

## Principal's Newsletter

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# Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

Term is now well under way and we have enjoyed a calm start to proceedings. The children have responded enthusiastically to their return to school and everyone is looking forward to the year ahead.

Our Parents as Partners programme has commenced. The attendance at the Year 1 – 3 Year Ahead meeting last night was excellent and I hope you found the information of use. I look forward to meeting our Year 4 – 6 parents tomorrow evening.

It was encouraging to meet so many of our new parents at our Welcome Evening last week. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity for a social gathering and the chance to meet and chat with each other and some of the staff from the school.

## Parent Elections

Over the last week you will have received nomination forms requesting that parents consider joining the following committees;

- SJS Parent Teacher Association
- SJS School Council
- ESF Board of Governors

Details of the role and make up of each of these bodies can be found later in the newsletter. All these groups have an important role to play in the running of this school and the building of our school community. Please consider contributing by joining one of the committees.



# Principal's Message

## School Sports Days

Our sports days will take place on at Kowloon Cricket Club, Cox's Rd Jordan on;

Thursday 29 September      Years 4 – 6      10am—1:30pm

Friday 7 October              Years 1 – 3      10am—1:00pm

Parents are welcome to attend and we will be looking for parent volunteers to help with running some of the events. Children will be transported to and from school by bus and there will be no charge for

this service. We will not be sending out separate permission slips for this event as the trip is covered under the terms of the General Consent form which was sent out during the holiday. Please ensure you have completed and returned this form.

We are now seeking for parent volunteers, if you would like to help on the Sports Day, please email Mr. Kelleher on

[damian.kelleher@sj.s.esf.edu.hk](mailto:damian.kelleher@sj.s.esf.edu.hk).



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# Principal's Message

## Change Request Form

It is now possible for parents to check the data stored in Gateway about you and your children. If changes are required, these can be made on-line. Information that can be updated includes;

- Family contact information
- Student emergency contact information
- Medical information



Details of how to access this function are included in this newsletter. Please be aware that the changes are not made automatically but are forwarded to the school office for authorization.

## Application to Transfer to Year 7

Year 6 parents will have been sent separate details on this subject. If you wish your child to transfer to an ESF secondary school you will need to follow the instructions sent and complete the on-line application form on Gateway. Please remember, the deadline for the receipt of applications is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011.

## SJS - Acceptable Use of the Internet Agreement

It is vitally important for us that we ensure our children are aware of the issues surrounding the safe and responsible use of the internet. With this in mind we sent home our Internet Safety Policy and an acknowledgement form last week. The purpose behind this communication is to give parents the opportunity to discuss the issues around internet safety. Whilst we appreciate the documentation is not legally binding, it is our hope that by signing the document together with your child the importance of the safety suggestions is reinforced.



# Principal's Message

## Standardized Assessment Programme

During the next two weeks all students will participate in a standardized assessment program as follows;

### Year 1 and 2

#### Performance Indicators in Primary Schools (PIPs)

PIPs is an assessment of early reading, early mathematics and phonological awareness. We use the computer based-programme to assess the children at the beginning of Year 1 and again at the beginning of Year 2. The results support our judgement of the progress our children have made during their first year of schooling.

### Years 3 - 6

#### Interactive Computerised Assessment System (InCAS)

InCAS is used to assess student performance in English, Maths and Developed Ability. The results give a snapshot of an individual student's performance and support teacher judgement of the progress being made.

The results from the InCAS and PIPs assessments will be available for teachers to feedback to parents during our first set of parent-teacher consultations in October.

InCAS results will also be available on Gateway prior to the half term break

### Year 4 - 6

#### International Schools Assessment (ISA) Writing

ISA is used to support teacher judgement of your child's progress in writing. Scripts are sent away for marking and individual reports are produced which we send home as soon as they are received.



# *Principal's Message*

## **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

Our PTA plays a very important role in supporting the school. Events organized by the PTA (which currently include: School Fair, BBQs, Hot Dog and Ice Cream Days) contribute greatly to the social culture of the school. The committee meets once a month to plan events and raise funds to support the school programme. In recent years funds have been used to provide the sound and lighting system in the hall and to equip the Design Technology Room. The PTA also oversees the running of the uniform shop and the school bus programme.

Many of our longer-serving parents will be leaving the committee this year and we need new volunteers. If you are interested, please complete the nomination form that was sent home earlier this week and come along to the

**PTA Annual General Meeting on Thursday 22 September at 6pm.**



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# Principal's Message

## School Council

The School Council is the governing body of the school. The Council meets 5 times a year to consider and oversee major governance issues such as school finance, staffing, curriculum development and general policies and procedures. Under the Chairmanship of Norman Martel, the Council comprises staff, parent, local community and ESF representatives.

