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# Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a busy start to the year and with the month of September drawing to a close it is time to take stock of happenings and look forward to the events scheduled through to half term.

## Parent Elections

### PTA

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the PTA Annual General Meeting last Thursday. Your new committee has been elected and posts of responsibility will be decided at the first meeting next week. We will send out details of your representatives and a draft programme of events for the year next week after that meeting.

## School Council

Two new parent members have been elected to the SJS School Council. They are:

Janita Hogervorst - Mother of Vashann 1.3

Frankie Mock - Father of Lucas 1.1

The first Council meeting of the school year will be held on Thursday 29 September. Following the meeting we will send out an information sheet introducing your representatives.

## ESF Board of Governors

Ballot papers for the election of Parent Members to the ESF Board were sent out by ESF last week. Please be reminded that completed ballot papers must be dropped in the specified box in the SJS school office or at the ESF Centre by 5pm Wednesday 12 October.



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# *Principal's Message*

## **Standardised Assessment**

We have now completed our standardised assessment tasks for the beginning of the school year. The children have worked hard on the tasks and the results will be with us soon.

Y1 and Y2 students have completed their PIPs (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools) tasks and the results will be used to inform the conversations about progress at our parent—teacher consultations next month.

Y3-Y6 students have completed their InCAS (Interactive Standardise Assessment Programme). The results will be available for sharing at the forthcoming parent teacher consultations. They will also be uploaded to Gateway later this term.

Y4-Y6 students have also completed their ISA (International Schools Assessment) writing tasks. The scripts have been sent to Australia for marking and parents will receive a letter outlining the results later this term.

## **Parents as Partners Programme**

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Mandarin Information Evening last Thursday. The slides used in the presentation are available on Velocity. Please go to the Mandarin home page.



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# Principal's Message

## Staffing Arrangements

### Teacher Y4.3

Many of you will know that Melissa Rushby was appointed as Head of Learning Support at Peak School from the start of this academic year. Melissa agreed to stay with the class while we found a replacement teacher, and for that we are very grateful.

It has now been confirmed that Dianne Hill will take over as class teacher for Y4.3 immediately after half term on 24 October. Our Expressive Arts programme, which Dianne was leading, will be put on hold and start up again next year.

Dianne will also take over the Year Leader responsibility for the year group and will be assisted in this task by Skye Jeynes (4.1)

### Rachael Blaik

I am delighted to announce that Rachael Blaik has been appointed to the position of Deputy Principal at Beacon Hill School. Rachael will take up the post later in the school year and we will advertise for the position of PYP Coordinator at SJS in the annual ESF teacher recruitment round.

I would like to pass on my congratulations to Rachael Blaik, Melissa Rushby and Wilhelmina Dunstan. The teacher promotions highlight the talented teachers we have on staff here at SJS and reflect very positively on the school.



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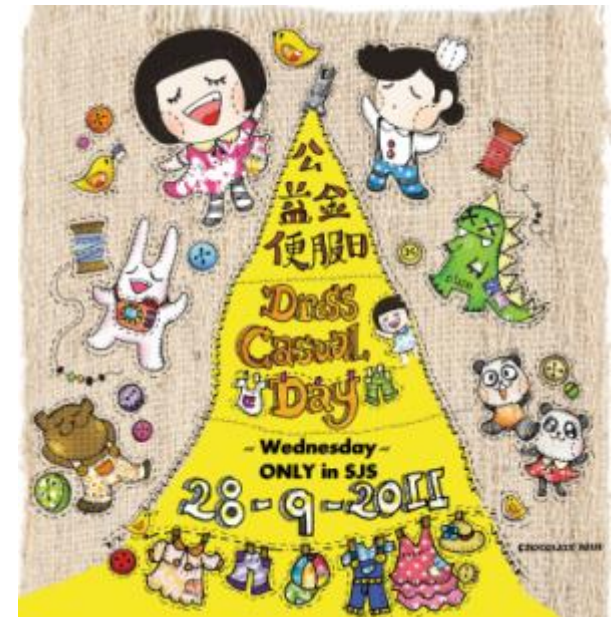
And finally ..... What's coming up?



## Dress Special Day – Wednesday 28th September

Once again we will be supporting the HK Community Chest in their bid to raise funds for local charities. Children are invited to come into school on Wednesday dressed in their special clothes and make a donation for the privilege. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

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Sports Day	Years 4 - 6	Years 1 - 3
Date & Time	Thursday	Friday
	29 September	7 October
	10am - 1:30pm	10am - 1:00pm

## SJS Sports Days

Don't forget our Sports Days at **Kowloon Cricket Club** are fast approaching.

