

Newsletter- 11/08/20



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Dates for Your Diary]

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| 10 - 12 August | Staff training - No school |
| Thursday 13 August | First day of 2020/2021 school year, Y2-6 8:30am Zoom start |
| Thursday 1 October | National Day - No school |
| Friday 2 October | Mid-Autumn Festival - No school |
| Monday 5 October | ESF CPD - No school |
| Friday 16 October | Day before Mid-Term Break - FULL Day Classes |
| 19 - 23 October | Mid-Term Break |
| Monday 26 October | Chung Yeung Festival - No school |
| Friday 11 December | Last day of term - Half day (finish at 12pm) |
| 14 December - 1 January | Term Break |
| Monday 4 January | First day of Term 2 |

Dear Parents,

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Welcome to the first KJS weekly newsletter for 2020/21.

We have been very busy at KJS over the last few days bringing in (virtually) the best international experts in wellbeing, literacy and neuroscience to ensure we create a successful and supportive learning environment for your child via distance learning. Associate Professor Helen Street, Matt Glover and Dr Jared Cooney-Horvath worked with our team over three days to reimagine learning in the context of distance learning, 50:50 school and soon (hopefully), back to 'normal' school, to enhance our practice from 2019/20. We plan to have an ongoing relationship with these experts over the next year so that we can ensure 'Success for Every Child'.

By 5:00pm tomorrow, teachers will send home the information your child needs for Thursday and Friday. *What I can tell you now is the first Zoom for Years 2-6 will be 8:30am on Thursday and all children are expected to be in attendance.* Next week, we will launch dedicated class web pages that will make finding all the links and information you need for your child's learning even easier! It is great to see how many families have already come and collected devices to support their child's distance learning.

To help your child be prepared for school next week, here are some tips:

- Even though we are in distance learning make sure you establish daily routines with your child: wake up and breakfast time, preparation for school, snacks arranged etc.;
- Make sure your child is ready to start their first Zoom at 8:30am sharp;
- Ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing at all times. Many will want to wear their uniform and this is a great option;
- Locate a space with the relevant resources to support learning e.g. quiet space, and a suitable background for the zoom;
- Build in set snack times and lunch breaks, outside of learning and 'connect' times. There should be no need to be eating while zooming;
- Be aware of the timetable and plan the day ahead;
- Make sure your child has their name showing on the zoom; and
- Make sure there is no one recording the zoom to be respectful to others.

I cannot reiterate strongly enough that the Zoom is essential for learning this academic year. This is where the teaching and learning will take place and where teachers will build relationships with children. All of our teachers, including specialists will be having class Zooms and are looking forward to meeting and greeting your child in the days and weeks ahead.

Kind regards

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Neill O'Reilly

Principal

Residential Address Update]



If your family has moved or changed residential address or contact details over the summer, please be reminded to update accordingly on Gateway, especially for Year 6 children, as transition to Year 7 will be processed according to **current residential at the time of application**. You are required to upload address proof when making the change, which includes 1) a stamped copy of tenancy or a current government demand for rates bill, and 2) a utility bill or bank statement.

Message from the Nurse]



Parents please be reminded to log onto Gateway and update your child(ren)'s medical and 'Emergency Contact' information.

If there is no update for your child(ren)'s medical information, please confirm that nothing has changed.

For the 'Emergency Contact', this should be the contact details of designated caregivers other than yourselves, for example a helper or grandparents. We will always try and contact parents first, but when this is not possible it is imperative we have another option.

Borrowing iPads or Chromebooks



To assist families, our IT department will once again make the school iPads and Chromebooks available for families who need additional devices in the home. The deadline of submitting a borrowing request has been extended. If you need a device for your

child, you will need to complete this form (for **Y1 & Y2 iPad Mini**, [click here](#); for **Y3 - Y6 Chromebook**, [click here](#)) and come to school (or send a trusted adult) to collect the device on the date and time you have selected. Please note the booking for the devices will be closed on **18 Aug Tuesday at 1pm**.

Student Success]

The celebration of student success will channel to our Facebook page. You can find the school's Facebook here. Please keep the photos and stories coming of our children shooting the AAROW's of Success!

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