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# Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of a very busy and productive school year and I'm sure children and staff are looking forward to a well-earned summer break. The pages of this newsletter reflect some of the events and happenings that we have managed to fit into a hectic final few weeks of term.

## Farewells

Once again it is time to take stock and pass on our farewells to our friends who are leaving the SJS community on Thursday. So goodbye and good luck to all our Year 6 students, to students who are leaving in Years 1-5 and to *Anna Mortimer, Fiona Merrill, Loraine Fay, Shuk Yee To, Sheila Mak* and *Christine Sum*. We wish you well, keep in touch and don't be strangers.



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# Principal's Message

## End of Year Reports

I hope you received your child's end of year progress report earlier this week. The report was divided into a number of elements this year;

Reports on English, Mathematics, ICT, Music, PE, Mandarin and a comment about 'Your Child as a Learner' were posted to you in hardcopy on Friday 24 June.

Reports on the Units of Inquiry were posted on Gateway and went live on Friday 24 June. (Y1 – 5 received 5 unit reports, the 6<sup>th</sup> is outlined in your child's portfolio which was sent home this week. Y6 students received 4 unit reports, the 6<sup>th</sup> is in the portfolio and the 5<sup>th</sup> was the Exhibition)

Standardised assessment scores for children in Y3-6 are also posted on Gateway.

Next year the entire written reporting process will be communicated to you on-line and on two occasions throughout the year.

If you experience any difficulties accessing your child's report please contact our Gateway helpdesk

**[gateway.support@sjs.esf.edu.hk](mailto:gateway.support@sjs.esf.edu.hk)**

## New Classes

Your child will have had the opportunity to meet their new teacher last Tuesday. Details of the class placement and the new teacher were sent out yesterday. As always there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher early next term.



# Principal's Message

## Our new teachers, starting in August are:

- Sonja Welner                      Year 6                      Sonja is currently a class teacher and Key Stage Leader at Dubai British School. She has previously worked in UK. Sonja qualified as a teacher in UK and has been teaching for 8 years
- Thomas Martin                      Year 4                      Thomas is currently a class teacher and Literacy Coordinator at The British School in Warsaw, Poland. He is a UK qualified teacher with 11 years experience. Thomas has previously taught in UK and Thailand.
- Jeremy Watt                      Year 6                      Jeremy is currently a class teacher at The Sultan's School in Oman. He is an Australian qualified teacher with 16 years experience. Jeremy has previously taught in Australia and USA.

We look forward to welcoming our new colleagues at the start of next term and I am confident they will settle into our community with ease.

The allocations of new classes for the children will be completed over the next few weeks.

## School Building Development

Work will commence next week on the new building developments which will take place over the next few months. Contractors will move in on Thursday to start work on the construction of a new floor on the Office wing of the school. This will be completed by Easter 2012. Work on the new gymnasium will start in December 2011 and will be completed by Chinese New Year. The renovation of the library, staffroom, reception and office area and the construction of a Learning Support Class Base will take place next summer. Busy times ahead.

With the end of this year fast approaching, we are beginning to look towards our structure for next year. Below are two pieces of early information.



# Principal's Message

## Calendar 2011/12

Please note that the new school year starts on 23 August 2011.

In addition to the public holidays, school will be closed to students on the following days for staff training:

**Calendar  
2011/12**

Friday 30 September 2011	Wednesday 2 May 2012
Friday 2 March 2012	Friday 11 May 2012
Monday 20 April 2012	

Best regards,



Perry Tunesi



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# *Stop Press*

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to pass on the news that Mina Dunstan will be the new Principal of Quarry Bay School commencing January 2012.

Mina was the successful candidate in a strong field of international applicants.

Mina will be difficult to replace and she has provided 5 years of wonderful service to our school community. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mina, passing on our heartfelt congratulations and wishing her every success in her new venture.

Mina will remain at SJS for the first term next year and we will consider replacement arrangements during that period.