The Sports Day for Y4-6 will take place on Thursday 29 September and for Y1-3 on Friday 7 October. Both events will start at 10:00am (or as soon as the coaches arrive) and will run through until approximately 1:30pm.

Parents are encouraged to come along and support the events and to lend a hand with the organization on the day.

Photo from Sports Day 2010



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## Parent Teacher Consultations

Letters have been sent home requesting appointments for our Parent Teacher Consultation sessions. Please complete the forms and return to school as soon as possible to guarantee your appointments. The sessions will take place on;

- Thursday 6 October 4 – 7pm
- Tuesday 11 October 3 – 6pm
- Thursday 13 October 3 – 6pm

## School Closures

School will be closed;

School Closures		
Teacher Training Day	Friday	30 September
Public Holiday Chung Yeung Festival	Wednesday	5 October

Best Regards,

Perry Tunesi



# New Teachers' Reflection

One part of our Teacher induction program encourages new teachers to take the time to reflect on their experiences so far. I recently asked our new staff members how they were settling into life at SJS. Here are their reflections about the first few weeks of school.

*PYP Coordinator*  
**Rachael Blaik**



**Class 4.4**  
**Thomas Martin**

I have never worked in an environment that comes anywhere close to being as supportive as this one. I am overwhelmed by how thoughtful and helpful everybody has been. Thanks everyone!



**Class 6.1**  
**Fleur Sonya Welner**

After a wonderful welcome by staff and children at SJS it has been very easy to settle in. My highlights so far have been finding my way round the school (very important) and, of course, meeting my class! I am particularly looking forward to our Year six camp in November; after five years of camping in the desert in Dubai it will certainly be a change.



**Class 6.3**  
**Jeremy Watt**

My time at SJS has been extremely busy but also very rewarding. The staff and students have been so welcoming and friendly. I know I made the best decision to come to Hong Kong and would like to thank all the teachers and especially the children in 6.3 for making my first few weeks so enjoyable.



# School Online Platforms



**Gateway** is our information portal. It is password—protected and allows parents on-line access to student demographic information, change requests, student reports, assessment scores, iCalendar, bulletin board, Foundation news, and some school documents and Foundation—wide documents.



**VELOCITY** is our learning platform. It is a password—protected site and is used for home learning, storage of children’s work and children’s email facilities. Year groups’ newsletter are also available.



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## *Students' Recognition*



### **Cello**

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Crystal** of class 6.3 for passing the ABRSM grade 3 cello examination.



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## Ballet

I am delighted to congratulate:



Cherry of class 3.3

**Cherry** of class 3.3 for achieving Distinction with full marks in the Primary examination in ballet from *Royal Academy of Dance*.

**Yoki** of class 4.1 for achieving Distinction in the Grade 1 examination in ballet from *Royal Academy of Dance*.

**Crystal** of class 5.3 for achieving Distinction in the Grade 2 examination in ballet from *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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# Students' Recognition

## Swimming



Wyman of class 5.2

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Wyman** of class 5.2 for achieving the 2nd runner up in the Boys' 50m Backstroke in the *Junior Swimming Competition 2011* by the Pacific Club.

*"Veni. Natiav. Vici."*  
*"I Came, I Swam, I Conquered."*  
(English Translation)

by *Desiree Tamez*  
USA Swimmer



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## Football

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Benjamin** of class 3.4 for representing ESF Lions U10 in their 3-2 victory over Hong Kong Football club U11.

*" The rules of football are very simple, basically it is this:  
if it moves, kick it.  
If it doesn't move, kick it until it does. "*

