



KENNEDY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 06, 23 September 2016



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today at Kennedy School we celebrated the “International Day of Peace” with everyone coming to school proudly dressed in their national colours. The aim of today was to focus on “building blocks for peace” and we hope that our Kennedy students will be able to grow up in a safe, peaceful and compassionate world. From Russian folk outfits to New Zealand All Blacks the children were very proud of being able to share their personal heritage with their friends. We also saw many combination outfits celebrating the diverse backgrounds of all of our students with many coming from two or more cultures.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the PTA quiz night tonight!

Enjoy your weekend.

John Brewster
Principal



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Tuesday, 4 October & Thursday, 6 October 2016

We will be holding parent consultations on **Tuesday, 4 October** and **Thursday, 6 October** from 3:30pm to 6:30pm for class teachers and specialist teachers.

There will be 10 minute appointments available with your child's class and music teacher with registration done through the **Gateway booking system**.

Online Gateway registration will open on Friday, 23 September at 12 noon and close on Monday, 3 October at 12 noon.

Due to limited availability, please only come to see the following specialist teachers if you have a special interest or particular concern:

Music - Mrs GG and Ms Barrie will be available to see parents of children in Years 2 to 6. Please book an appointment via Gateway. **For Years 5 and 6 please make sure you select the correct teacher that corresponds to your child's class.**

Please only see your child's music teacher if you particularly wish to discuss your child's progress. Also, please note that music teacher bookings are not available for the parents of Year 1 children as they have only just begun their musical journey!

PE - Mr Luck and Mrs Khemlyani will be available on a walk-in basis for 10 minute appointments on both days between 3:30pm to 6:30pm and again, Year 1 parents do not need to come to these.

Individual Needs - the IN team will see parents on an invitation-only basis with invitations being sent out by email.

Chinese - the Chinese teachers will see parents on alternative days throughout the year.

Date	Time	Yearband
Thursday, 29 September 2016 (Please register via Gateway from 19 September to 27 September - 12 noon)	08:30am – 3:30pm	Year 5
Thursday, 1 December 2016	08:30am – 3:30pm	Year 6
Thursday, 12 January 2017	09:30am – 4:30pm	Year 3
Friday, 24 March 2017	08:30am – 3:30pm	Year 4
Thursday, 20 April 2017	09:30am – 4:30pm	Year 2
Thursday, 25 May 2017	09:30am – 4:30pm	Year 1

Please keep an eye out for more information closer to the time.

If any parents wish to see a member of **the senior leadership team**, please email them directly at the following email addresses:

Mr John Brewster - Principal – principal@kennedy.edu.hk

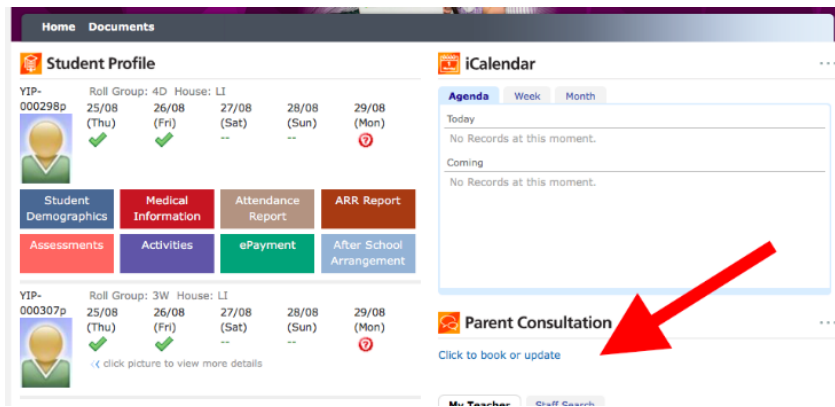
Mr Josh Blue - Vice Principal (Years 1 & 2) – jblue@kennedy.edu.hk

