

Principals' Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1

Dear parents, staff, students and interested community members.

We welcome all our families as well as 10 additional families back from the Chinese New Year holiday. I hope you had a wonderful time with your families and friends.

This term is an extra long term being a massive 17 weeks! I have spoken with the children about making this term full of learning and consolidating their learning ready for next year. Having the students make goals for the term is one way in which we can ensure they have a very successful period of leaning and we all stay on track.

The term is also full of exciting events such as the Spring carnival, Student led conferences , camp for the year 4/5 and Middle School students and an Open Day scheduled. Please refer to our calendar of events on our web site as well as the fortnightly calendar that is part of this newsletter.

With such a busy term I hope we see many of our parents involved in helping out with the running and organization of events throughout the term.

Chinese Lantern Festival

There was much enjoyment and learning about the Chinese Lantern Festival today as the students participated in an extremely well run activities afternoon. A huge thank you and congratulations go to the mandarin Team led by Ms Jackie Li, Anny Lee, Hazel Qian, Eric Gao and all the staff for their efforts and enthusiasm for making this cultural event very special for our students.



Paper Cutting is never a challenge to these Middle School lads!



Calligraphy made easy.



Using chopsticks with marbles was never meant to be!!

Reports and Portfolios sent home today

Most of our students will bring home their Second Term report and also their portfolio of work. We are very proud of the student's efforts and the outstanding work they have achieved over the past term. Please treat their portfolios with care as they are a precious example of the students learning over the year.

We expect all portfolios to be returned next week prior to the teacher Led Conferences, as these will be the main vehicle of the conference.

Thank you to all the staff in ensuring we once again present a professional high quality report and portfolio for our students to share with their parents.

The students who have only recently arrived to EtonHouse will of course develop a portfolio for the third term reporting period.



Staff Changes for Term 3

We sadly say farewell to Ms Vera Wu our Year 1 and 2 Teacher Assistant. Vera has been with EtonHouse for a number of years now and has been a highly valued member of staff. Her wonderful smile and positive way of interacting with staff and students will be very much missed. Vera is undergoing training to work in International trades and we wish her every bit of luck in her new adventures. Thanks Vera.

Miss Hazel Qian has rejoined EtonHouse after a year away. Hazel is a dynamic Teacher Assistant who will provide us with enormous support in the English as Additional Language Program and extending the Mandarin program in the upper school years. Welcome back Hazel we are very excited that you have rejoined the team.

Mandarin and Mathematics Parent workshops scheduled for Term 3

This 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.

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 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.

Enjoy the break and keep smiling ☺

Yours Sincerely



Rob Stewart

Principal

Monthly Calendar

<i>Monday 2010/03/01</i>	<i>Tuesday 2010/03/02</i>	<i>Wed 2010/03/03</i>	<i>Thursday 2010/03/04</i>	<i>Friday 2010/03/05</i>
Start of Term 3 Classes resume			MYP to Suzhou	Student reports home Lantern festival activities
<i>Monday 2010/03/08</i>	<i>Tuesday 2010/03/09</i>	<i>Wed 2010/03/10</i>	<i>Thursday 2010/03/11</i>	<i>Friday 2010/03/12</i>
ECA resumes Teacher Led Conferences	Teacher Led Conferences	EAL Resumes Teacher Led Conferences	MYP to Suzhou ECA Resumes Teacher Led Conferences	Teacher Led Conferences