11 MYP to Suzhou	Friday 2010/02/12 Last Day of Term2 School ends at 1.30 pm
Monday 2010/02/15 Chinese New Year Holiday break	Tuesday 2010/02/16 Chinese New Year Holiday break	Wed 2010/02/17 Chinese New Year Holiday break	Thursday 2010/02/18 Chinese New Year Holiday break	Friday 2010/02/19 Chinese New Year Holiday break
Monday 2010/01/22 Chinese New Year Holiday break	Tuesday 2010/01/23 Chinese New Year Holiday break	Wed 2010/01/24 Chinese New Year Holiday break	Thursday 2010/01/25 Chinese New Year Holiday break	Friday 2010/01/26 Chinese New Year Holiday break
Monday 2010/03/01 Start of Term 3 Classes resume	Tuesday 2010/03/02	Wed 2010/03/03	Thursday 2010/03/04 MYP to Suzhou	Friday 2010/03/05 Student reports home