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From The Principal

Vice Principal Interviews

We have shortlisted 3 very strong candidates for the VP post left vacant by the promotion of Mrs Brenda Cook to the Principalship at Glenealy School. The interviews will take place at KJS on Monday, 8th and Tuesday 9th March. A comprehensive interview process has been planned involving a wide selection of the school community, including the PTA; the Student Council; Senior Managers; the School Council; teachers; and representatives from ESF. The outcome of the interviews will be announced later next week.

School Fair

It is less than 2 weeks to go until the annual KJS PTA School Fair. Please do try to come along especially as it is one of the very rare times that the school community is able to come together in one place. The PTA has been working extremely hard to provide an excellent variety of exciting activities. There will also be an extensive range of international food available and some great entertainment from our multi-talented students, staff and other guests. We also have some excellent raffle prizes again this year kindly donated by parents and company sponsors so don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets. I am sure it will be another memorable School Fair and I look forward to welcoming you to the school on Saturday 13th March from 11.30am.

Book Week

Book Week is fast approaching and we have a number of exciting events planned for the students; including visits by famous authors. At both Perth and Rose Street campuses the children will (as usual) be encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. However this year in order to better reflect the efforts and contributions of all children we will not be awarding individual prizes. Instead the names of students who have dressed up will enter a class draw to choose books for the school library. Please note that further information regarding Book Week activities and events will be sent to parents by the end of this week.

Stakeholders Survey

Tomorrow you will receive an ESF Stakeholder Survey by email. These are conducted biannually by ESF and cover a wide range of topics relating specifically to KJS.

All parents will receive a copy of the survey that should open directly from your email. It will probably take between 20 to 30 minutes to complete and your responses, including comments, will be totally anonymous. The survey gives you an opportunity to let the school and ESF know about how you feel about a range of issues relating to the school and your child's education.

Students in Year 5 and Year 6 will receive a Student Survey and they will also be given an opportunity at school to fill this in if they do not have time outside of school hours.

The closing day for surveys to be submitted is Saturday 20th March.

Years 1 and 2 Sports Day

May I remind parents of children in Years 1 and 2 that their Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 9th March. This will be held from about 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 on the Urban Council field down the steps from the Perth Street playground. Parents are invited to watch the morning's events and if they wish to take children home at the end of the session should fill in the form that was sent home earlier.

Changes to Newsletter Distribution

From August 2010 we propose to cease sending Newsletters by email to parents. The Newsletter is posted to the KJS website every Monday (by the end of school) and parents can either read online or download directly from there. The new school website is now fully updated and therefore much simpler to navigate than our old site. The reason for this change is that distribution of the Newsletter by email is very costly in terms of administration time and resources. Furthermore, due to the vagaries of the system, we continually receive complaints from parents that either the Newsletter has not arrived or that there is a delay of several hours in delivery. We will continue to send the Newsletter by email until the end of this academic year. If you have any concerns regarding this proposal please email the office with your comments.

School News & Information

Year 6 Charity Action

As you know, Year 6 students are working hard to take action to help make the world a better place. The global group has planned to take action that will have an affect on different parts of the world. Due to having to take action we will be asking for donations often. Please look at a brief schedule of what we are going to do in the next few weeks.

1-5 March

This week we will be **collecting old clothes** that we have at home to give to the **Salvation Army**. The Salvation Army is a charity that helps the poor around the world by selling donated or factory extra products for money of which they will then send to the needy. This will be at **Rose St only** (please see the newsletter article explaining this.)

8-12 March

This week we will be **collecting stationery** for **Crossroads**. Crossroads helps underprivileged children in the rural areas of Mongolia by supplying proper equipment for a fulfilling education that includes desks, chairs and other items. Your donated stationery will help these children have a better school life.

15-18 March

We will host an **Edible Book Competition**. An Edible Book is an edible item based on a story or a book. There will be prizes of book vouchers for the winners. Entry fee will be \$10. That week we will also be asking for **donations of non-perishable food**. The money raised from the Edible Book Competition and the food collected will all be donated to the Shek Kip Mei People's Food Bank.

The charities we have chosen are believed to be the most effective. As the Global Group we apologize for not being able to support all charities due to the lack of time. We hope that we receive lots of donations to help the underprivileged in the world.

Sincerely,
Catherine Wang and Jiyun Lee
The Global Action Group

Greetings moms and dads! This is a short notice to let you know about Year 6's latest plan for taking action to support a charity organization. This week we are planning to help the **Salvation Army**, and for that we would kindly request you to **donate some clean second hand clothes** in good condition (adults or children) that you do not wear any more. Here is a list of other resources you can send in:- shoes, hair accessories, blankets, scarves and things for the winter.

This will be for **Rose St students only** as we will be carrying the clothes down to the Shek Kip Mei store behind the Rose St campus. If any student from Perth St wishes to help donate clothes or shoes, could you please organize for them to be brought to Rose St by an older student. The children can deliver the clothes to the Year 6 Inquiry room.

The final day for collection will be **Friday 5th March**. Please do not send in any clothes after Friday as we will be delivering the clothes on Friday afternoon.

Kind regards,
Christine and Giya
Year 6 students

PTA & Community News

KGV Seeking Invigilators

KGV is seeking to appoint confident and reliable people to join their team of invigilators that will ensure the effective running of external examinations.

Applicants for this position should possess:

- Good command of written and spoken English
- Strong interpersonal skills and attention to detail
- Independence, competency to work under pressure
- The ability to be a team player
- Ability to multi task
- An interest in working with students
- A proactive working attitude, and be result orientated
- Good time management skills

Rate of pay and hours of work

The rate of pay is \$105 per hour with a minimum payment of three hours (\$315). Although this is an hourly paid position, a strong commitment to the role is required and working hours may vary. Invigilators may be expected to work during the months of November and January and must be available during term time from March to June for the summer examination series.

All interested candidates please include a C.V., identifying 2 referees by email to: Loretta.leung@kgv.edu.hk to King George V School by no later Friday 5th March 2010.

Applicants who do not receive a reply by the end of March 2010, should assume their application has been unsuccessful.

Calendar of Important Dates

The following dates are provided for your reference. Further details of trips will be provided closer to the actual dates:

| Date | Event |
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| 01-03-10 | Y1 going to Zoological & Botanical Gardens |
| 05-03-10 | Y2 meets Music Conductor, Jason Lai @ 10:45am & Y3 at 11:15am Y3 Water Challenge Day |
| 06-03-10 | Beach Touch Tournament @ NIS |
| 09-03-10 | Y1/2 Sports' Day ESF Mixed Netball Tournament @ KGV |
| 10-03-10 | Mixed Basketball Tournament @ KGV Y3 to meet author Shamini Flint at Central Library @ 10:45-11:30am |
| 12-03-10 | Y5/6 to meet author Derek Landy at Rose School Hall @ 11:15-12:15 pm ESF Primary Arts Day (TBC) |
| 13-03-10 | PTA Fair Road Race Tournament @ CIS |

Yours sincerely



Mark Cripps
Principal