



TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL

台北歐洲學校

EUROPEAN SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Head of Secondary

Dear parents, students and friends of TES

This is the last edition of the ESC newsletter for this year. The TES yearbook that is being distributed this week highlights another great year for our school. Over the last few weeks students have participated in overseas and local trips and the high school students celebrated the end of the year with their summer formal at the Far Eastern Plaza Hotel.

This week there has been a 3-day induction programme for students starting IB after the summer, a great Year 6-7 Maths challenge involving around 100 students and other end of year activities. Teachers are completing the writing of academic reports and these will be distributed on Friday.

Once again we farewell staff, students and parents this week and we extend our best wishes to everyone leaving our TES community over the summer. School recommences on Monday 1st September 2008.

Have a safe summer break.
Roger Schultz, Head of Secondary.

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Monday 1 st September	First day of term 1, academic year 2008-9
Tuesday 2 nd September	ECA promotion and sign up *
Monday 8 th September	ECAs begin
Friday 12 th September	Newsletter 1
Saturday 13 th September	Square dancing at the ESC
Thursday 18 th September	ESC open evening, 4pm to 6pm

* ECA stands for Extra Curricular Activity/Clubs

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Stepping Stones to Secondary

YEAR 6 Induction Days at the ESC

Day 2 Creative Day



Mr Hill and the Yr 6 Wish Tree.

Izzy (H4) and Danny (H1) join the Yr 6's. Good luck girls!



The first wish...

You see, you're already here...



Mr Bracken trains the Yr 6 to be obedient...



On the Scavenger Hunt...



Thank You Yr 6 for being such good fun and so...happy! Thanks to all the teachers at the ESC who taught lessons on Thursday and Friday and helped with games and activities. Thank You Peer Mentors! Definitely some teachers in training amongst you. Thank You to the Year 6 Team - Ms Young, Mrs Elrick, Mr Smith, Mr Norris and of course a BIG thank you to Mr Bracken, Head of Year 7 2008-2009. Have a great holiday and see you in Year 7!
Ms Harris

The Last Waltz

Our glorious varsity football teams played their testimonial football games for their school last Wednesday. In Sanchong they were challenged by a very good Taiwanese school with focus on football, called *Ming Chih Guo Zhong*.

The girls seemed a little out of practice and lost 0-5, whereas the boys fought back excellently from being one goal down and won 3-2. In another game during the previous week they already beat *Taipei Gao Zhong*, a senior high school team from Shilin in a thrilling game 7-6, with Gwebu scoring the winner in the dying minute of the game.



Leaving TES players:

**Karien, Amanda, Jen, Roze, Izzy,
Felix, Gauthier, Isaac, Gwebu, Chris, Mickael** (Arnold, not on the picture)

"Bye guys! It was fun working with you!"

The young ones, boys and girls of TES year 7, went to the *Taipei Japanese School* this Wednesday to play girls' volleyball and boys' football. The girls lost quite clearly in 4 sets. The boys lost unluckily 2-3 in an exciting game interrupted only by heavy rain.



Leaving TES player: **Mathijs Bolger (this year's MVP)**



Leaving TES players: **Laura Henderson, Natasha Tomic**
Leaving coach: **Ms Forgie**

The Last Waltz



TES triumph in the 2008
Dragon Boat Race!

In a fitting end to Mr Pritchard's 6 year tenure as flag-catcher in the annual Dragon Boat race, the Taipei European School team won their race for the first time in TES history.

After a brisk start, helped by our strategic powerhouse front row forwards (Mr Bracken and Mr Elrick - both from strong rugby playing nations) we surged forward, took and kept the lead. Our team was an eclectic international mixture including a variety of nationalities:

British	11
Australian	2
German	3
French	3
Swedish	1
Singaporean	1



Congratulations TES!

Green Island Trip

Waves crashing on the sand, hills covered in blankets of fresh green, tide pools of glittering water filled with fish and crabs, beaches of soft sand to sink your feet into... who wouldn't miss school for that?

