

Newsletter- 26/04/23



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Dates for Your Diary]

- 27 April 3 Way Conferences (3-6pm)
- 28 April 3 Way Conferences (all day, no school for students except when they are attending their conference)
- 30 June Last Day of Term 3 (school ends at 12:00)

Acting Principal's Message]

Dear KJS Families,

KJS is a wonderful community. Our parents are deeply involved in their children's education and, in many cases, the successful running of the school. Our PTA is incredibly supportive and active, and our School Council provides solid governance and enables us to deliver continued success to the generations of children who walk through our school gates.

We are excited to announce the launch of our new closed Facebook page for KJS families, set to go live on May 3rd. This initiative aims to strengthen and celebrate our school community by fostering engagement and connection among our families.

We cordially invite each of you to join and actively participate in this online platform, where you can share experiences, exchange ideas, and celebrate KJS. Your involvement will contribute significantly to enriching our vibrant community.

The group will not be moderated on an ongoing basis. We are going to operate on the basis of there being a set of rules and guidelines that we expect everyone to follow. If something breaches the rules, then we can take action to remedy that.

- Be respectful to each other ? we are all part of this amazing community, so let's make sure that we discuss issues in a manner befitting this great school.
- This is not the place to raise individual concerns ? if you want to raise an issue, then please contact your teacher via email or one of the school leadership team.
- Don't name or tag children in photos ? even though this is not a public group, we are still following the best practice guidelines when it comes to the use of photos of children. You can post pictures of groups of students, but don't name them individually ? just refer to their class or year group.

- Ask your child if you are posting about them ? in line with our approach to digital citizenship, it is good social media etiquette to ask your child if they are ok with you making a post about them. If they are ok with it, then you are good to go.
- If in doubt then don't post ? if you are unsure about whether or not it is appropriate to post something in the group, then you probably already have your answer

We have never done this before, so we are going to try it out between now and the end of the term. It is not compulsory, nor is it replacing any of the traditional means of contacting the school with questions or concerns. We will review it at the end of the term and see if it is something that the community supports ? or if we need to make some adjustments. There will be a short joining and approval process for families, but we aim to make this as easy as possible.

Please mark the date as May 3rd, and join us in embracing this exciting opportunity to connect and engage with fellow KJS community members. We look forward to welcoming you to our new KJS Community Facebook page!

Kind Regards,

Dr. Jamie Schmitz - Acting Principal

ESF-wide Art Exhibition]

ESF will hold a student art exhibition in June. Shortlisted art pieces of each school will be displayed in the art exhibition.

Interested students should submit their art piece to class teachers on or before 9 May.

Theme: Reimagining - New Beginnings

Exhibition Details:

ESF-wide Art Exhibition 2023

Art Exhibition Period: 8 ? 11 June 2023 (Opening on 7 June, 5pm)

Time: 9am ? 8pm (8 - 10 June), 9am - 6pm (11 June)

Venue: Exhibition Gallery, Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Points to note for submission-

- 1) We accept drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, pixel art, digital art or photography that is relevant to the art exhibition theme.
- 2) The art piece image or video and any information of the art piece, including student name, school year and school name, will be shown publicly.

- 3) The art piece must be the student's original work without infringing any intellectual property rights
- 4) Parents consent to the use of the personal data for this art exhibition, such use to be in accordance with ESF's Personal Data Handling Policy and its related Personal Information Collection Statements (?PICS?). A copy of the PICS can be found on the ESF website (<https://www.esf.edu.hk/privacy/>).
- 5) All images or videos and other information of art pieces collected may be disclosed to third parties, including external service providers or website developers, for this art exhibition.

ESF Centre reserves the right to remove any sensitive content or art pieces that might potentially violate the law. When submitting art pieces, please be considerate of others and be sensitive to the content depicted.



] **News from the PTA]**
Hello KJS Community,

PTA Office update

The PTA Office is progressing on the renovations, though it is not yet completed (we want to make it just right!). But that does not mean you are not welcome to stop by and connect with us anytime you are on site. The PTA Office is open from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm every school day. If you will be in school for your child's 3 Way Conferences over the next few days, please drop by to say hello.

We look forward to seeing all of you here!

KJS Community FaceBook Page

Everyone will have received the news from Jamie Schmitz in his recent message about the launching of the KJS Community FaceBook page which will be used for our families only.

We are very excited about this as it will be a fantastic platform to connect with each other and share news and information that is useful to all of us. Please look out for more information on this private page ahead of its launch next week on Wednesday 3 May, just a week away.

KJS and PTA Coffee Morning May 17th 2023

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, we are happy to support and collaborate with the school for this event, the first one since we

resumed school.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will be there to informally chat and share some insights into the school. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with all different members of KJS and we hope parents will take the time to come into school for this.

Invites for this event will be shared with you soon.

Have a great week ahead!

The KJS PTA Team

Student Success]

Dear parents,

Thank you for sharing your child's achievements with us over the past year. As the school principal, I am always delighted to hear about the accomplishments and growth of our students. We appreciate your enthusiasm in wanting to share these achievements with our school community.

In recent times, as we continue to adapt to the post-pandemic context, our focus has shifted back to the original purpose of our school's social media channels. Our goal is to use these platforms to strengthen the school community by highlighting the many events, activities, and collaborative projects that involve our students, staff, and families. Through this approach, we aim to foster a sense of unity and celebrate the collective accomplishments of our school community.

While individual achievements are undoubtedly significant and provide a source of pride for both the student and their family, sharing every student's accomplishments on our social media channels is no longer feasible. Our intention is to create an inclusive environment where all students, regardless of their individual accomplishments, feel valued and celebrated.

That being said, we encourage you to share your child's achievements with their teacher and peers, as well as within your personal social media networks. This way, your child's accomplishments can be recognized and celebrated by those who know them best.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to navigate the post-pandemic educational landscape. Our school community's strength lies in our collective efforts to celebrate the diverse talents, achievements, and experiences of all our students.

Kind regards,

Dr. Jamie Schmitz

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