Mrs Emma Navin - Vice Principal (Years 3 & 4) – enavin@kennedy.edu.hk

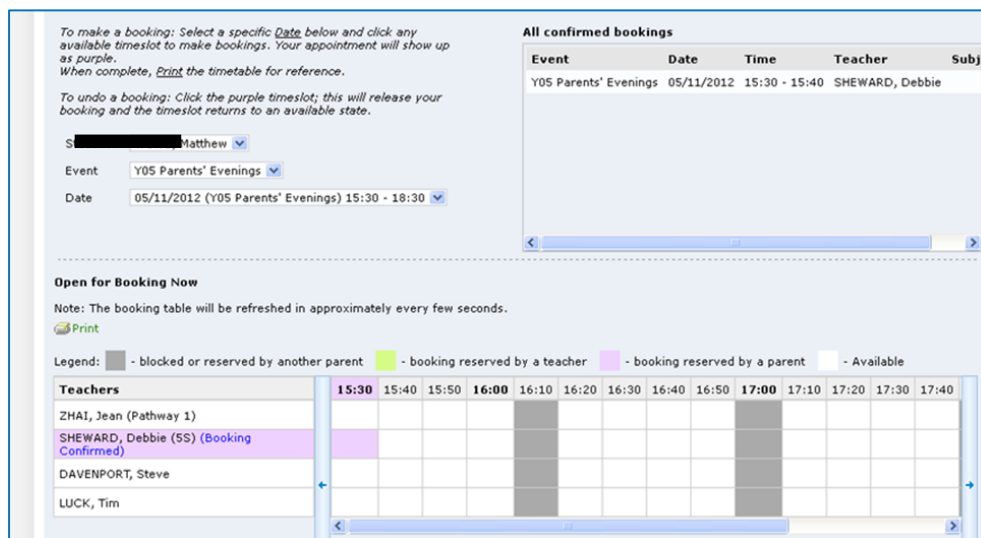
Mrs Debbie Sheward - Vice Principal (Years 5 & 6) – dsheward@kennedy.edu.hk

HOW TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- The Gateway booking system will be available from 12noon on Friday, 23 September.
- Visit <https://ks.tg.esf.edu.hk> to login to Gateway using your family login ID and password.
- On the right hand side of the Gateway homepage, click on "Click to book or update" under "Parent Consultation":



- On the following page you will find your child's name under 'Student'.
- Under 'Event' select the class or, optionally, the Music teacher. The PE teachers are only available on a walk-in basis and the IN team by invitation only. **For Year 5 and 6 music, please make sure you select the event that corresponds to your child's class.**
- Under 'Date' you will be able to choose 4 or 6 October.
- The name of the teacher who teaches your child will appear next to the time slots.
- Available time slots will be shown in white colour.
- Click on the time slot you wish to book. The box will turn to pink colour and your booking will appear in the 'All confirmed bookings' box on the top right. This means that your appointment is confirmed. (This will be a 10 minute session)
- You can cancel your booking by clicking again on the slot that you have booked.



If you have forgotten your Gateway Login ID or Password, please click on the 'forgot password or login name?' button and follow the instructions. If you experience any difficulty, please send an email to itsupport@kennedy.edu.hk specifying your name and your child's name & class and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please note we are unable to accept any telephone bookings and that if you are unable to attend any of the scheduled times, it will be difficult to reschedule.

Please note that there will be NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES on both 4 and 6 October.

Kind regards,
Emma Navin
Vice Principal

Supply EAs at Kennedy School

We are always looking for more supply EAs to add to our list. If you are interested in becoming a supply EA at Kennedy and want to find out more then please come to our information session to be held on 3rd October at 2.15pm in the Conference Room (in the school office).

Alicia, EA coordinator and myself will give you an overview of what's involved and answer any questions you may have. If you have recently started as a supply EA you may want to attend too!

Please let the office (office@kennedy.edu.hk) know if you are interested by 30th September!

Looking forward to seeing you there and hopefully adding to our supply list!

Emma Navin
Vice Principal

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.

Please note the day of your child's class photo:

CLASS	DAY
1A	Tues
1B	Tues
1M	Mon
1R	Tues
1S	Wed

CLASS	DAY
2A	Mon
2C	Wed
2J	Thurs
2P	Tues
2R	Wed

CLASS	DAY
3C	Wed
3O	Thurs
3S	Wed
3T	Mon
3W	Tues

CLASS	DAY
4C	Fri
4D	Wed
4J	Thur
4M	Thur
4S	Fri

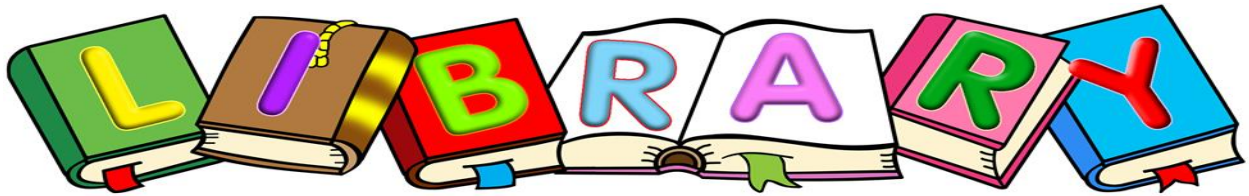
CLASS	DAY
5A	Mon
5D	Fri
5J	Fri
5K	Tues
5S	Tues

CLASS	DAY
6M	Thur
6P	Mon
6R	Mon
6RO	Tue
6S	Tue

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.

