



KENNEDY SCHOOL

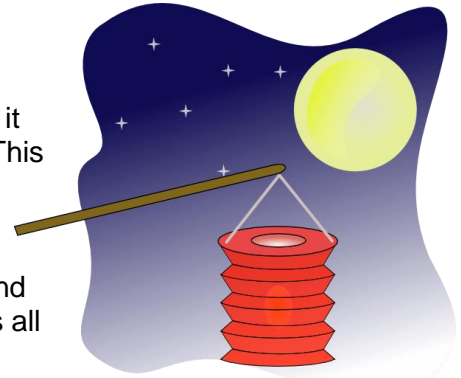


Newsletter No. 05, 15 September 2016



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Typhoon Meranti has kindly left Hong Kong alone and it looks like it will be a fine long weekend for the Mid Autumn (Moon) Festival. This is a special celebration for many of our staff and families when they get together with family and friends to celebrate with colourful lanterns, stories and, of course, mooncakes. The children's lanterns looked amazing around the school this week and today the Chinese teachers and Educational Assistants treated us all to a shared dim sum morning tea.



UN International Day of Peace

Please see below a message from Mr Blue about Kennedy School International Day next Friday 23rd. This is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our school and to recognise the over 40 nationalities represented.

Wishing you and your family a happy Mid-Autumn Festival.

John Brewster
Principal

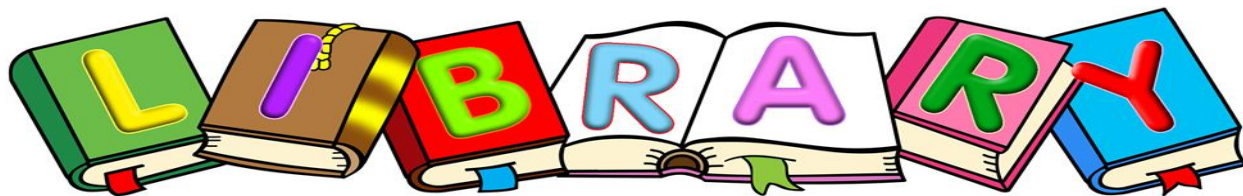


International Day of Peace – Friday 23rd September

The International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations in 1981. Since then countries all over the world observe this day on September 21st each year. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

At Kennedy School, we are going to observe the International Day of Peace on Friday, September 23rd. On this day members of the Kennedy Community are encouraged to dress in clothing that represents their country of origin, the country they identify with or a favourite country. This Country Dress Day is an opportunity for all of us to visually represent the diversity that exists here at Kennedy School. Encourage your child to dress and represent as we recognise the importance of perspective, being open-minded and diversity.

Josh Blue
Vice Principal



Scholastic Reading Club

Please be reminded that orders for the Scholastic Reading Club are due back to Kennedy School **no later than Monday 26th September**. Any orders received after that date cannot be processed.

Please also be sure to make the cheque payable to **Scholastic HK Ltd**. We would also like to emphasise that any orders you place will generate Scholastic Reading Club credits for Kennedy School to purchase new library books. Once we receive all the ordered books from Scholastic, we will deliver them to your child's classroom for your child to take home. If you have any queries in regards to this, please do not hesitate to email us at library@kennedy.edu.hk.

Birthday Book

If your child has a birthday in September or October and you would like them to receive a book on their special day, then please send \$100 in an envelope marked with your child's name and class, how old they will be and who the book will be from. They will be the first to borrow the book and then will return it to the library after one month. The book will be hand delivered to your child in their classroom on their special day and will have a label inside with a birthday message from the family. Once the book is returned, the label will remain inside for everyone to see. This is a great way to help us add new books to our collection.