We have vacancies for new parent members. Two parent members are elected directly by the parent body and one member is nominated by the PTA Committee. If you are interested in being considered for one of these positions, please complete the nomination form that has been sent home separately this week.

## ESF Board of Governors

The Board of Governors is the overall governing body for the English Schools Foundation. Similar to our School Council, the Board is comprised of parent, staff and independent representatives. Under the leadership of the Chairperson of the ESF, Carlson Tung, the Board meets once a month during the school year to consider major governance issues for the Foundation.

The letter you received earlier this week outlines the nomination process for vacant parent member positions. Please complete the forms if you are interested.

Best Regards,



Perry Tunesi



# Admissions

**Please Note: Parents of students in Year 6 at SJS who wish to apply for a Year 7 place at an ESF Secondary school should use the application form on [Gateway](#).**

General Applications for ESF Primary and Secondary Schools are available on the [ESF website](#).

Year One born in 2007 may apply from 1 - 30 September 2011.

Year Seven born in 2001 may apply from 1 - 30 September 2011.

Click here  [Admission Page](#)

Please visit the following links for more details.

## [Admission](#)

General Applications for ESF Primary and Secondary Schools

Central Applications for 2012-13 Year 1 (born in 2007) and Year 7 (born in 2001)

Application to ESF Private Independent Schools (PIS)

Application to ESL Kindergartens

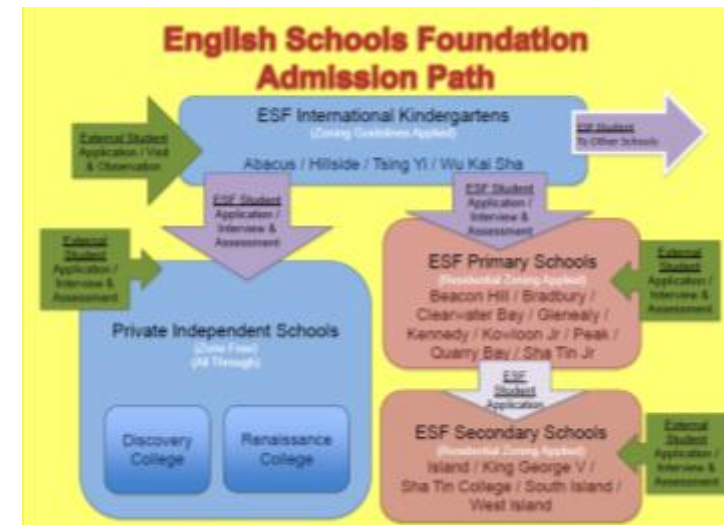
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# Hong Kong Schools Music & Speech Festival

Sha Tin Junior School retains its membership of the Hong Kong Music and Speech Association in order to support individual parents who wish to train and then enter their children into the annual festival. In order to facilitate the process and to help parents take advantage of this opportunity should they wish to do so, the school will coordinate the administration of forms and entry fees.

First, parents should be familiar with the demands of the festival competition and these can be found on the association's web site on [www.hksmsa.org.hk](http://www.hksmsa.org.hk).

The next step is to download the appropriate entry form, complete with a cheque for entry fee made payable to **Sha Tin Junior School**.

Important Dates	Music Festival	Speech Festival
<i>Entry form available to download from the Association website</i>	16 September - 14 October 2011	15 August - 15 September 2011
<i>Deadline for return the application form</i>	10 October 2011 (4pm)	8 September 2011
<i>Festival Period</i>	27 February - 31 March 2012	14 November - 14 December 2011

To access the application form via the Association website, parents need to enter the membership number and password. **Entry forms will not be available at school.** The details are as follows:

**Membership:** 013085  
**Password:** wa65c5

Should you have any queries regarding the festivals, please contact the Hong Kong Music and Speech Association or visit their website for assistance.



# *Students' Recognition*

## Piano

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Allison** of class 2.5 for achieving Distinction in ABRSM Grade 2 Piano examination.



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## Chinese Piano Gu Zheng

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Je-anne** of class 4.3 for achieving Merit in the *China Academy of Music* Level 3  
Gu Zheng (Chinese Piano) examination.



# *Students' Recognition*

## Violin

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Lianne** of class 6.1 for achieving Merit in the ABRSM Grade 5 violin examination.



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## Ballet

I am delighted to congratulate:



**Ashley** and **Rhiannon** of class 3.5 for achieving Distinction in General Grade 1 examination in ballet from *Royal Academy of Dance*.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF  
**DANCE**

The **Royal Academy of Dance** (RAD) is an international dance education and training organization, and examination board that specializes in [Ballet](#).



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## Ice Skating

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Stephanie** of class 2.5 for receiving a Certificate of Achievement in Figure Skating Freestyle 1 from *Ice Skating Institute Asia*.



Stephanie of Class 2.5



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# Students' Recognition



Daniel of Class 2.5

## Swimming

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Daniel** of class 2.5 for winning the gold medal in 25m freestyle and bronze medal in 25m backstroke (Junior Group) organized by YMCA.