by *Phil Woosnam*

Welsh former Association football inside-right and manager



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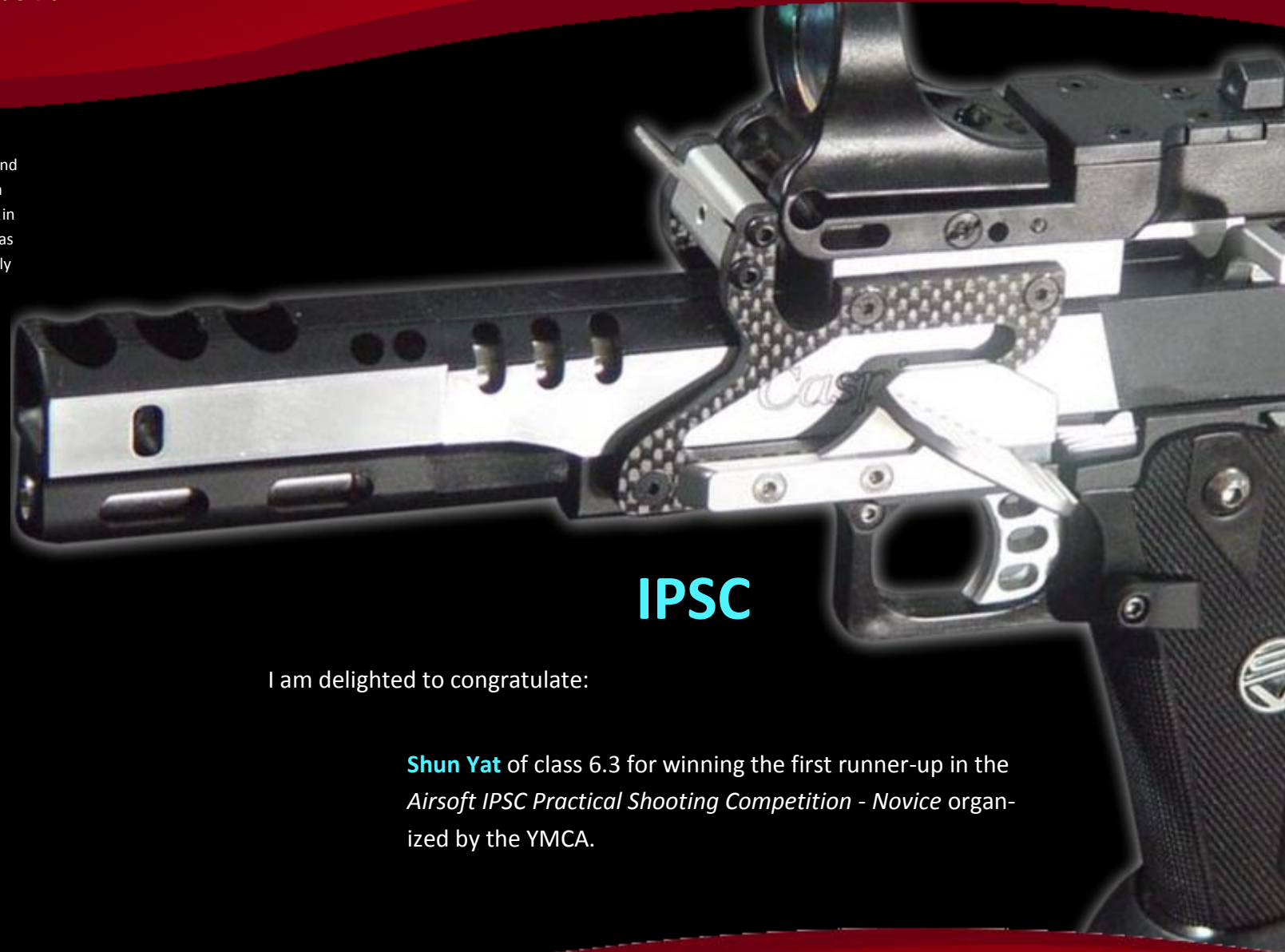
# Students' Recognition

## History

Airsoft was designed in Japan in the 1970s[citation needed] and marketed in the United States in the 1980s by a major BB gun manufacturer. Airsoft was conceptualized as a new approach in BB gun application as opposed to the common air gun that was designed for hunting, the airsoft gun was created with a purely recreational application in mind.



Shun Yat of class 6.3



## IPSC

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Shun Yat** of class 6.3 for winning the first runner-up in the *Airsoft IPSC Practical Shooting Competition - Novice* organized by the YMCA.



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## English

I am delighted to congratulate:

**Irisa** of class 4.1 for receiving a pass with Merit in the *Cambridge KET (Key English Test) Examination*.

The **Key English Test (KET)** is a general proficiency examination at Council of Europe Level A2 in the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). It is at Entry Level 2 in the UK National Qualifications Framework (NQF).



