

Principal's Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4

Dear parents, staff, students and interested community members:

This week we again had three of our students, Amber, Anton and Lian, represent our school in the Foreign Student Chinese Skills Competition. It was held at the Wuxi Education Television Studios with all the dazzle and bright lights of the television industry on hand for the students to experience. It was very impressive and our students were extremely brave as they performed in front of an audience, television cameras and the judges. We should soon find out the results of the competition.

There are several links to newspaper articles and photos of our students that made the Wuxi media:

The Chinese version articles:

http://www.wxrb.com/szb/wxrb/html/2010-03/25/content_474926.htm

http://www.wxrb.com/szb/wxsbs/html/2010-03/25/content_475050.htm

The English article:

<http://en.chinawuxi.gov.cn/web2010/wuxinews/news/285748.shtml>

Handball EtonHouse vs. TIS

Last Monday we hosted TIS here at EtonHouse Wuxi. It was again great to see our parents turning up to support our teams. Both schools played with lots of enthusiasm.

Our next game will be on **Tuesday 6th April** after the long weekend. We are hosting ISW at 3pm so please come and support the teams.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO STAFF ABSENCES IN SUZHOU, THIS WEEK'S HANDBALL HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND WE WILL RUN OUR OWN INTERNAL GAMES AS PART OF ECA.

Term Overviews

Term overviews for all year levels will again be sent to all parents via email. These are a general statement of what your child will be doing in the core subject areas.

Student Led Conferences – May 26th 1 – 3 pm

Our Student Led Conferences are a chance for your child to proudly demonstrate to you the work they are doing across the curriculum. We are very excited with the way the students' will plan and prepare for this conference. We actually are calling them 'Learning Journeys' with the students as they are journeys that each student will take their parents on to showcase their learning.

The conferences have been re-scheduled to **Wednesday 26th** so that the students can showcase new learning rather than the recently completed Student Portfolios that were used for the teacher Led Conferences.

Communication Between School and Home – A Reminder...

Communication is without doubt the most critical element in ensuring parents and the school maintain a successful partnership. We the school, rely almost exclusively to the medium of electronic communication to our parents. This is done through emails and the school website. It is critical to the success of our communication that ALL parents regularly check their emails and regularly check the school website. Newsletters, timetables, lunch menus and celebrations of current events happen regularly through these two mediums.

Can I ask all of you to get the message out to all our parents to keep a regular eye on their emails? If parents have other suggestions on how to improve our communication to parents and the Wuxi community we would love to hear your ideas. Please contact your respective SCL if you wish to contribute to this. Thank you 😊

WATCH THIS SPACE: COMING SOON WILL BE THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW WEB SITE!!!!

“Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat” School Production – Suzhou School Excursion Tuesday 30th March – A Reminder...

The EtonHouse schools are producing a wonderful school production of ‘Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat’. This production involves our Middle School students. To help both support our middle school students and to give our Early years and Primary years students an opportunity to view such a performance, we will be travelling as a school to EtonHouse International School Suzhou on **Tuesday 30th March** at 10am and returning at 1.45pm, to view the matinee performance. We will be taking a picnic lunch and will stay together as a school group throughout the excursion.

Spring Carnival - Meeting

Our PAC reps met last week and discussed the Spring Carnival. There is a lot of work to be done for the May 15th Carnival. The parents are meeting again on Monday at 1pm to continue planning this event. If you are able to attend, or wish to help, please contact one of the PAC reps. PAC members are:

Kuriko Hachiya, Yayoi Ito, Park Eun Jung, Park Moon Sil, Tharin Meyer and Kurade Dattatraya.

Staff Meetings and Parent Pick-Ups

Every Tuesday the staff at EtonHouse International School meet as a team to discuss a range of issues as well as plan for future school events. We value this time as it is the only opportunity we get to meet as a whole staff and communicate and/or discuss school issues. Can I please urge all parents to ensure that you have made adequate arrangements to have your child picked up from school at the 3.30pm closing time. We need every staff member present at these meetings to ensure we can continue providing you with a dynamic leaning environment and program for your child. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Term gets Busier and Busier!

This term is incredibly busy. To assist all parents and the school in keeping a handle on what is happening this week and what is coming up, I have decided to extend the fortnightly calendar into a Term calendar so we can see everything that is scheduled. This will be the most accurate calendar as it will be built on each week.

PLEASE KEEP REFERING TO IT!

Book Week – 6th – 9th April

We will be celebrating Book Week during the week of 6th – 9th April. Students will be looking at books to follow the theme: **ACROSS THE WORLD**. A dress up day for Friday 9th April will conclude with a special Costume Parade at the end of the day starting at 3pm. Parents are welcome to attend the parade. I'm looking forward to seeing our students all dressed up!