Thank you

Susan Mifsud and Nina Sehgal



HOUSE AMBASSADORS 2016-17

	SPORTS AMBASSADORS	ARTS AMBASSADORS	CHINESE LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS
LIONS	Barney Tibbatts 6S Orla Colling 6RO	Cheuk Hin Li 6S Sienna Rigg 6RO	King Hin Lau 6S Matthew Yu 6P
PHOENIX	Jamie Macfarlane 6R Isabelle Early 6P	Jonas Krug 6M Lilly Shiba 6P	Veronica Czerniawski 6RO Anya Lee 6S
UNICORNS	Thomas Ooi 6P Madison Clifton 6R	Zoe Kao 6M Oscar Feltham-White 6P	Roshan Relwani 6M Kiely Wang 6RO
DRAGONS	Callum Adair 6P Bonnie Eathorne 6M	Dhriti Sircar 6R Prosper Tsang 6P	Darren Tong 6P Charlotte Wun 6S

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO YEAR 1

The central application period for children born in 2012 (for entry to Year 1 in August 2017) is open and will close on 30 September 2016. Applications can be made via the ESF website at www.esf.edu.hk. Please note that siblings of students already attending an ESF school will also need to make their applications during the central application period.

SECONDARY TRANSFER FOR YEAR 7

The deadline for completion is tomorrow (16th September 2016). You must complete the transfer application on Gateway within the given dates in order to secure a place.

Allocation for secondary school will be determined by your residential zone at the start of Year 6. All newly joined Year 6 are guaranteed a Year 7 place but not necessarily for the school of zone.

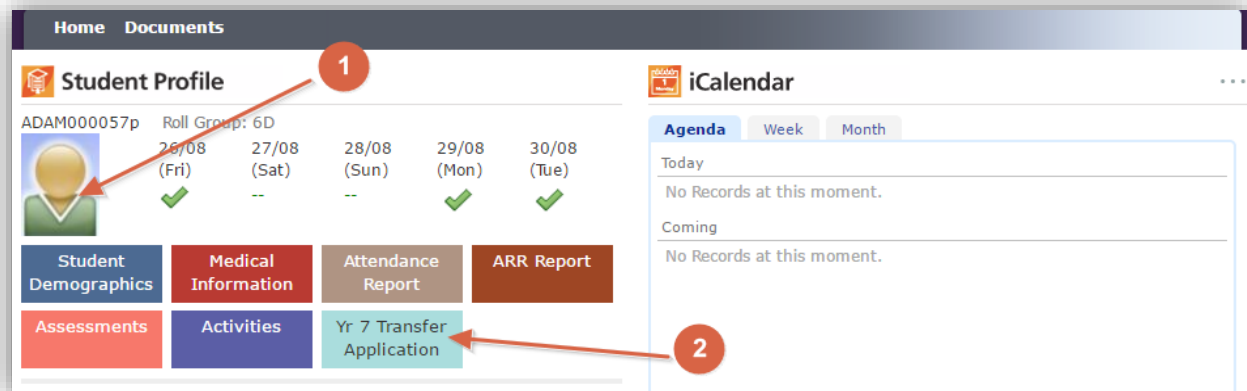
Gateway Y7 Transfer Form – Parent User Guide

Parents/guardians may submit the Y7 Transfer Form **once only**, please input the information and verify the data carefully before submitting.

Login to Gateway. Please note: If you haven't yet verified your child(ren) and family information for the current school year, you must click all **Verify Now** links to verify/update all information before you can complete the transfer application

Follow the steps below:

1. Select the Y6 student to show the colourful buttons:



2. Click on the "Yr 7 Transfer Application" to open the form
3. Fill out the Transfer Application Form
4. Submit the request
5. Verify the data input
6. Tick the checkbox to confirm the data is all correct
7. Select the option to require a Y7 place
8. Click **Confirm** to complete the form. It will return to the home screen after successful submission.

For further details, please refer to the information available on the ESF website at <http://www.esf.edu.hk/node/5470> for key dates and <http://www.esf.edu.hk/esf-zones> for school zones. **Please note that the deposit payment deadline to secure your child's Year 7 place is 13 December 2016.**

If you need help logging-in to Gateway please email itsupport@kennedy.edu.hk

SAY CHEESE!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

3 - 7 October

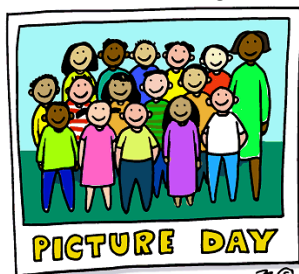
Professional photographs of all classes and individual head-shots of all children will be taken at the school the week of 3rd to 7th October.