# Contact Us

## Student Recognition

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

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## To Remove or Change of your E-mail

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September 2011							
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					1	2	3
	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 * Years 4, 5, 6 Sports Day	29 * ESF CPD Day - no students in school	30	

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	6:30pm
28	Wed	SJS	Community Chest - Dress Causal Day 	-
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
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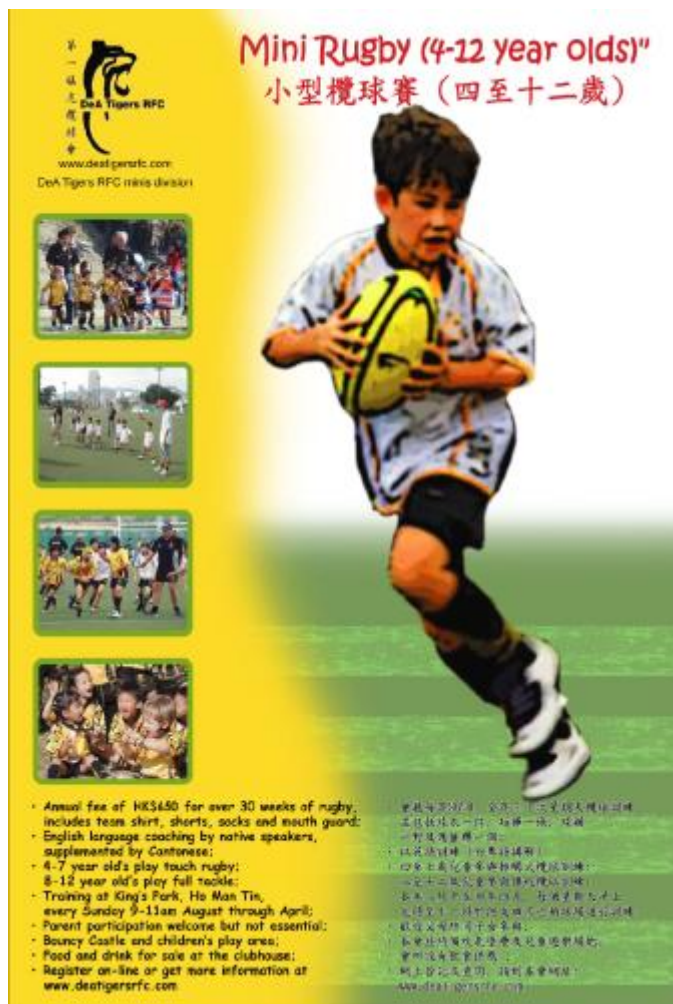
October			Event	Time
5	Wed	-	Public Holiday	-
6	Thu	SJS	One-to-One Parent Conferences	4:00pm - 7:00pm
7	Fri	KCC	Year 1, 2, 3 Sports Day	-
11	Tue	SJS	One-to-One Parent Conferences	3:00pm - 6:00pm
12-14	-	SJS	School Photos	-
13	Thu	SJS	One-to-One Parent Conferences	3:00pm - 6:00pm
17-21	-		Half Term	-



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# Mini Rugby



**Mini Rugby (4-12 year olds)"**  
**小型榄球賽 (四至十二歲)**

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 德華  
 橄欖球  
 會  
 DeA Tigers RFC  
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Annual fee of HK\$450 for over 30 weeks of rugby, includes team shirt, shorts, socks and mouth guard;  
 English language coaching by native speakers, supplemented by Cantonese;  
 4-7 year old's play touch rugby;  
 8-12 year old's play full tackle;  
 Training at King's Park, Ho Man Tin, every Sunday 9-11am August through April;  
 Parent participation welcome but not essential;  
 Bouncy Castle and children's play area;  
 Food and drink for sale at the clubhouse;  
 Register on-line or get more information at [www.deatigersrfc.com](http://www.deatigersrfc.com)

歡迎參加這項 充滿活力的足球訓練  
 項目包括球衣、短褲、襪及口盾。  
 一對一及小組訓練。  
 以英語訓練 (由專員講解)。  
 四至七歲兒童參與拍球式足球訓練。  
 八至十二歲兒童參與全接觸式足球。  
 每星期一至四下午四時至五時在太子  
 道體育館一樓訓練及在太子道體育館足球場  
 練習。  
 歡迎父母陪同子女參加。  
 家長可隨時向是香港及九龍總辦事處、  
 會所或查詢詳情。  
 網上登記及查詢：請到本會網頁：  
 www.deatigersrfc.com

**DeA tigers RFC** is a multilingual rugby club based at King's Park, Kowloon. It has a complete system which allows progression from minis to youth teams, and seniors within the club and then to the National side. HKRFU National 7's team captain Rowan Varty is an example under this system.

Please visit [www.deatigersrfc.com](http://www.deatigersrfc.com) for Mini Rugby.  
 (Available for reading in English, Chinese and Japanese.)



And <http://www.deatigersrugby.hk/> for 13-18 Youth and Senior Rugby.



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