



## Newsletter 27

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents and JIS community



### **Congratulations to Ms Jill!**

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Ms Jill looked fabulous on her wedding day.

A lovely family day for her and her new husband, celebrated with some close family and friends. We wish the happy couple all the very best for the coming years ahead.

### **ESSPA: Update and events coming soon:**

#### **ESSPA AGM (Annual General Meeting) – Tonight.**

Tonight we shall be holding the ESSPA AGM – just before our family bingo, to share their work for this year and their accounts with the school community. This is a short meeting but necessary to comply with the rules and regulations ESSPA are bound by. The meeting will start around 6:15p.m. whilst pizza is being served in the gym!

#### **Bingo Night – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – from 6pm – TONIGHT....**

Come on down for some bingo fun tonight in the school gym! Get ready with

your bingo shouts and whistles: *I say: 22, Two little ducks – you say: Quack, quack, quack; I say 11, legs eleven – you whistle; I say 53, Here comes Herbie – You say – beep, beep, beep...and many more!*

Food will be served from 6pm with the main bingo session starting around 6:30pm. Tickets will be collected from the entrance and extras can be bought on the night at the front desk.

#### **Talent Show – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1pm with ESSPA special lunch**

Auditions have been hosted this week for our annual JIS Talent Show next Friday at 1pm in the MPR on the first floor. We should have around 30 acts to fit in, so be prepared to enjoy a range of JIS Talent!

ESSPA has also arranged for a special lunch on this day, before we start the talent show. P2 parents are supporting ESSPA with this event.

**CAR PARKING for Talent Show** – Please, please support us in managing the school car park for the Talent Show afternoon. If at all possible, please come by public transport as the main carpark will not be available, due to Japanese Section use. Any cars will have to be parked at the back of the school – as tightly as possible and should clearly display their JIS parking permit – for easy contact. Be patient, Mr Lun will try to help but at the end of school with our buses and cars parked we will need everyone to take their time and leave when they can. Taxi or bus is the best option for this event!



## **ESSPA Board Members – 2017-18 recruitment for committee**

In the next few weeks ESSPA will be canvassing for members of the JIS community to come along and join them on the Board of Directors for next school year. We are delighted that many members of the current committee have agreed to carry on but new members would be very welcome. The Board members do a great job of supporting the social aspects of the school community but also raise funds for school projects and items for classroom use. The Board has a schedule of events and meetings through the school year but it is not a demanding workload and parents get involved in whatever aspects they can manage.

Anyone interested in joining should contact any member of the current board or contact Kim Murch (ESSPA President) in the school office on 2834 3531 or [kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto:kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk).

## **Summer School 2017**

Please be reminded of the invitation from Laoshi and Yoko sensei to join in with their summer school activities in July 2017. Application form is available from the school website if you have lost your original – (*Newsletters – May 2017 downloads*) The summer school is totally voluntary but may be a great idea for families wishing to entertain some busy children in the summer holidays. Sign up and reply if you are interested by June 16<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Employment Opportunities at JIS – August 2017 part time Educational Assistants – please share with community***

We are currently recruiting Educational Assistants for next school year, August 2017. Many thanks for the expressions of interest received so far.

The positions would be for approx. 3 days per week working as an assistant to the students and staff to enhance the learning opportunities for group work and individual support in our classrooms. Interested persons should look at the ‘Employment’ section (About JIS) of the school website for full details and can contact me on 2834 3531 or [s-walton@jis.edu.hk](mailto:s-walton@jis.edu.hk) for any further information or clarification. Experience of working in a school or child-care environment would be an advantage but support and training will be given during induction by JIS staff. The roles are term time only so ideally suit a person interested in developing a career with young children, yet someone who needs to be available for school holidays with their own family.

Deadline for application is set for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, with informal interviews the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

## **JIS Yearbook 2016 – 2017 – in process of publication**

**Cover design entries** – please make sure all designs are into school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at very latest. Voting will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for the front and back cover designs.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 8:20a.m.** – Yearbook photo – we need ALL students in school by 8:15a.m. on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May to take our annual yearbook photograph on the school pitch (weather permitting). Please make sure your child is on time to be in the photograph with the rest of the school.

## **Reception class out in the forest – Tai Po Kau**

Planning a dynamic curriculum for 2017 and beyond means really considering how take students beyond their potential digital dependencies and to integrate understanding and appreciation of the environment more and more. Fiona Merrill and Janice Tam in Reception have been taking their Reception class out into Tai Po Kau country park regularly as part of their curriculum planning this year. In other year groups we make sure there are a variety of experiences as well – today for example P3 have been in Hoi Ha Wan, Sai Kung visiting the WWF visitors centre and exploring the marine park in their glass bottom boat.

Integrating an interest and passion for the environment fits well with our revamped key school values – Respect, Commitment, Kindness – for the environment, for the planet and for the roles we have in responsibly preserving the resources and systems of planet Earth. We will continue to take the students learning beyond the school building on a regular basis to hold true to our beliefs and to support the development of environmental awareness within the students.





***Dates for the diary – next week – Week 5 - May 15<sup>th</sup> –19<sup>th</sup> 2017***

**Monday 15th –**

**Tuesday 16th–**

**Wednesday 17th – YEARBOOK PHOTO – 8:20a.m. – all students at school on time please**

**Thursday 18th –**

**Friday 19th – JIS Talent Show – 1pm in MPR – all welcome – please note parking arrangements**

ESSPA P2 special lunch – send in order forms

-P6 to visit ICHK HLY P6 exhibition – a.m.

-Mr Walton to represent JIS at official opening of American School Hong Kong – Tai Po at 10a.m.

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend and good luck tonight with the BINGO.

See you there.

Simon Walton