Please ensure that your child is present and wears his/her full school uniform on the day of their photo. All hair accessories must also be either white or purple.

Look out for the full schedule in next week's newsletter.

There will also be an opportunity for **siblings who are at Kennedy School to be photographed together**. This service is entirely optional. Please complete this form – [Siblings Photos Sign-up Sheet](#) - only if you wish for your children to have a sibling photo taken. Please submit your responses by Monday 26th September at the latest.

Due to the renovation of the Hall the individual and sibling photos will need to be taken in the Staff room. This means that it **will not be possible for the sibling photos to be taken during break and lunch**. Please check the times carefully and choose your preferred day/time that works for all siblings. It will be the responsibility of the older sibling to collect their brother/s and/or sister/s from their classroom and go to the Staffroom to have the photo taken. The children will be reminded about this.



If you wish your children to be photographed in the Kennedy School uniform (rather than the PE kit), please choose a convenient day when you sign up. You may also send the school shirt with your children to school so that they can change for the photo.

BRIEFING FOR NEW PARENT HELPERS -

Thurs, 22 September at 2.20pm

We value the additional support that you as parents can provide in class.

If you have never been a parent volunteer in your child's class and wish to volunteer this year, then this meeting is for you. We will be providing an information session for any **new** parent helpers in school. This is to give you some guidance about supporting the learning in class and outline the expectations of being a new parent volunteer in school. We also have an essential agreement for you to sign. This can be located on Gateway.

The meeting is on **Thursday 22nd September at 2.20pm in the Staff Room** (North Wing, 2nd floor).

[Please RSVP here.](#)

We hope to see many **NEW** volunteers there!

Emma Navin & Joshua Blue
Vice Principals



Lantern Competition Winners

Same as last year, we've had a wonderful response to our recycled lantern competition with more than 300 entries. Our children and staff voted for their favourite lantern in each year group and the following children created winning designs:

Year 1 1M Maia Bertoli 1R Bailey O'Brien 1S Shlok Jain	Year 2 2P Daniel Cheung 2A Ethan Tsoi 2A Freddie Balfour	Year 3 3C Josef Cooper-Waszkiel 3T Georgia Bennett-Goff 3W Henry Priest
Year 4 4D Ethan Kao 4S Amelia Pau 4D Davin Yip 4C Teddy Liu	Year 5 5A Jonathan Chua 5J Chester Leung 5D Elliot Kwan	Year 6 6P Darren Tong 6P Nicole Lee 6S Lindsey Mulligan



There are more photos of the lantern competition available on our school facebook. You may access the photos through this link: Please click [here](#)

Have a relaxing long weekend and enjoy celebrating the harvest moon festival with family and friends.

Denggao Zeng
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Lesley Davies
ESD Coordinator
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GREEN NEWS



Large Pots Wanted

Our green spaces are rapidly growing and we have taken delivery of a large variety of fruit trees, including loquats, lemons, limes and pomegranates. If you have any large pots (e.g. dragon pots) you would like to donate to Kennedy School, please bring them to the school office.

Staff Greening Project

Kennedy staff gathered together last Saturday to develop our East Wing Roof and Secret Garden areas. What a creative team! There was everything from sawing and tiling to painting and decorating. Our whole community are gathering together to create fabulous outdoor learning spaces just in time for the cooler weather when we can really enjoy learning outside. Thanks especially to volunteer parents, spouses and even ex-Kennedy staff, who gave up their time to help us.



Please click [here](#) to see more photos on the Kennedy School Facebook page

*Lesley Davies
ESD Coordinator
Kennedy School*



FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



Kennedy School Swimming Programme

To be prepared for swimming every child requires:

Kennedy School swimming kit - swimming costume or shorts/jammers.

Swimming caps are recommended for ALL children and are essential for girls AND boys with hair below the tops of their ears.