Assemblies now on Wednesday afternoons

Please be advised that we will now hold Assemblies every **Wednesday afternoon starting at 2.45 pm**. The Year 2 class will be conducting this week's assembly. Please see the Assembly Roster to see when your child's class is performing:

EtonHouse International School Wuxi Assembly Roster

Date	Class
24th March	Admin
31 st March	Year 2
7 th April	Admin
14 th April	Year 1
21 st April	Admin
5 th May	Year 4 /5
12 th May	Admin
19 th May	Admin
26 th May	Year 3 /4
2 nd June	Middle School
9 th June	Language Classes
23 rd June	Nursery/Reception
30 th June	Admin and All Classes

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great week and keep smiling! ☺

Yours Sincerely



Rob Stewart

Principal

Term 3 Calendar

Monday 2010/03/22 ECA Handball at Home vs. TIS	Tuesday 2010/03/23 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/03/24 Assembly EAL	Thursday 2010/03/25 MYP to Suzhou ECA	Friday 2010/03/26 Middle School to Suzhou for Rehearsal 12pm
Monday 2010/03/29 Middle School at Rehearsal Suzhou 9.30 am – 3pm ECA Handball Cancelled -	Tuesday 2010/03/30 School Excursion to Suzhou at 10am – 1.30 am Middle School at Suzhou Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/03/31 Assembly Year 2 EAL School Production 7pm Suzhou	Thursday 2010/04/01 MYP to Suzhou ECA School Production 7pm Suzhou	Friday 2010/04/02
Monday 2010/04/05 Tomb Sweeping Day No School	Tuesday 2010/04/06 Book Week Handball at Home to ISW Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/04/07 Book Week Assembly Admin EAL	Thursday 2010/04/08 Book Week MYP to Suzhou ECA	Friday 2010/04/09 Book Week Costume Parade 3pm
Monday 2010/04/12 Handball Away at TIS ECA	Tuesday 2010/04/13 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/04/14 Assembly Year 1 EAL	Thursday 2010/04/15 MYP to Suzhou ECA	Friday 2010/04/16
Monday 2010/04/19 ECA	Tuesday 2010/04/20 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/04/21 Assembly Admin EAL	Thursday 2010/04/22 MYP to Suzhou ECA	Friday 2010/04/23 School Finishes at 1.30 pm
Monday 2010/04/26	Tuesday 2010/04/27	Wed 2010/04/28	Thursday 2010/04/29	Friday 2010/04/30
Spring Break Holidays				
Monday 2010/05/03 Spring Break Continues	Tuesday 2010/05/04 Classes Resume Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/05/05 Assembly Year 4/5 EAL	Thursday 2010/05/06 ECA	Friday 2010/05/07
Monday 2010/05/10 ECA	Tuesday 2010/05/11 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/05/12 Swimming Assembly Admin EAL	Thursday 2010/05/13 SPRING OPEN HOUSE ECA	Friday 2010/05/14 Spring Carnival Saturday 13 th
Monday 2010/05/17 ECA	Tuesday 2010/05/18 Year 4/5 /MS Camp Expo Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/05/19 Year 4/5 /MS Camp Expo Swimming Assembly Admin EAL	Thursday 2010/05/20 Year 4/5 /MS Camp Expo ECA	Friday 2010/05/21 Year 4/5 /MS Camp Expo
Monday 2010/05/24 ECA	Tuesday 2010/05/25 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/05/26 Swimming Student Led Conferences Assembly Year 3/4 EAL	Thursday 2010/05/27 ECA	Friday 2010/05/28
Monday 2010/05/31 ECA	Tuesday 2010/06/01 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/06/02 Swimming Assembly Middle School EAL	Thursday 2010/06/03 ECA	Friday 2010/06/04
Monday 2010/06/07 ECA	Tuesday 2010/06/08 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/06/09 Swimming Assembly Language Classes EAL	Thursday 2010/06/10 ECA	Friday 2010/06/11
Monday 2010/06/14 ECA	Tuesday 2010/06/15 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/06/16 Dragon Boat Festival No School	Thursday 2010/06/17 ECA	Friday 2010/06/18
Monday 2010/06/21 ECA	Tuesday 2010/06/22 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/06/23 Swimming Assembly N/R EAL	Thursday 2010/06/24 ECA	Friday 2010/06/25
Monday 2010/06/28	Tuesday 2010/06/29 Staff Meeting	Wed 2010/06/30 Swimming Carnival Assembly all Classes	Thursday 2010/07/01	Friday 2010/07/02 Reports Home Last Day of School Day Ends 1.30 pm

