

Clearwater Bay School Newsletter

Newsletter Friday
9 November 2007

Principal: Mr David Fitzgerald



Diary Dates

17/11/07 - SCHOOL FAIR

20/11/07-23/11/07 - Year 5
Camp (Treasure Island)

24/11/07 - ESF Football
Tournament (KGV)

27/11/07 - 7.00pm Parent
Information Evening - Chinese
Pilot

1/12/07 - Girls Football (Hong
Lok Yuen)

8/12/07 ESF Netball
Tournament (KGV)

11 & 12/12/07 - Y2 Production
(mornings)

19/12/07 - 7.00pm CWBS
Christmas Concert

21/12/07 - End of term 12.00pm

School Vision

*A community
school that opens
the door to the
world of life-long
learning.*

Principal's News

Chinese Pilot Parent Information Evening

I would like to invite all parents to an information evening on the introduction of the Chinese Pilot into Clearwater Bay School. The evening will be held in the School Hall at 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 27. The purpose of the evening is to inform the community of what the Chinese curriculum will look like in our school as of January and to share with you the changes that we will be making. Members of the Chinese Pilot Working party will also be in attendance to share the work that they have undertaken in order to come up with a model for our school.

Paperless School

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the school will be working towards a more environmentally friendly approach towards information in January, 2008. As of January, the Newsletter will be supplied electronically via the school website and CLC with a few hard copies available in the school and PTA offices.

We believe it is essential that we regularly act in an environmentally friendly manner and by cutting back on using around 1800 pieces of paper every fortnight for the newsletter we will be working towards this goal. We have also asked that all extra-curricular clubs use our dedicated page on our website to advertise what is available rather than send home pages and pages of information every term. Playtimes magazine will also not be distributed to all students monthly but will be available in the PTA office for those parents wishing to have a copy.

We will still send home hard copies of notes that require signatures and notes that must be returned to school. Any change brings challenges with it. We believe, however, that we must make the effort to become a more environmentally friendly school and you can help us achieve this by accessing the school website and CLC on a regular basis. Let's be communicative and green, too!

Have a great fortnight!

David 费大卫

THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE



Bi-Lingual Books

To reflect the multi-cultural community in our school, the Library is developing a bi-lingual section of books. During Library lessons students are encouraged to select and read books in both English and their native language. It would be appreciated if any parents would be able to help either by assisting in purchasing native language stories during their overseas visits or recommending cultural stories from their homeland. If you can help please contact Angela Barwell, email: library@cwbs.edu.hk

Parent Help in the Library

The Library needs you!!! The Library is undergoing some major changes - old books are being culled and a large number of new books is being purchased which need to be covered, catalogued and labeled. If you have a spare morning every week and you could donate some time to help with some of the Library duties, Mrs Barwell would love to hear from you. Email: library@cwbs.edu.hk

Many thanks
Angela Barwell
Librarian

DATA CHECKING FORM

Today we are sending home a double-sided data checking form which is generated by our computer system. There is one form per child and we ask that you carefully check all the information. Could you please make any amendments and return to the school office by Friday 23 November. Even if all information on the form is accurate could you please sign the form as correct and return it to us.

Thank you.

LEAVING HONG KONG

If you will be leaving HK in the near future could you please let us know in order that we can interview children on the waiting list. Thanks to those parents who have already informed us and good luck in their new countries.

WINTER UNIFORM

As the weather gets cooler children may wish to start wearing winter uniform. Given the changeability of the weather we want to keep this flexible so children may continue to wear the summer uniform if they wish. The only thing we ask is that children do not wear a bit of the summer uniform and a bit of the winter uniform at the same time but wear the full summer or winter uniform.

LOST PROPERTY BINS - OVEFLOWING!

The lost property bins outside the school uniform shop are overflowing with clothes, shoes, drink bottles and food containers. Any items not collected by next Thursday, 15 November, will be sent to charity.