Large white t-shirt or swim robe

Waterproof shoes, crocs or sandals for walking to and from the pool.

Large towel, preferably a beach towel.

A strong waterproof bag.

Swimming kit, swim caps and swimming bags are all available from the PTA Office.

Swimming goggles are also recommended. Please ensure these are measured to fit your child prior to their lesson to avoid your child losing valuable pool time.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23
8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15
2C	2A	4C	3C	2R
9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45
2P	2R	4D	3O	2J
9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15
5S	2J	2P	3S	2C
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45
5J	4J	2A	3T	5A
11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15
5K	4S	6S	3W	4M
12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45
LUNCH	LUNCH	6R	LUNCH	5D - late lunch
12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
				13:45 - 14:15
				6RO
				14:15 - 14:45
				6P

Kennedy Netball Squad News

The Kennedy netball squad will be in action for the first time next Wednesday afternoon at the Netball Pre-season Fun Tournament in Wong Chuk Hang, practicing our skills and learning the important rules with a variety of other international school teams. Good luck to all the girls and thank you to Mrs Khemlyani for organising the teams and to Mrs Bloomfield who has stepped in to umpire for us!

Team Fear 16.17

In 2001, a team of adventure racers, after pressure from their own children, decided to put on a junior version of an adventure race. In the intervening years, the original group of 30 participants has grown to over 750 students aged from 8 to 18, racing on a Sunday morning in late November each year in the hills of Discovery Bay.

None of this is possible without the work of volunteers: more than 300 Hong Kong parents and Discovery Bay residents marshal on the day of the race to keep the race safe.

Over \$100,000HKD is donated to Youth Outreach Hong Kong annually from the fund-raising efforts of the competitors and through the generous support of our Sponsors below.

Registration for the Team Fear Event opens in September

Please click [HERE](#) for information regarding to the event and registration. This event fills up extremely quickly.

Aquawiz Sogo Aquathlon and Open Water Swim – application for entry open

The Aquawiz Sogo Aquathlon Series second race this year is coming up soon on 2nd October. If your child is a keen swimmer and runner, this is a great starter event for them to try a short sea swim followed by a short run. Entry is open to all and is divided into appropriate age categories from 6 years old & up.

For further details please click [HERE](#) for the website.

Aquawiz also offers the Classified Open Water Swim event that takes place after the aquathlon, for those who wish to test themselves on a longer sea swim without the run. Further details can be found [HERE](#).

Please let me know if your child has registered for this event.

Upcycling – Laos Rugby Foundation

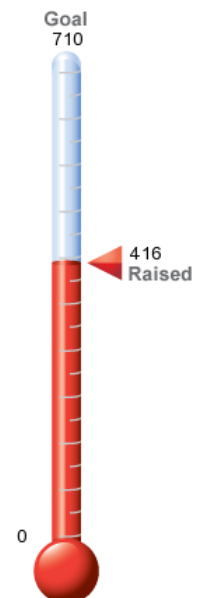
As part of our ongoing support for grassroots rugby another batch of boots and rugby balls along with approximately 50 tag belts are about to wing their way to Laos.

Before you throw out any old trainers or football boots please consider donating them to the Laos Rugby Federation courtesy of the school. Please place any unwanted trainers or boots into the blue bin inside the school office.

Thank you for all of your support. We have now passed the half way point with 418 pairs of shoes collected towards our target of 710.

Please click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) to discover about the long term impact your donations are having.

Thus far in total the school community has donated 1044 pairs of shoes to projects in Cambodia and Laos. The equivalent of 149 seven aside teams. An incredible achievement. Thank you.



Kennedy School VLE Wall of Fame

Many of our students are achieving sporting success both at school with our teams and out of school either individually or as part of a club. The Kennedy School Sports Wall of Fame on our VLE is a forum where children can share their sporting achievements. Please encourage your child to share their success with the rest of the Kennedy Community through this format.