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# ESF Environmental Conference



On Friday 10th June SJS and SC went to Discovery College to participate in the 6th Annual Environmental Conference.

## The Paper Trail

As part of the conference we used our math skills to work out how much paper we use as a school

30 boxes / month

380.1 kg / month

4561.2 kg / year

That's the same as 9.1224 trees / month cut down

109.4688 trees / year

or 783 kg / month of CO<sub>2</sub>

That's 9396 kg / year

If we put each piece of paper end to end it would add to

**22.5km of paper...**



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# Taster Day

## DT & ICT Faculty 'Taster Day'. Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2011.

This annual Sha Tin College event has become a real highlight in the school year for parents and Faculty staff and this year was no exception. 20 parents of P6 and Y8 students were invited into the College to try their hand at some Year 9 projects. This year, our parents were offered the following workshops:

- Jewellery manufacture using the ancient cuttlefish casting technique, lead by DT teacher Jutka Czirok
- iPod or MP3 player docking station (or 'mini amp') lead by Head of Faculty Tim Ford
- Film making and production lead by Head of ICT Alan Dickson

The aim of the day is always primarily to have fun designing and making products that really stretch our creative skills and help us to develop some new ones. However, the fun bit has a serious side: we spend the day discussing the meaning of technological learning, its role in the curriculum, higher education, the workplace and the world. Our parents are able to understand better why we teach what we teach in the way that we do. Words can't really communicate this in a subject in which the best learning is always the result of doing, so the chance to experience the challenges that DT offers really provides the best understanding possible.



Here are a few comments from our parents at the end of another wonderful day together:

*"There is nothing better than learning by doing."*

*"Knowing my kids are really learning something that they certainly find fun ... provides integrated learning experiences that aren't usually offered in conventional subjects".*

*"I myself want to go back to school to learn what my kids are learning now!"*

*"The day was extremely well planned. Everything was great..."*

*"Very good experience especially allowing us to understand how our kids enjoy their learning and the very, very big satisfaction obtained through the course."*

*"Excellent."*

Watch out for more taster day workshops next year. Details will be emailed around April 2012.



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# *Dance Around the World*



All 900 students from Y1-Y6, dancing in playground and cover-playground.