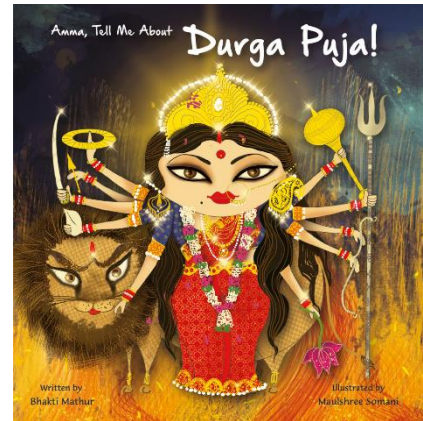


Scholastic Reading Club

All orders are due back to Kennedy School on Monday 26th September. We cannot process any orders after that date. Please be sure to make your cheque payable to Scholastic HK Ltd.

Year 3 Author Visit – Friday 30th September Bhakti Mathur - Amma, Tell Me About Durga Puja!

Next week Bhakti Mathur will be coming to our school to meet our Year 3 children and to read her new book. Bhakti has now written eleven books in total. Please click [here](#) to download her order form. Anyone can order her books not just Year 3.



Birthday Book

If your child has a birthday in October or November 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.

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

There are a very limited amount of spaces left for music lessons at lunchtime or after school. Please contact the teacher directly if interested.

Piano Miss Heidi 9310 8081
Violin Mr Alan 6028 8797
Clarinet Ms Edwards 9177 8352

Kind regards,
Mrs GG



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.

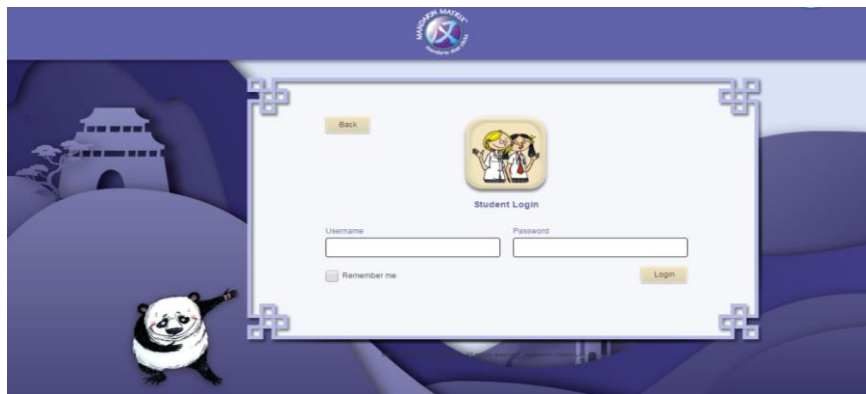
MESSAGE FROM THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT



(Year 2 - 6 **PW1**, **PW2** and **CSL** groups **ONLY**)

Our online classroom is now available for children to use.

<http://www.mandarinmatrix.com/PPP/page/school/student/login.aspx>



PW1, PW2 and CSL students from year 2 to Year 6 were issued a username and a password for on-line Mandarin Matrix Reading programme. The username and password were glued to the diary page. Once they get into the website, the page will appear as shown above.

Those students who are new to Kennedy School will have to wait for a couple of weeks to have their username and password to be set by PPP Company.

Students can choose to read books in Chinese with the support of Pinyin and English, play games, record their own voices, write characters and get scores. This programme is designed mainly for second language speakers. Please click [here](#) for detailed information.

Parents are encouraged to play and explore this programme with their children at home and have fun. Your feedback and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any technical issues, please contact your child's Chinese teacher or PPP Company Jimmy Lo at jimmy@mandarinmatrix.com

阶梯阅读空间 (For Pathway 3 students)

<http://cread.cp-edu.com/>



This online learning platform is used to nurture PW3 children's reading habits. Readers can challenge themselves by reading a variety of texts online and do relevant exercises to monitor their own progress in reading. There are 13 reading levels available on the platform and teachers will choose a right level for each student to start with.

All Y2-Y6 PW3 students have received a username and password and can access the site via the Internet, either at home or at school.

Denggao Zeng

Head of Chinese

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GREEN NEWS



Year 6 'Green Team'

A wonderful group of year 6 students took independent action to grow and sell plants to raise funds for our East Wing Roof garden. They have been busy recycling all sorts of containers from egg cartons to yoghurt pots. They have been planting seeds daily and have been spending breaks and lunchtimes growing and selling their produce. An excellent enterprising effort! Well done to all involved.



Year 5 Competition

Well done to year 5 students who entered the 'Love Animals' drawing contest organized at the end of last school year. Kennedy School was among the 10 most active schools.