[Kennedy School Wall of Fame](#)

Click on "add a new discussion topic" to start a new thread about your event/sport. Then enter details of your event or sporting achievement along with a photo of you in action, if you have one. Don't forget to celebrate the successes of other children at Kennedy by reading their threads and writing positive comments for them.

Tim Luck

Head of PE and Swimming

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ACTIVITIES BY EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Click on the following links to view advertisements for after school activities provided by [external agencies](#) and [ESF Educational Services](#).

DAY	ACTIVITY	PROVIDER
Various	Football, Basketball, Tennis, Gymnastics, Kung Fu, Netball, Science, Writing Class, Japanese Class, Dance, Spanish	ESF Educational Services
Various	Science Adventures, Stormy Chefs, The Chess Academy	Active Kids
Monday	Drama, Speech & Communication Classes	Starlit Voice
Monday	Chess Lessons	Hoyinping Chess
Monday	Fabric Fun	Fabric Art
Various	Foundation's Orator, Filmmaker & Novelist	Foundation Academy
Wednesday	Bricks 4 Kidz	Elite Bricks
Thursday	Art Classes	Banana Art
Friday	Creative Writing and Publishing	Elephant Community Press

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ABC Pathways International Kindergarten, Whampoa
Bradbury School
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Harrow International Prep School
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Maggie & Rose, Repulse Bay
Mulberry House, Central
Nord Anglia International School
The Repulse Bay Club
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Family Open Day
Sunday, 18 Sept. 2016
Stanley Ho Sports Centre

Bring your friends along to enjoy a taste of training and take part in a fun touch rugby competition.

08:00 - 09:30: Girls born in 2007/2008

09:30 - 11:00: Girls born in 2005/2006

11:00 - Youth Gala Day. BBQ and refreshments available.

Non-members welcome.
No experience necessary.

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www.hkusandybayrfc.org

girlsminirugby@hkusandybayrfc.org

Please click [here](#) to see the full brief of the day.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



19 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Trip to Mai Po – 4C, 8:30 – 12:30
21 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3W Parent Teacher Consultations
22 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Trip to Mai Po – 4M, 8:30 – 12:30 Briefing for New Parent Helpers, 2.20 pm, Staff Room
23 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Peace/Dress Casual Day PTA Quiz Night, Gym, 7:00-11:00 pm
26 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Trip to Mai Po – 4S, 8:30 – 12:30
27 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Trip to Mai Po – 4J, 8:30 – 12:30
29 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Trip to Mai Po – 4D, 8:30 – 12:30 Year 5 Parent Teacher Consultations with Chinese Teachers, Library
30 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central application close for Year 1 admissions (for August 2017)
4 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Teacher Consultations
6 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Teacher Consultations
7 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Coffee morning, Staff Room, 8:30 – 9:30 am
3-6 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photographs
10-14 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid Term Break – School Closure
17 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESF CPD Day – School Closure
20 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Swim Gala Year 5 Camp Information night, 6:00 pm
24 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5J
26 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Trip to Kowloon Park – 3T, 9:00 – 12:30
27 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Trip to Kowloon Park – 3C, 3S, 9:00 – 12:30
28 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Trip to Kadoorie Farm Year 3 Trip to Kowloon Park – 3W, 3O, 9:00 – 12:30 PTA Family BBQ – 6:00 – 9:00 pm
31 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5S
2 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diwali celebrations – Dress in Indian or bright colour clothes
4 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Coffee morning, Staff Room, 8:30 – 9:30 am
8-11 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Camp (Lady MacLehose Holiday Village)
9 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Bake Sale – 4C, 4J, 4S
16-18 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Camp (Sai Kung Recreation Centre)
21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5K
24 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5A
25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5D
22-25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 APA Camp (Wong Yi Chau)
30 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Mini Exhibition for parents, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
1 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations with Chinese Teachers
2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Coffee morning, Staff Room, 8:30 – 9:30 am Year 2 show, Lower Playground, 9:00 – 10:00 am
5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Choir/Carols evening, Lower playground, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 1 ends at 12noon
3 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 2 Starts

Kennedy School Calendar 2016-2017 can be found [here](#).

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