Six o'clock on 16th June. On a school day, we would sit on the couches or the stairs looking sleepy, but that Monday, everyone was lively and ready for the week ahead: Klasse 5 & 6, Year 7 and a bunch of CAS-hungry H3 students all on the way to Green Island and a week away from homework and menacing essays. The train trip down to Taitung, past rice paddies and mountains growing greener the further South we went, was followed by a long wait at the harbour, during which we received our bikes and took a few practise rides around the harbour (no one falling into the water, fortunately). The weather kept its cloudy promise and gave us a nice shower before we herded onto the boat, which gave us a decent shaking and a few headaches as it carried us across the turbulent water. Once on the island, we were very grateful for the solid ground beneath our feet. Our heads were still turning from the boat ride when we began cycling to the camp site, a few kilometres away from the harbour. Having a dry, comfortable tent was a relief at the end of the day, and the rain gave us a few hours' time to cook before it attacked us again.

Tuesday morning, we were once again greeted by the rain. It rained for breakfast. It rained as we cycled down to a nearby hill. It rained as we climbed up. It rained as we climbed down. It rained as we took a walk across a nearby beach and explored tide pools. But just as we thought that we could not get any wetter than we already were, it stopped, and the sun came out burning and bright and hot. In the afternoon, we went for a hike up a mountain trail, and soon found ourselves drenched in sweat. Up, up, up, up, up the trail went, up steep steps and past huge spiders, and we were very glad to find a point where the trail moved finally downwards. The view from the top was amazing, especially after the rain had stopped and the sky had turned a perfect blue. In the evening, everyone went for a soak in the hot springs, glad to relax after such a tiring day.

Wednesday began, once again, with cycling: all the way back to the harbour, and onwards to a local elementary school. While Kl. 5 & 6 and Y7 had a handicraft class, the H3s taught a class some phrases in different languages: *Good morning, How are you, I'm fine* and *Thank you* in German, French, Spanish, Malay, Japanese and Italian. This was followed by short introductions – in English with Chinese translation – of our countries, and we fulfilled the TES mission statement of being 'a piece of Europe in Taiwan' by giving information about this strange and distant continent. In the burning heat of midday, some of the TES students played basketball and football with the local students (and I must apologise for not knowing the outcome of the games, but I'm sure it was lots of fun). We cycled on to a former political prison next, in which we learnt some history of Taiwan (thanks to our brilliant tour guide Yenson) and looked at the cells, locking each other inside a sound-proofed single cell (which was rather scary) to see what it was like. It made quite a few of us think of how hard life in prison must be. We learnt that in the past, one could lose one's freedom just by reading a forbidden book – even if one did it outside Taiwan in a democratic country –, and be locked away for ten years or more! The next stop – a nice, quiet beach – was much more relaxing. We needed the hours at the beach to prepare for the long cycle back to the camp site, after which we were completely tired out and ready for another visit to the hot springs!

Day 4 was, once again, hot and sunny. We felt this especially because we had to cycle up a steep, high hill, and most of us ended up pushing our bikes and sweating and moping and complaining and wishing that one of the teachers would have mercy and give us a lift on the motorbike. What a relief when, past the top, we could whiz downhill and feel the wind on our faces! The air con in the souvenir shop we visited next was also so relaxing that some of us hardly wanted to leave, but we had to go on and see a deer park not far away. The deer with their dear, beautiful eyes soon had us smitten and we found ourselves emptying our pockets to buy them food – though I must say, after we discovered we could do karaoke at the deer park, many of us were much more smitten by that and forgot all about the deer! It was very hard to tear us away from it, but the mention of keywords like *beach!* and *shopping!* soon had us convinced. After three hours of swimming (in points near the beach) and reckless spending, our stomachs were grumbling and we quickly cycled over to the restaurant where we would be having our barbecue. Most of us enjoyed it, some for the food, some for the karaoke, and some for the laughs (especially when someone in H3 took lots of chicken bottoms from the freezer and only noticed later what they were).

The last day came too soon for some, too late for others. It had rained again all night; maybe the rain was going to give us a last farewell? But it left us alone and we could enjoy some nice sun before packing up and cycling back to the harbour, where we took the (rather calmer) ferry across and back to Taitung. By the time we sat in the train, gazing out the windows, chatting or listening to music, I'm sure quite a few of us already began missing the hot springs, the beaches, and maybe (maybe) even the beetles in the shower.

