

Principals' Newsletter

Term 2 Week 12

Dear parents, staff, students and interested community members.

We welcome an additional 5 enrolments in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 to the EtonHouse family. We hope you enjoy and flourish in our exciting school.

Chinese New Year Special Assembly

Our Chinese New Year Assembly held on Monday 8th February was a huge success. It was a delight to see the Nursery/Reception children working with the year 1 class and the Dram Class that had members from all parts of the school. I loved the way we had the assembly told in English and Mandarin. I was also amazed at how confident our students were in performing in front of such a large audience. Well done to all the students and thank you to Miss Jackie and Ms Seale for coordinating the assembly.





Foot and Mouth Disease and H1N1

A reminder about keeping a close watch on your child's temperature and general health. 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

Our staff participated 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.

Two expert consultants from Hong Kong were with us to facilitate this program. The weekend was fantastic with all staff commenting on how valuable it was. The best part of the weekend was how the Consultants from Hong Kong commented on how wonderful, warm, professional and friendly our staff were and how beautiful our school looked. We were all very proud to say we work at EtonHouse Wuxi!!!

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 ECA and EAL after school classes will commence in week two of term 3.

The ECA and EAL sessions will recommence in the second week back from Chinese New Year break. A separate note will be sent home 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 an 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.

Reports and Portfolios

The staffs have had an enormous run to the end of the term. The reports and student portfolios are nearing completion and will be sent home at the end of week 1 term 3 – 5th March.

Finally I would like to express my greatest appreciation to the Wuxi School community for supporting us in a very busy, productive term. Also to the staff I want to thank you for your never ending enthusiasm and energy you give to the teaching and learning programs here at Etonhouse. You have all earned a break, so rest up!

Lastly to our wonderful students who always give us their best and help make EtonHouse such a happy and enjoyable place to be. Have a fantastic holiday and look after your family.

See you all back safely on Monday 1st March.

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Enjoy the break and keep smiling ☺

Yours Sincerely



Rob Stewart

Principal

Monthly Calendar

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