



# 'Strive to Achieve'



17<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

## **Welcome Back!**

No doubt most of you are back from holiday now and are beginning to think about organization for school. There are a few details in this newsletter that may be helpful when planning the next few days. I'm sure the children are excited and eager to return to school. We are all looking forward to having them back too.

Welcome to our Year One students and families who will be joining us this week and to our new families who are also joining the Glenealy School family. We trust that you will find the school a warm and welcoming community to belong to. On your child's first day of school please meet in the school hall at 8.20am where staff can welcome you to the school and assist your child in finding their new classroom.

All teachers have returned safely to Hong Kong and are busy setting up their new rooms for the children's arrival. We welcome our new staff and I am sure you will all get to know them quickly. For those of you who live close to the school you will notice that the school is still 'under construction' in some parts of the summer works programme. We have been promised however that this will be all completed by Thursday, which is great. The new outdoor sports surface will make a huge difference to the playground safety and appearance.

Please note that School Newsletters will normally be sent out to you on a Thursday. The next newsletter will be sent on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

## **School Nurse Vacancy and temporary cover**

Nurse Winnie has resigned from her role and will not be returning this term. We thank her for her dedication to the school over the many years that she has worked for us. We are currently recruiting for this role through the ESF Website and SCMP. However, we require someone to cover in the position until we are able to recruit a Hong Kong registered nurse. If you have a current First Aid Certificate and are able, and keen to work school hours over the next couple of weeks please contact Pam Stanley as soon as possible. [admin@gs.esf.edu.hk](mailto:admin@gs.esf.edu.hk)

## **Timetable Considerations and Information**

The School hours remain the same from 8.30am-3.00pm. Please ensure your child is at school before 8.30am each day.

Most of you will be aware that the timeframes during the school day have varied, meaning that the children will have a slightly later snack and lunch break. To avoid children being hungry, please pack some additional easy-to-eat snacks (i.e. fruit etc) that your child can eat if they are hungry before the designated time.

**Year 5 and 6 children** will now be able to eat their morning snack downstairs in the playground. Therefore it will be necessary to provide snacks that are easy to carry so that children wont need to take flasks or containers down to the playground. Lunch provision will remain the same i.e. this will be supervised in the classroom

**School Assembly** this year has been moved to Fridays at 2.15pm. School assemblies occur each week and parents are welcome to attend.

**PE this week** - as a reminder Year 6's and Year 2's will need to wear their PE kit on Thursday (the first day of school) and Year 2's and Year 3's on Friday. Teachers will give children a copy of the specialist lessons timetable so you are aware of the organization for the following week.

**School Uniform Shop**

The shop will be open this Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> August from 2:45pm to 3:15pm.

**School Sun Hats** - All children are required to have a Glenealy school sun hat to wear in the playground each day. Many families find it easier for the children to leave their hat at school in their cubbyhole each day. Please ensure it is named!

**New School Diary and Term invoices**

We are very pleased to introduce our new school diary this year. Children will be issued with the diary on Thursday. Please take time to look through it with your child/ren and ensure it is returned to school each day. You will find some important messages in the front and where possible we have provided you with dates in advance for the up coming year. We hope this helps with your planning and organization.

Unfortunately the school is unable to fund the new diaries although we have tried to keep the cost relatively low at approximately \$80.00. You will be invoiced for these along with the first terms activities/excursion fees. This is a new system that we hope will be easier and more manageable for you

**Meet the Teacher Evening** – Please keep the evening of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September free. This will be a time to meet your child's teacher and to find out about Glenealy's strategic direction for the next 3 years and to hear feedback from our latest PYP Authorization. The evening will begin at 6.15pm. More details will follow.

The staff and I look forward to seeing you all back this week.

Kind Regards

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