(Désirée R. Dippenaar, H3)



Green Island Trip

Students from Klasse 7,8 from German Section, Year 7 from British Section and H3 from High school Section spent an enjoyable week on Green Island.

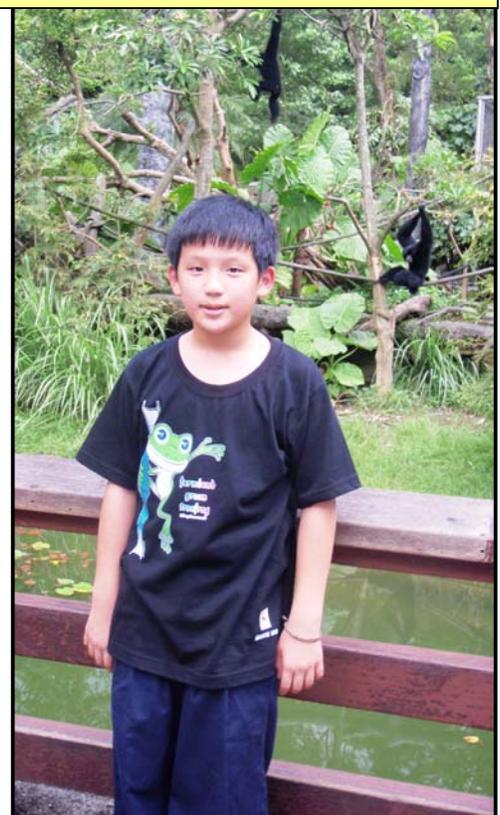
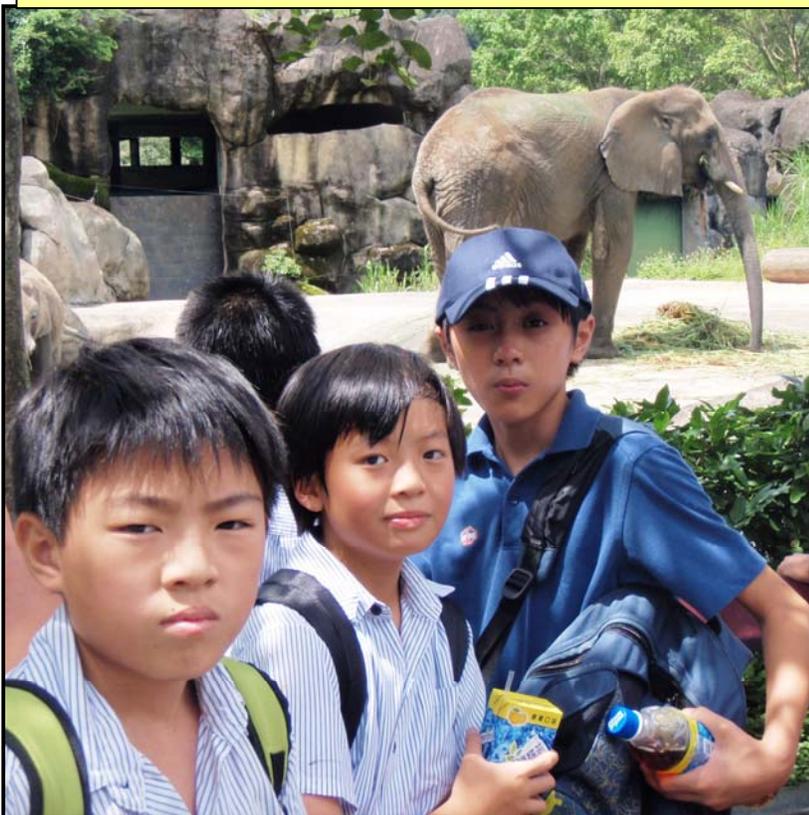
Thanks to Mr Klimmeck, Ms Pux and Ms Lin who ran the trip.





