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From The Principal

Collecting Students at Perth Street

A few weeks ago I mentioned the importance of collecting children on time from Rose Street because a growing number of students were being picked up late. However, at Perth Street it seems that the opposite is happening, with many helpers and parents arriving too early at the end of the school day! The problem with arriving early is that it can often lead to the disruption of lessons such as PE. Therefore, parents and helpers are requested not to enter the school building until 5 minutes before end of school. Gates will be opened at 2.55pm.

VP Candidates

Today and tomorrow we are interviewing 3 candidates for the vacant Vice Principal (VP) post at Perth Street. Today each of the candidates has been meeting different panels for question and answer sessions including a Student Council Panel; a PTA Panel; a Staff Panel; and a Senior Leadership Panel. The prospective VPs will also spend time in a classroom working with a group of students and then participate in a Staff Meeting; allowing them to work with every member of staff. The interview process will allow us to get in-depth feedback about each candidate from a wide selection of stakeholders which will be used to support the final interviews taking place at Rose Street tomorrow morning. Having met all three individuals I am highly satisfied with our shortlisting process but given the quality and calibre of each of the candidates I do not think it will be an easy choice for us to make. I would like to thank everyone who has agreed to take part in the selection process, especially the PTA representatives and Student Council.

School Fair

I look forward to meeting you all at the School Fair this coming Saturday and it promises to be a very enjoyable and entertaining day. Please do try your best to come along between 11.30am and 4.30pm. For more details please refer to the attached PTA Newsletter.

Vice Principal Interviews

Today and tomorrow we have three Vice Principal candidates in school who will be interviewed for the post made vacant by Brenda Cook when she moved to the principalship at Glenealy. They will spend both days in school and will meet representatives from all parts of our school community – teachers, parents and students. On Tuesday, they will take part in a formal interview process and we hope to tell you the result in our next newsletter.

School News & Information

Y1 & Y2 Sports Day

Please be reminded that tomorrow (Tuesday 9th) is Sports Day.

The event will go ahead unless there is very poor weather; please check the KJS website from 8:00am onwards for more information.

The children should come to school in warm PE kit, including a hat and a water bottle. Children do not need to bring a snack as fruit and crackers are provided during the event.

Students who are planning to leave with parents after Sports Day should bring a packed lunch with them in case the event is cancelled and they have to remain in school for the rest of the day.

We are hoping for a lovely day and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to support the children.

Book Week **Mon 15th March – Fri 19th March**

Theme: READiscover

Book week is just around the corner and we have a number of exciting events planned for the students. Please see the attachments on the website for more details.

READiscover the Library – we have a new name !

We're the "Library Resource Centre"

See what you can find fairytales, myths and legends, bilingual books, poems, magazines, yearbooks, and more....

Book Character Day:

Perth St – Mon 15th March at 9.45am (parents welcome to join)
Rose St – Fri 19th March

Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.

- At least part of the costume must be made by yourself;
- Your character must be in a fiction book (by this we mean the sort of book you would find in our school library);
- You should bring the book to school if possible;
- You should link your character to one of the learner profiles and can say how the character fits that profile

Students who have dressed up will enter a class draw to choose books for the class library.

Student Council at School Fair

This year the Student Council will run games stalls as well as selling items at the School Fair to raise money to support the operation of the council. All the items are specially designed and of LIMITED QUANTITY. The items include environmentally friendly shopping bags, notes pads and hand-made bookmarks. Don't miss the chance to visit the Student Council Stall in the fair to buy these Limited Edition items. We need your support to make the school a better place.

Thank you,

The Student Council

Year 6 Charity Action

As you know, Year 6 unit of inquiry is to do with improving communities – locally and globally. This week we will support '**Crossroads**' - an international charity organization that supports the education of children in Mongolia. A guest speaker from 'Crossroads' told us that there are children in Mongolia who are so poor, they cannot afford pencils and paper to write on. They have to visit rubbish dumps, remove labels off tin cans to use as paper to write on. They cannot afford pencils, so they use sticks dipped in mud, or use sticks to write in the dirt.

So this week, we would really appreciate you **donating stationery** – paper, pens, pencils, coloured pencils, paints etc. These items will go to some poor children in Mongolia who have none of these to help them learn. Share some of your fortune with people not as fortunate as you. We're sure the Mongolians receiving these items will be really happy to receive stationery from us. This collection will **end on Friday 12th March**. There will be a box to put your donations into in each KJS office.

Chris Chia and Jeffrey Lam

Yr 6's Global/Donations Action group

Year 6 Action Groups

Thank you very much to everyone who has supported our Year 6 Action groups in the last couple of weeks by either donating money to World Vision or clothing to the Salvation Army. On Friday afternoon, the children in the Global Action group walked down to Shek Kip Mei to deliver the clothes. The ladies in the store were very grateful to receive our donations. The money donated through red packets for World Vision is still being finalised, but once we know the final amount raised, we will put it in the newsletter.

This week we are asking for donations of stationery - pencils, paper etc for us to donate to Crossroads who will then send them to poor children in Mongolia. Next week we will be asking for donations of tinned or packaged food to give to St James' Settlement People's Food Bank in Shek Kip Mei. We will also have an Edible Book Competition and we will be asking for a \$10 entry fee which will also be donated to the People's Food Bank.

Year 6 students
Global Action Group



PYP Authorisation

We are well underway for our authorization visit in April this year. As part of the visit the authorizing team would like to talk to a few parents about the Primary Years Program. If you would like to be part of this group please contact the PYP co-ordinators via the school office.

Sue Yee/Merry Hamilton

PTA & Community News

Spring Basketball Clinics

ESF Educational Services is pleased to offer 4-Day Spring Basketball Clinics at **two sites**.

South Island School and **Renaissance College** will run 7 April -10 April, 2010.

Starting 1:00pm to 3:00pms the clinics emphasise "**skills of the day**" as listed below.

Wednesday – Ball Handling and Shooting

Thursday – Individual Defense

Friday – Individual Offense

Saturday – Team Concepts

Each day the players will end with full court games. Each student will receive a gift shirt.

For **registration** and more **information** visit:

http://www.esf.org.hk/esf_sports/camps_clinics/basketball.asp



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
09-03-10	Y1/2 Sports' Day Y6 visit Science Museum 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
15-03-10 to 19-03-10 15-03-10	Book Week + Literacy Festival Book Character Day – Perth Street
15-03-10	Y6 to meet author Darren Shan at Central Library @9:30-10:30 am
16-03-10	Y3/4 to attend HK Sinfonietta Performance
17-03-10	Y4 to meet author Alexander McCall Smith at Central Library @12:00 noon Y2 Tung Chung Trip
19-03-10	Book Character Day – Rose Street Y5 to meet author Morris Gleitzman at Central Library @10:45-11:30 am Mixed Tag Rugby Tournament @ HKU – Sandy Bay

Yours sincerely



Mark Cripps
Principal