



Kindergarten and Primary Newsletter for 2008-9 Issue No. 2

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Second Week of school: Last week was a particularly busy one for us all in both Primary and Secondary sections. We welcomed more than 150 new students to our Primary school last week, including more than 60 to our Kindergarten Classes, another 60 students to Reception and Primary 1 classes, plus 29 to our Upper School Campus. Welcome one and all, plus welcome to all our new Parents who are now receiving our regular Newsletters!

Today, although we did not have our Assembly, our class teachers have awarded some **stars of the week**, in our Lower School, to the following students: Chloe Soong (P1L), Caleb Kan (P1R), Francis Rijnbeek (P1O), Lucy Pang (PP1pm), Miranda Zhang (R1am), Anna Nishakova (R2am), and Franziska Lai (Rpm). Congratulations to our very first stars of the new year!!

Staffing: The best news now is we have been very fortunate in finding all remaining new staff members. Last week we interviewed and hired a new Primary 1 Class Teacher - Mrs. Pamela Rushton - who started today in the new P1R class that was looked after so well last week by Ms. Sarah Leung. Sarah moves to look after Ms. Osborne's Primary 1 class this week, but next week our new teacher Ms. Katie Suen, will take over for the duration of Ms. Osborne's maternity leave.

Mrs. Rushton is a very experienced teacher, originally from Canada, but she has been living and working as a teacher for the past 16 years in Hong Kong. She has taught at the Chinese International School, and the Korean International School, to name a couple, and is most experienced teaching 3-6 year olds.

Ms. Katie Suen is primarily a Music Teacher, originally she went to our Mandarin Section Primary School, before her family emigrated to Canada, from where she has just returned. She holds a Masters Degree in Music, plus a Bachelor of Education from UBC in Vancouver, Canada, and has had experience teaching Primary 1 age students in Canada. When Ms. Osborne returns she will transfer to our Braemar Hill Campus and become our full-time Music Teacher! Ms. Sandra Wyatt has now returned full time to her Deputy Head Teacher duties.

Today, too we welcome Mr. Brian Lewis who has fortuitously stepped into the breach today to take Mrs. Maggie Tse's P3 class, particularly welcome today as we heard this morning that Mrs. Tse's baby could well be on the way. We will keep you all posted as to when her baby arrives!

STOP PRESS!! Caden Samuel Tse was born 10 o'clock today, Mum and baby doing well! Baby weighs in at 6.7 lb (3kg)!!

Meet the Teacher evening: This Thursday, 11th September we are holding our annual Meet the Teacher meetings, starting at 4 p.m., for approximately one hour, at Braemar Hill, and for P1's at Ching Wah Street commencing at 3.45 p.m. A more detailed letter will come home today with your child, and this will let those of you with KG and Reception students what time your meetings have been scheduled. We hold this meeting for the existing parents whose children have moved up one year to a new class teacher. New parents need not attend if you came with your child to our Orientation Day on 28th August, as the same information will be given again.

Extra-Curricula Activities: Mrs. Wyatt is currently compiling the latest programme of Activities which will be available for our students to choose from, very soon. One activity which will now commence next Tuesday, 16th September, is the Brazilian Soccer School, and application forms for this will come home tomorrow. These will need to be returned by Thursday at the latest, to the Soccer School directly please, with the cheque to cover the fee. Their address is on the form.

Two reminders: On Friday this week the Primary 1 and Primary 6 students will have their immunization injections administered by the nurses from the Health Department, who visit our school to do this. The office has asked me to remind those of you who have students in either P1 or P6 to return your forms and immunization record to the office before Friday, if you have not yet done so. Thanks for your co-operation in this.

Next Monday is a Public Holiday, for the Day following Mid-Autumn Festival, therefore school is closed for the day.

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