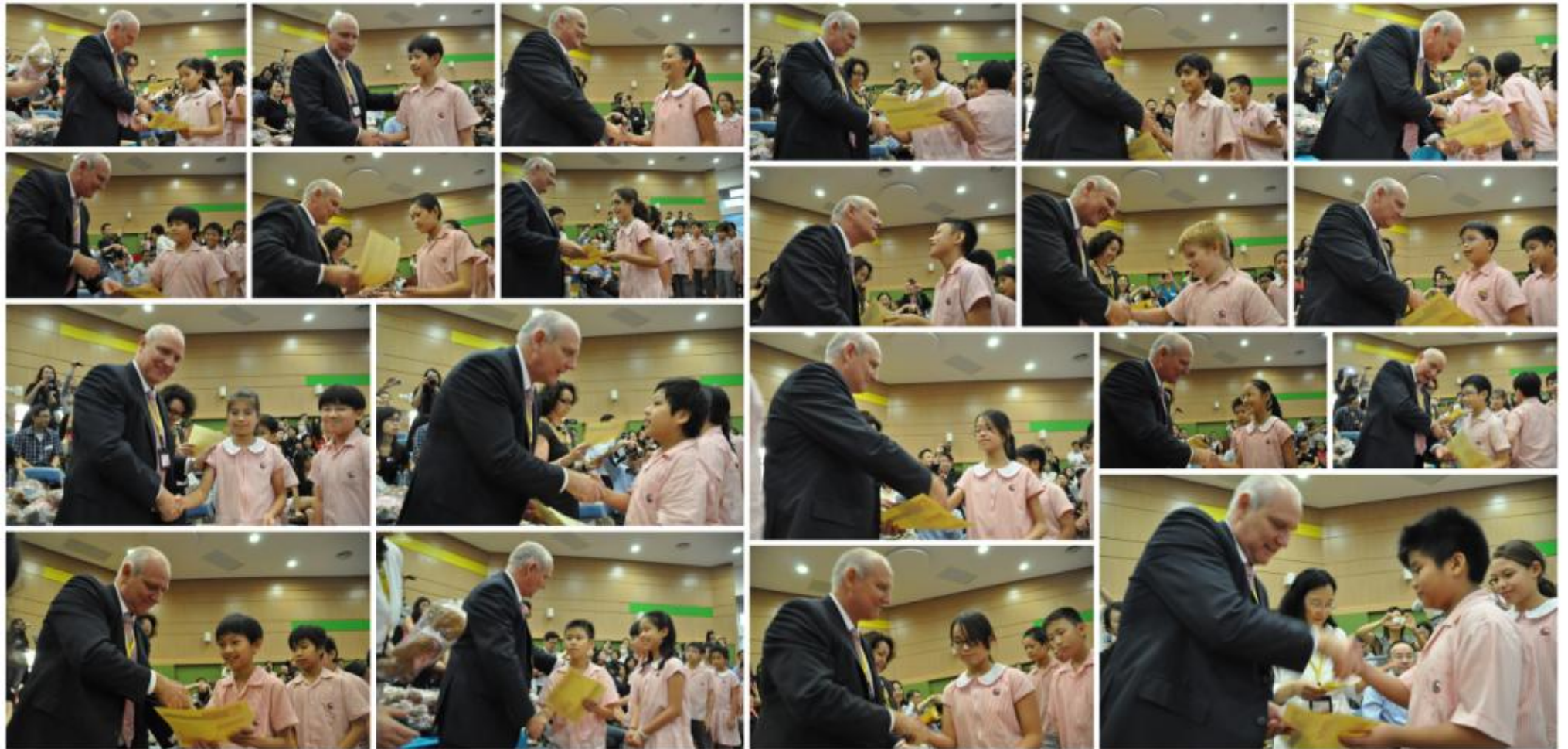
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# *Year 6 Special Graduation Assembly*



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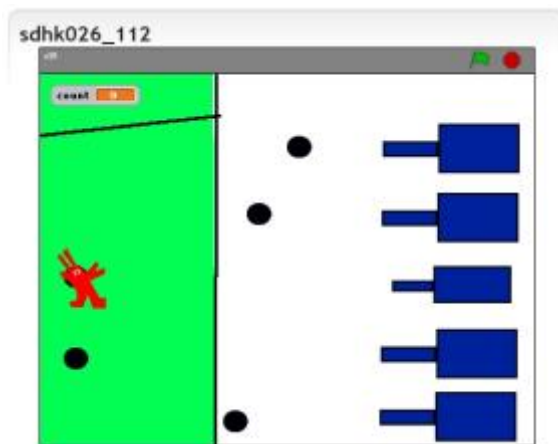
# Students' Recognition



## Scratch Day

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Enoch and Angus** of class 4.3 and **Wyan** of class 4.5 for participating in the Scratch Day Hong Kong 2011. They, together with other 301 students, have also set a New Guinness World Record.



The Screen Shot of Enoch's Scratch work. Below is the link to the work.

<http://scratch.mit.edu/projects/sdhk2011/1800226>



Here is a photo taken at the Scratch Day 2011 by the organizer. My two SJS classmates and I was standing at the front row (Left side of the banner).  
by Enoch

You Might  
Want to  
Know

**Scratch Day Hong Kong 2011** cum Setting a **New Guinness World Record** of the "**Largest Digital Game Design Lesson**", showing off the creative flair of students in Hong Kong.



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## Music

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Alpha** of class 1.3 for achieving ABRSM Grade 2 Piano examination.

**Terry** of class 2.1 for achieving Distinction in Grade 2 Piano examination.

And his brother **Tesh** of class 3.5 for achieving a Pass.