School Mission

- *Respect the individuality of all people*
- *Life-long Inquirers*
- *Value and engage the community*

MUSIC MATTERS

School Fair - 17 November

Senior Choir will perform at 11:00am

The Senior Choir is delighted to be performing at the opening of this year's School Fair. You are in for a treat! Choir members should arrive to the music room at **10:30am** for a warm up. We would like the choir to either wear the new PTA 'Pirate' T Shirt or any other Pirate accessory of their choosing (keep it simple as the children will be moving and singing, in other words no pirate hooks or parrots☺).

School Rock Bands 2:00pm

The Year 6 Band "Cold Chilli Onions" will perform at 2:00pm followed by the teacher's band "Clear as Mud". Not to be missed!!!

Year 2 Production – 11 & 12 December

Year 2 is busy studying fairytales, forms of entertainment and different ways of performing in their inquiry "That's Entertainment!" Each class is creating every aspect of their own class Panto including: the scripts, music, art work, movement, developing characters and of course learning to be great performers.

Class Pantos include:

- 2T - Aladdin
- 2L - Hansel and Gretel
- 2H - Cinderella
- 2M - The Little Red Hen

Year 2 will perform their shows to parents on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 December in the morning, times to be confirmed. We would like the children to rehearse their songs with you. Have fun!

Clarinet and Saxophone Lessons Available

Shane O'Neill is a professional musician - graduate from Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts with a Bachelor of Music. He is currently a member of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. Lessons are HK\$300 for 30mins or \$530 for 1hour. Call 2573 2344 after 6pm or email shaneoneilliii@hotmail.com



BOYS FOOTBALL - UNDEFEATED STREAK CONTINUES

The boys football team extended their undefeated streak to 10 games by winning the Hong Lok Yuen Football Tournament. The team won their pool by beating Discovery Bay 1-0, French International 2-1, Glenealy 'B' 3-0 and Kennedy 1-0. In the quarter finals the team beat Beacon Hill 2-0 and Glenealy 'A' 1-0 in the semi-finals. The final was an exciting game against Quarry Bay which the team won 3-1. Congratulations to the following players for an outstanding tournament: Connor Glen, Harry Clarke (2 goals), Zachary Powner, Jake Smith (5 clean sheets) Oskar Harrington (2 goals), Robert Peverelle, Jack Combes (1 goal), Flip Jacobs (1 goal) and Joshua Edwards (7 goals). Thanks also to all the parents who came to support the team.

REMINDER: JANUARY HAT POLICY: NO HAT NO PLAY

A reminder that as of January all students will be expected to wear a school hat in the playground during PE lessons and at snack and lunch breaks. Students without a school hat will have to play in covered areas. We are currently sourcing other hats and hope to have these available in the uniform store very soon. Students will be permitted to wear any of the school hats available from the Uniform store including the current cap for the remainder of the school year. We will revisit the issue of what types of hat are appropriate towards the end of the school year.

2008/2009 CALENDAR

Unfortunately we are unable to issue the full school calendar for the school year 2008/2009 until the Hong Kong government has confirmed public holidays for 2009. I can however share with you the draft start and end dates for term 1 as well as the end of school year date. Please keep in mind though that these dates are still draft and may change. I will confirm all final 2008/9 calendar dates once we have confirmation of the dates from ESF.

Draft start date: Wednesday, August 20, 2008
Draft end date for term1: Friday, December 19, 2008
Draft end of school year date: Friday, June 26, 2009

"There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in"
 - Graham Greene

PTA NEWS



SCHOOL FAIR - SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER WEAR YOUR PIRATE GEAR!

Volunteers Needed!

Please see the PTA flyer coming out today
 If you can help with the fair in any way please contact Lindsay in the PTA Office on 2358 3286

PTA Directory

Today members will be receiving this year's valuable school directory. This contains contact details of the children plus lots of other useful information. If you are not a member of the PTA please come and join - only \$260 per family membership which includes the directory plus discounts on all social activities for children.