

Principal's Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,



Welcome back for the start of the 2011/2012 school year. I trust you enjoyed a relaxing summer break with families and friends. I fully expect that the children will be refreshed and looking forward to the start of school tomorrow.

The Start of School

For all children in Years 2 - 6 school starts on Tuesday 23 August at 8.30am. For our new starters in Year 1 we have a staggered entry programme for the first few days of term. Details were outlined in individual letters sent home at the end of last term.

New students will be asked to assemble in the Hall at 8:30am.

For those of you who need to buy school uniform, the PTA Shop will be open at the following times;

	Special Opening Time* ONLY 22 - 24 Aug 2011	Normal Opening Time	
Monday	9:00am - 4:00pm*	8:00am - 9:00am	1:00pm - 3:30pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 4:00pm*		1:00pm - 3:30pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 4:00pm*	8:00am - 9:00am	
Thursday			1:00pm - 3:30pm
Friday			1:00pm - 3:30pm



Principal's Message

Building Progress

Those of you who have been into school in recent days will have noticed the tremendous amount of building work which is taking place across both schools on the campus. In our case, work over the summer holiday has focused on the construction of an extra floor and lift access to the older west wing of the building. This work, together with the construction of a gymnasium and a covered rooftop playground, will be completed by Easter 2012. Next summer will see some internal reconfiguration with a larger library, a Learning Support area and an improved reception as the main features.

Following meetings with the architect and the construction company, we have been assured that work is proceeding to schedule and all arrangements will be in place to welcome the children on Tuesday. Work will continue throughout the next two terms, but every effort will be made to avoid disruption to the children's learning. All noisy work, for instance, will be restricted to after school timings. The presence of scaffolding and safety hoardings means that we will be faced with reduced play areas for two terms and we have made arrangements to use part of the playground space at the College should it prove necessary. We are hoping that it won't.



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Principal's Message

Teacher Promotions

We learned late last term that congratulations are in order for two of our teachers who have gained positions at fellow ESF schools. Mina Dunstan will leave us at the end of Term One to take up the post of Principal at Quarry Bay School and Melissa Rushby will be moving to Peak School as Head of Learning Support. Very many congratulations to both teachers. I have written separately to parents of children in Class 4.3 with details of arrangements to appoint a replacement teacher for the class. We hope to complete this process as soon as possible.

New Staff

Once again I extend a warm welcome to our three new teachers;

Sonja Welner – 6.1

Jeremy Watt – 6.3

Thomas Martin – 4.4

Please take the time to say 'Hi' when you see them around school.



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Calendar 2011/12 - Important Dates

Tuesday 23 August 2011	Start of School	8:30am
Thursday 1 September 2011	New Parents Welcome Event	6:30pm
Tuesday 6 September 2011	Year1-3 Parents Evening	6:30pm
Thursday 8 September 2011	Year4-6 Parents Evening	6:30pm
Thursday 22 September 2011	Mandarin Curriculum Evening	6:00pm

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

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

Best regards,



Perry Tunesi



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Music

I am delighted to congratulate:

Jasmin of class 5.4 for achieving Merit in ABRSM Grade 5 Piano examination during the summer holiday.



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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

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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	

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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

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

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

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

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

2 Indicative date for start of academic year 2012/2012 is provisional



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