We left school at around 8:30, everybody was very excited about our trip to the zoo. For some of us, it's the first time to visit the Taipei Zoo, but others have been many times. We arrived after about an hour, it is a very sunny day at the zoo, so we decided to make our way in as fast as we can. We stopped at some places with good views and took some photos, and often stopped at stores to have a rest, and get some souvenirs. We saw many interesting animals we never saw before, from weird looking reptiles, to red-buffed chimpanzees. One of our favourites was the Emperor penguins, not only were they cute, but we could also have a rest in a very cold room. On this trip, the Year 7 students learned a lot about different animals and their habitats, if we had a chance to, I guarantee we will want to go again.

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High School Summer Formal - Far Eastern Plaza Hotel

Great Gifts

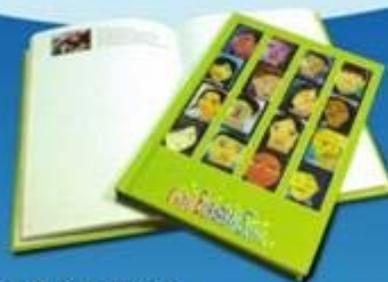
FROM THE
TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL



WE ARE PLEASED TO INTRODUCE TO YOU A SELECTION OF GIFT ITEMS FROM THE TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL. THESE EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TES SHOP ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL RESOURCE AREA AT SWIRE EUROPEAN PRIMARY CAMPUS.



● TES MUG : FACE
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 200



● TES NOTEBOOK
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 200



● TES MUG : JAPANESE LADY
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 200



● TES PEN PACK
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 250



● TES MUG : CHILDREN
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 200



● TES NOTEBOOK PACK
OUR PRICE : NT\$ 400

Perfect presents for your family or friends this summer
available at the school shop, European Primary Campus

Student Council Taskforce 2008-2009

The following students have been selected to join a taskforce which will develop the New Student Council. Current Student Council Roles will end this week. Well done!



We will meet and begin work Week 1 Term 1 2008-2009

Paul Ledoux	H4
Justin Lu	H3
Henry Verrall	H2
Ching Liu	H2
Renae Gawsawadikul	H3
Chris Walters	H3
Jade Lu	H3
David Bruce	H3
Anne Chen	H3
Christine Yeh	H1
Till Schoefer	H1
Fergus Tollervey	Yr 9
Stephanie Juan	Yr 8
Nicolas Evans	Yr 7

Everyone will have the opportunity to try out for positions on the new Student Council. Watch out for updates!

Ms Harris

Mathematics Extravaganza

This week The Mathematics Department organised the first ever inter-campus Mathematics competition with over 100 students from Years 6 and 7 taking part in teams of three at the European Secondary Campus. A marathon two-hour tournament with both team and individual rounds, some high-tech sound effects, and a small army of Year 9 student helpers to ensure 'real-time' score updates, the day was made all the more fun with some colourful fancy dress outfits.

A deserved victory went to the aptly-named *Geniuses*: Willie Hung, Brian Mao, and Joseph Liu. Congratulations to the runners-up and the highest scoring Year 6 team, *The Naked Monkeys*: Web Khewsubtrakool, Sabrina Ang and Timothy Chen. Thanks to all the teachers, students and support staff who helped make this event such a success.

Alan Daykin
Head of Mathematics
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STAFF CHANGES AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR 2008 – 2009

This summer we say farewell to the following staff from our Secondary campus on Yangmingshan:

Mr. Beck (and Mrs. Beck and their two children) are leaving after 5 years to move to North Jakarta International School in Indonesia;

Mr. Bird and his family are leaving after 4 years in Taipei to move to Bavaria International School near Munich in Germany;

Mr. Cassidy (and Ms. Holden and Conor) are leaving after 3 years to move to St. Christopher's School in Bahrain in the Middle East;

Ms. Forgie is leaving after 3 years to move to the International School Manila in the Philippines;

Ms. Goodwin is leaving after 2 years to move to an International School in the Canary Islands;

Mr. Lien is leaving after 6 years and is still undecided on his future but he is staying on in Taiwan (gardening and relaxing are on the agenda I believe);

Ms. Ribe is leaving after 4 years to return to Norway with most of her family;

Ms. Santome is staying on in Taipei and is taking up full-time post in the city;

Mr. and Mrs. Stingle are heading off to Shrewsbury International School in Bangkok after a 9 year association with our school;

Mr. Sullivan (and John) is relocating back to Ottawa with his family after 3 years here with TES.