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## Sports

I am delighted to congratulate:

### Hong Kong School Sports Federation Inter-Primary Schools Swimming Competition



**Tess** of class 4.5 and **Jethro** of class 6.2 who have been selected to represent the *HKSSF Sha Tin District* to compete with other primary schools in the N.T. and **Tess** has won the bronze medal in the 50m backstroke.



Tess of class 4.5  
she is standing in 2nd of right side, in yellow shirt

### Swimming



**Ian** of class 3.1 for achieving a 2nd runner-up in 25m breaststroke (7-8 y.o. boys) in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Water Challenge Round 2.

### Ice Hockey



**Evan** of class 6.4 together with the *Hong Kong Academy of Ice Hockey Team* for winning the 1st Runner-up at the *Youth Hockey League* in Harbin.



Evan of class 6.4



## Martial Arts

I am delighted to congratulate:

### Taekwondo



**Alpha** of class 1.3 for achieving the Green Belt from Hong Kong Taekwondo Ohdokwan.

### Martial Arts



**Thomas** of class 3.1 for winning the first prize in the Free Fighting Tournament (Junior Group) organized by the World All Styles Martial Arts Association.



# Contact Us

## Student Recognition

*If your child has achieved something special, we would happy to feature their efforts in the newsletter if we can. Please send the details to my Communication Officer*

[alex.chu@sjs.esf.edu.hk](mailto:alex.chu@sjs.esf.edu.hk)

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# ESL - Summer Sports Camps & Clinics



**July 4 - August 19, 2011**

In this summer, ESL is offering Multi-sports Camps at Renaissance College, South Island School and West Island School from Mondays to Fridays for six weeks. Our Summer Sports Camps especially aimed at children, to keep them active and entertained throughout the holiday. This is a great opportunity for children to try a variety of sports, enhance physical abilities, social development and self confidence in a safe and energising environment.

Specialised Clinics for the following sports:

- Basketball
- Football
- Swimming
- Water Polo
- Gymnastics
- Tennis
- Kung Fu
- Taekwondo

With the increasing popularity of our sports camps, we are having sports camps in the morning and afternoon at South Island School. Parents now have more options to schedule their children's activities for the holiday.

For children who would like to spend extra time training in a specific sport, there are several choices of specialist clinics at different sites. Sign up on or before 16 June to enjoy 10% early bird discount for most of the programme. Please check our website [www.esf.org.hk](http://www.esf.org.hk) or contact us at 2711 1280 for further details about our Summer Sports Programmes.



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## **ASA / UKCC Level 1 Swimming Course**

Coaching sport to young athletes can be very rewarding. Many of us are drawn into coaching through our children; because we want to understand what they are learning, assist them along the way, and share the excitement of their achievements.

For those of you who may be interested in swimming, ESL are running a *UK ASA accredited Level 1 Coaching / Teaching Swimming course* in July to start you on the road to coaching swimming.

ESL can also offer job opportunities in coaching swimming, either day-time, after-school or week-ends, to suit personal circumstances and commitments.

Please check out further details on the [website](#).



# Calendar 2011/12

## 1. Term 1 (77 days including 1 CPD day)

	August				September				October				November				December					
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28
Thur	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	

## 2. Term 2 (59 days including 1 CPD days)

	January				February				March				
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	5	12	19	26
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	6	13	20	27
Wed	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	7	14	21	28
Thur	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	4	11	18	25

 = Public Holiday

 = ESF 'Half Term' Holidays

 = Term Time

 = Staff Meeting

 = School Closed for Staff Training

TOTAL:

190 SCHOOL DAYS INCLUDING 5 CPD DAYS

## 3. Term 3 (54 days including 3 CPD day)

	April				May				June				
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25
Tue	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26
Wed	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27
Thur	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28
Fri	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24

	July				August				
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28
Wed	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Thur	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26

NOTES

1 Continuous Professional Development (CPD) days: (No students in school)

- 30th September 2011
- 2nd March 2012
- 30th April 2012
- 2nd April 2012
- 11th May 2012



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