To congratulate us, Bayard Press offered the competition prizes to all students at Kennedy School. We received a delivery of 900 magazines as follows: Story box magazine to Y1/Y2 students, Adventure Box magazine to Y3/Y4 students and Discovery Box magazines to Y5/Y6.

Year 5 students also received a certificate and some stationery in assembly on Thursday. Congratulations to all involved.

Adventures to the Edge

Hong Kong's, Sean Lee Davies, hosts this interesting TV series about the plight of endangered animals. Our year 4 children have been learning about the Chinese Pink Dolphins in episode 1. This week's episode features an interview with Wille Smitts from Masarang Foundation about the plight of the orangutans in the fast disappearing Leuser Eco-system. An interesting half hour of family viewing. Watch the TVB episodes

here: http://mytv.tvb.com/en/ed_autolatestcatchupprogrammeview/adventurestotheedge2/274585

Lesley Davies
ESD Coordinator
Kennedy School



FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



Kennedy School Swim Safety Week

From Thursday 29th September the children will be receiving a practical lesson on water safety. If your child has two swimming classes during the week beginning Monday 3rd October the first lesson will have the Swim Safety focus.

The Swim Safety Week is a big safety component to our swimming programme and where we introduce the students to how it feels to be fully clothed when swimming. The children will also experience basic life saving techniques should they fall into a body of water. During Water Safety Week students will learn to carry out reach rescues and rope throwing, plus safe entries and treading water - don't miss out on learning these invaluable skills next week.

The programme is designed to allow the students to experience how their swimming ability may change when in water with heavier clothes on. For the students to experience the change in the way they float, how much more tired they become, and survival techniques to use IF they were to be in water fully clothed, such as falling off a boat, being caught in a flash flood, accidentally falling into a pool etc.

The students need to bring in the following clothes IN ADDITION to their usual swim kit:

Y2: white t-shirt

Y3&4: light coloured baggy shorts and white long sleeved T-shirt

Y5&6: light coloured tracksuit/pyjama bottoms and white long sleeved T-shirt.

Only white or light coloured clothing will be permitted in the pool as dark colours and print reacts with the chlorine.

Following our information about the use of wet suits and rash tops in the cooler weather, please ensure that your child has a good sized towel to wrap themselves up in after swimming.

AT ALL TIMES THEY WILL BE UNDER STRICT SUPERVISION THE AQUAKIDZ EXPERIENCED AND FULLY ACCREDITED TEACHERS.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 26	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 29	Sept 30 WIS Swim Gala
8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15	
2C	2A	4J	3C	
9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	
2P	2R	4D	3O	
9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	HKU pool
5S	2J	2P	3S	not available
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	WIS Swim Gala
Break	Break	Break	Break	
11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	
5J	4C	2A	3T	
11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	
5K	4S	6S	3W	
12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	
LUNCH	LUNCH	6R	LUNCH	
12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
			Swim Safety Lesson for Y3	

ESF Ed Services Football Tournament

We wish our three teams every success at the ESF Ed Services Football Tournament on Saturday 24th September. My thanks to Mr. Dray, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Crompton, Mr. Tremmel and Mr. King for their help and support with preparing the teams.

Pre-Season Netball Tournament

After an exciting journey to the tournament, the Kennedy School Netball A and B Squads were in action at Wong Chuk Hang in their very first tournament. Each squad played 7 or 8 matches against a variety of other international schools, learning rules and practicing our skills. We played lots of exciting matches. The A Squad scored lots of goals and the B squad were working well together in a fun and enjoyable tournament. We are looking forward to more action and goals in friendly games in a couple of weeks. Well done to our Captains Orla and Harriet for demonstrating great sportsmanship and proper netball etiquette and to our players for working together hard on court! We would like to thank Mrs Bloomfield for managing and umpiring for the B squad and all of our parents for supporting us!



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](#).

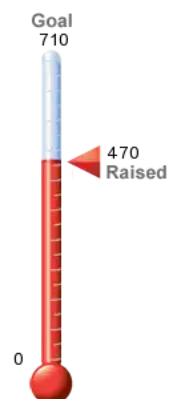
Please let me know if your child has registered for this event.

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 halfway point with 470 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 1068 pairs of shoes to projects in Cambodia and Laos. The equivalent of 157 seven aside teams. An incredible achievement. Thank you.

We currently have over 200 pairs of shoes in storage. If you have a connection with a shipping company or would like to donate towards the cost of delivery to Laos please contact me directly - tluck@kennedy.edu.hk.

Any support would be most welcome.

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.

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

Disclaimer: Kennedy School and the English Schools Foundation do not recommend or endorse any external provider renting the school premises. There is no contractual arrangement between KS/ESF and the club providers, any contractual arrangement that exists is between the parent and the club provider.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



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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