*Thanks for all you have done
Farewell and best wishes for the
future from all of us here at TES*

On behalf of the TES community, we extend our sincere thanks for the contribution these staff have made to our school in so many areas. We wish them all the very best in their new locations and hope they will have some fond memories of their time at TES and in Taiwan.

We will farewell these staff at a school assembly on the last day of term.

Welcome to our new staff for the 2008 – 2009 school year

The following staff are joining the secondary campus at TES in August for the start of the new school year:

Mr. Turner to teach Mathematics. Mrs. Turner will also be teaching Year 5 in the Junior school at the EPC and they have two children. Mark will be joining H4 and John will be in Year 7 at the ESC. They are moving to Taipei from Shanghai;

Ms. Lascu to teach Mathematics and Mr. Lamplough to teach English and Drama.
They are moving to Taipei from Hanoi in Vietnam;

Mr. Beaupre to teach Science. Mr. Beaupre is getting married to Ms. Olivia Chantrill who will be teaching Year 3 in the junior school at the EPC. They are moving to Taipei from Hong Kong;

Ms. Trickett to teach Biology and Science. Ms. Trickett is moving to Taipei after 2 years in Shanghai;

Mr. Stewart to teach History. Mr. Stewart is moving to Taipei from London.

Mr. Bean to teach English and take on the responsibility for University and Careers Counselling from Mr. Cassidy;

Ms. Thompson to teach EAL and English. Ms. Thompson is married to Mr. Bean and they have two children. Elliot will join H3 and Jonathan will join Year 9 at the ESC. They are also moving to Taipei from Shanghai this summer;

Mr. Papps to teach Music. Mr. Papps is coming to Taipei from New Zealand.
Ms. Papps to teach Humanities and EAL. Ms. Papps is the wife of Mr. Papps.

Ms. Otway to teach Music. Ms. Otway is coming to join us from Aberdeen in Scotland where she has been teaching for the last 4 years.

Mr. Woodall to teach PE. Some of you will remember Mr. Woodall. Mrs. Woodall will be teaching in Year 1 in the Infant school at the EPC. They are returning with their 2 sons, Noah and Nate.

Parents & Teachers,
Welcome to our British School Parent Teacher Association
(BSPTA) Newsletter



September 2008 Coffee Morning

In September, the new school year, is the Welcome Coffee Morning - Parents Café - European Primary Campus. Our Welcome Coffee Morning is a wonderful way to meet parents (new & old), volunteers and a great opportunity to find out information about our TES community & events and enjoy a great cup of coffee! So, please come along and join us in September!



TES Internet Safety Session

TES provided an internet safety awareness training session for parents and carers of the TES Community at the European Primary Campus Amphitheatre on 10th June, with Mr Marshall and Mr Devey our ICT Development Co-ordinators. Brochures with step-by-step information helped parents and carers with the concerns associated with internet use and other forms of electronic communication including instant messenger, chat rooms and cyber bullying, made this session interesting, knowledgeable and raised our awareness for our children to stay safe while using the internet.

A special thank you to Jon Marshall jonathan.marshall@tes.tp.edu.tw and David Devey - ICT Development Coordinators for this very informative session.

Class Parents 2007-2008

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Class Parents for 2007-08 for their support and involvement for the students within the classrooms, activities and rounding up volunteers for our events during the school year.



Thank you luncheon - TES Class Parents 2007-08 & BSPTA Members

Some of BSPTA's achievements over the years!

With the help from you, your families and friends participating and joining in at our school events we have done great work over the years to provide for our TES students, and we would like to share with you some of those amazing achievements such as: sound equipment, playground equipment, foam cushion pads, digital cameras, overhead projectors, computers, musical instruments, sporting equipment, indoor & outdoor furniture, library books, interactive white boards and the list goes on...and on!



Thank you, Merci, Danke, Xie Xie

to the TES Community for your support in volunteering, giving a helping hand or by attending our events. For those of you that may be leaving, going home for the summer, staying here in Taiwan, we wish you and your family a safe, relaxing wonderful summer, wherever you may be?



British Section Parent Teacher Association

If you would like more information, be involved in school, meet volunteers or become a volunteer please feel free to contact

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