



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



22nd February 2008

Dear Parents,

For Your Information

Teacher Recruitment For Next Year

The number of students has been increasing quite rapidly since September. Two primary classes have already peaked at maximum numbers in Year 5 and Year 4 and new teachers and teaching assistants have arrived and the classes split. The same has now happened to Year 2.

We are seeking to employ 8 secondary teachers, in addition to those we have at present. They will be needed for the projected numbers and the extended year groups and courses. And of course there will be the usual staff turnover to replace.

The best time to recruit teachers is early whilst there are more available of course. We have been organizing recruitment since November and have been to recruitment fairs in Australia and the in UK. I returned from the UK this week.

The good news is that by the end of this month, we will have all our teachers hired for next year with the exception of a couple of primary teachers and one secondary teacher. So with six months to go until the start of the new school year we have practically all our staff in place for August/September.

Class Parent Representatives (C.P.Rs.)

There will be a meeting of the Class Parents Representatives on 27th February in the staff room at 8am (next Wednesday). The P.T.A. Chairman has asked me to urge all CPR'S to attend.

Student Council Year 7 and 8 Dance Tonight

This is the first dance organized by the KISU secondary student Council. Its theme is "Valentine Dance". It is only for students from Year 7 and 8. Year 9, 10 and 11 are organizing their dance for later in the year.

All Year 7 and 8 parents received full information though I would like to remind parents that the duration is 6.30pm – 9.30pm. At 9.30pm the students will go together to the car park with the supervising staff. Please ensure that whoever is driving picks them up before 9.45pm.

"BIG ARTS DAY" Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday all students from Year 3 to Year 11 will take part in the "BIG ARTS DAY". Ms. Hallam our secondary art teacher organizes it and the school and the PTA finance the hiring of a number of artists for the day who hold Art workshops involving many art forms and media. The students normally go to the workshops of their choice during the day. It will last all day.

Sports Fixtures

Recently the Primary parents received sports fixtures for February and March. A number of the fixtures relate to Secondary, so for Secondary parents and students they are attached today.

Cub Scouts

Good News! As of next Friday (February 29th) we will continue our Cub Scout Club at 3:15. This Club will continue for 3 weeks up until the end of term and will hopefully continue next term. Mr. Samuel Gidagui, a registered Cub Scout leader, will take over the club with initial support from Ms. Morley. Specific details will come out in a letter to club members on Monday. As well, if there are any parents who are willing to volunteer for the club, please contact either the Head of Primary or Ms. Morley to discuss your involvement in this active and engaging club. If a student has a uniform, please wear it on Friday.

End Of Term

Thursday 20th March is the last day of term. It is a full day, not a half day.

Beginning Of Next Term Wednesday 2nd April 2008

Beginning Of After School Clubs Monday 7th April

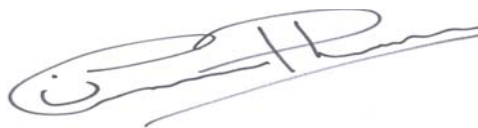
Clubs Next Term

Forms for clubs will be sent out on Monday 10th March to be filled in and returned latest Friday 20th March.

Class Photographs

This will take place in the second week of next term. It will be on next term's calendar which you will receive shortly and you will be reminded.

Very best wishes



Graham Pheby
Principal