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Monday 27th March 2017

Dear Parents and JIS community

Wonka – the JIS Show!

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support the school show on Friday evening. Well done to all the students with parts big and small who all pulled together to make the show a really special performance.

On the night I thanked a lot of people and hope that they know their contributions were noticed and appreciated. The songs linger in your head long after the show and the photos show a lot of passion and talent. Well done to everyone and thank you. Chocolate anyone?



Other news updates:
LCSD Music Office – strings mini orchestra concert

Last Monday Ms Jill arranged for a classical music concert for all the school presented by the LCSD music instructors – strings group. The concert went on for around one hour and had showcased classical music performed to a very high standard. Thanks to Ms Jill for arranging this.:



P5 class performance – Wednesday 29th March at 2pm – MPR

The P5 class will be performing their own presentation based on the work they have been doing in dance and drama workshops with Ms Emma Tielus, as part of their recent unit of inquiry. The performance will be in the MPR (1st floor) starting at 2pm and all parents of P5 and friends are invited.

School fees for term 3 2016-17

Please be aware that notices for payment of school fees for the final term of this school year have been sent out.

Fidget cubes –an important update from Ms Bailie (Student Support coordinator)

There is a lot of evidence that keeping kids hands busy can have a positive influence on student attention rate. That's one reason that experts recommend that kids with ADHD use fidget toys in the classroom.

There are a wide range of fidget toys on the market in addition to a variety of home-made versions. We have noticed a growing number of students choosing to use fidget tools in the classroom.

While we have had recommendations from Ed. Psychs and OT's to provide these to assist students with Sensory Processing Disorders or ADHD and have witnessed the benefit they offer, we would like to exercise caution about allowing all students to use these in the classroom on the assumption that they will automatically aid their focus and attention. In many cases it can be the opposite.

In truth all children are wired differently and will respond in their own unique way to the sensory experiences presented to them. Careful observation is required during everyday routines to ensure that a fidget device is actually achieving the objective of assisting the child and not actually proving to be a distraction. Exposure to a variety of sensory experiences does support healthy development in children, but it is possible to overdo it. Some students may have difficulty filtering irrelevant sensory input and research indicates that these students may actually develop difficulties attending and listening while playing with a fidget toy although, some students who would benefit from a fidget toy only do so after it is no longer a novelty.

If you do feel that your child would benefit from the use of a fidget toy and have already provided one we would like to work with you to decipher whether or not a tactile strategy is being successful for your child. Therefore, we would like to exercise caution as to how these are used in the classroom. Currently, students

who are using these on the recommendation of and Ed. Psych or and OT (Occupational Therapist) do so under the direct supervision of the class teacher, under guidelines agreed by Student Support staff.



JIS Active Parenting Course – term 3 – open for enrolment: see flyer attached

Please find attached to this email a PDF of a flyer for the Active Parenting Course to be held at JIS next term. Please read it carefully and get in touch with Ms Kim in the school office to register yourself - 2834 3531 or Glenda Bailie on g-bailie@jis.edu.hk for any questions or clarification.

The course is always very well received by those who take part. All children are different, all families are different – there is no manual on parenthood! But there is lots of great research which can tell us all the useful strategies to use with our families. Come along and learn more, enroll yourself and a friend even to make it a social event!

We would like the course to start on Thursday April 20th – which is the first week back after the holiday, so sign up quickly, this week.

Student Council: Dress Creative Day – this Friday.

To celebrate the end of a busy term and to support ‘Feeding Hong Kong’ a local charity our Student Council have planned a ‘Dress Creative day’ for Friday 31st March. Get involved, have fun and support a good cause.



First Aid for domestic helpers- training course opportunity at JIS

Please note the information flyer that has been sent out from school a few weeks ago (download from JIS website ‘newsletters’). Cong Contreras from the school library has kindly liaised with the first aid tutors that worked with all the JIS staff to set up an opportunity for some first aid training for domestic helpers. We have been asked to run this type of course in the past, so if you would like your helper to have some first aid training, please enroll and send them along – on Saturday 22nd April. The course needs a minimum number of participants to go ahead and it seems we have just enough, but a few more would make the event even more successful. If you would like to take advantage of this important opportunity, please contact Cong Contreras in the school library

Music lessons for term 3 - information for term 3 was sent out last week

Dates for the diary – this week – Week 12- March 27th – 31st 2017

Mr Walton and Mrs. Wan will be absent from JIS from Tuesday 28th March to attend the I.B. World Conference in Yokohama, Japan this week.

All JIS staff will be able to support parental requests, should you have a direct concern please email s-walton@jis.edu.hk and I will try to reply as soon as time permits.

No swimming classes from this week, until term 3. Annual pool maintenance is taking place. Our annual school swimming gala is scheduled for Friday 28th April (week 2 of term 3)

Monday 27th –

Tuesday 28th– P4, P5 UNICEF presentation a.m.

-Kellett School, girls rugby tournament – Mr Jason taking team along

-Mr Walton and Ms Wan not in JIS this week – attending I.B. World Conference in Yokohama

Wednesday 29th – P5 drama performance at 2pm – MPR

-Reception class off to Tai Po Kau forest - a.m.

Thursday 30th – P1 at Sha Lo Tung village and Tai Po – a.m.

-Capoeira workshop this morning at JIS

-Football competition during swimming lesson times at JIS

Friday 31st – Student Council – dress CREATIVE day!

Please note: Just to clarify - **Friday 31st March** is a full school day

ICHK Newsletter:

This week's link is here: [bulletin for this week](#) to catch up on news at the college

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Wishing everyone a very enjoyable Easter holiday.

We also wish a fond farewell to some of our students who are returning to Japan or New Zealand this holiday. Good luck, stay in touch with us, we hope you settle into your new schools as soon as possible.

Simon Walton