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# Students' Recognition



Wen Hei of Class 4.5

## Taekwondo

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Wen Hei** of class 4.5 for winning 3 prizes in the Junior, *Kids and Parent-child Taekwondo Competition*. The 1st runner up in Parent-child Poomase, 1st runner-up in Jump High Kick and 2nd runner up in Jump Side Kick.



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## Little Angels of Asia *I Love Number 1*

I am delighted to congratulate:



**Adam Jayson** of class 1.4 for winning the *ATV Little Angels of Asia Competition*. Adam competed with 11 finalists from China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. The programme was aired on ATV on 27 August.



You Might  
Want to  
Know

[Video Link](#) - [Peace Angel Award which was voted by the 12 contestants] at 6:10 min

[Video Link](#) - [Most Adorable Angel Award]

[Video Link](#) - [Announcing of the 1st place] at 5:20 min

The following 2 video links were taken by audience which you can see some scenes not in the actual broadcast.

[Video Link](#) - [The First Performance, also the first one to perform in the show]

[Video Link](#) - [The Second Performance]



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## Instrumental Private Tuition

<b>Flute</b>	Ms. Fiona STARR	9284 1926 (M) <a href="mailto:starrfiona@aol.com">starrfiona@aol.com</a>	Monday
<b>Flute</b>	Mrs. Caroline GOMERSAL	9753 4775 (M) <a href="mailto:gomersal@netvigator.com">gomersal@netvigator.com</a>	Thursday
<b>Clarinet / Saxophone</b>	Ms. Maria WONG	9365 2928 (M) <a href="mailto:clarinetmaria@hotmail.com">clarinetmaria@hotmail.com</a>	Tuesday
<b>Guitar</b>	Mr. Mike CARRINGTON	2982 0345 (H) 9151 6401 (M) <a href="mailto:ecc42@hotmail.com">ecc42@hotmail.com</a>	Thursday
<b>Piano</b>	Mr. Jan IKONEN	9162 8955 (M)	Friday
<b>Brass (French Horn)</b>	Ms. Edith TAM	9387 6187 (M) <a href="mailto:edith.tam@gmail.com">edith.tam@gmail.com</a>	
<b>Violin</b>	Ms. Su YAN	9537 5146 (Mobile) <a href="mailto:suyan1a@hotmail.com">suyan1a@hotmail.com</a>	
<b>Violin</b>	Ms. Alice TANG	9221 2775 (Mobile) <a href="mailto:tsmalice@yahoo.com">tsmalice@yahoo.com</a>	

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please contact the teachers directly for information. Instrumental music lessons after school should begin at or after 3p.m. to ensure that the child is entitled to a full 30 minutes lesson.

If in doubt, please contact **Ms. Chiam** at school (Tel. 2692 2721).



# 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)

## To Remove or Change of your E-mail

### Please Contact

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# Calendar of Events

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September 2011							
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	4	5	6 *Years 1,2,3 Parents' Information evening	7	8 *Years 4,5,6 Parents' Information evening	9	10
	11	12	13 *Public Holiday - The Day Following Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22 *PTA Annual General Meeting *Mandarin Parents' evening	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29 *Years 4,5,6 Sports Day	30 *ESF CPD Day - no students in school	

This calendar is available on our school website.

September			Event	Time
6	Tue	SJS	Year 1, 2, 3 Parents' Information evening	6:30pm
8	Thu	SJS	Year 4, 5, 6 Parents' Information evening	6:30pm
13	Tue	-	Public Holiday	
22	Thu	SJS	PTA Annual General Meeting	
22	Thu	SJS	Mandarin Information Evening	
29	Thu	KCC	Year 4, 5, 6 Sports Day	-
30	Fri	SJS	ESF CPD Day - no students in school	-



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October 2011							
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							1 Public Holiday - National Day - China
	2	3	4	5 Public Holiday - Chung Yeung Festival (Family Remembrance Day)	6 One-to-One Parent Conferences	7 Year 1,2,3 Sports Day	8
	9	10	11 One-to-One Parent Conferences	12 School Photo	13 School Photo One-to-One Parent Conferences	14 School Photo	15
	16	17 HALF TERM	18 HALF TERM	19 HALF TERM	20 HALF TERM	21 HALF TERM	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

October			Event	Time
5	Wed	-	Public Holiday	-
6	Thu	SJS	One-to-One Parent Conferences	4:00pm - 7:00pm
7	Fri	KCC	Year 1, 2, 3 Sports Day	-
11	Tue	SJS	One-to-One Parent Conferences	3:00pm - 6:00pm
12-14	-	SJS	School Photos	-
13	Thu	SJS	One-to-One Parent Conferences	3:00pm - 6:00pm
17-21	-		Half Term	-



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