TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL
台北歐洲學校

EUROPEAN SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Head of High School

Dear Parents and Students
We hope you enjoy edition 12 of the ESC newsletter.
The assembly on Wednesday was an opportunity to wish our H4 and H2 students well for their approaching exams in May and June. We welcomed carers and children from Harmony Home back to the school and we recognised the successes and achievement of students in recent events in the school and the wider community.
The H4 Visual Arts students exhibited some terrific work this week at the annual show.
There are Annual General Meetings for the High School and the British School Sections coming up in May and we encourage you to attend. More information about Personal Development and Enrichment Week activities will be out soon.
Roger Schultz – Head of British and High School Sections
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TO REMEMBER...

H4 students commence study leave on Monday 26th April 2010

H2 students commence study leave on Monday 3rd May 2010

PDE Week is Week 10 of Term 3

FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

WEEK 2	Friday 23rd April	Newsletter 12
		Student Council Disco 18:30 – 21:30
	Saturday 24th – Monday 26th April	IA Bronxe Qualifier Expedition

Saturday 24th April
TES Gala Evening: HOLLYWOOD NIGHT

WEEK 3	**H4 STUDY LEAVE COMMENCES FOR EXTERNAL EXAMS**	
	Thursday 29th April	EAL and Subject Assessments for 2010 - 2011
		UKMT for KS3
	Saturday 1st May	JV/JVB Girls Football at MCA
WEEK 4	**H2 STUDY LEAVE COMMENCES FOR EXTERNAL EXAMS**	
	Tuesday 4th May	IB External Examinations commence
	Wednesday 5th May	Parent-Teacher Meetings for BSS KS3 13:30 - 19:00
	Friday 7th May	European Day Assembly 11:30 - 12:30 ESC
		Newsletter 13
	Saturday 8th May	Middle Schoiol TEAMS Basketball

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STUDENT COUNCIL DISCO

Week 2

Friday 23rd April

From 18:30 to 21:30

TAIPEI EUROPEAN HIGH SCHOOL SECTION SUB-ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

台北歐洲學校高中部協會年度大會

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of the Taipei European High School Section Sub-Association will be held at **7:00 pm** on **12th May 2010** in the **Phase 2 Building, TES ESC Yang Ming Shan Campus .** All parents who have children (or will have children in the High School section next year) at the Taipei European School are automatically members of the Sub-Association. **The AGM is a very important meeting for all parents of the High School Section and we strongly urge you to attend the meeting.**

TES High School

台北歐洲學校高中部協會的2010年年度董事會議(即年度大會)將於五月十二日晚上七時在本校陽明山校區第二大樓即高中部大樓舉行。若您的小孩就讀(或下學年即將就讀)於台北歐洲學校高中部，那麼您無條件成爲高中部協會的成員。年度大會對於學生家長來說是一個非常重要的會議，因此我們極力呼籲您的踴躍參與並邀請您出席 。

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HS Council members 2009-2010	Children in HS	mobile number
Mr. GUNNARSSON, Staffan	Tina, H3	0926-070-012
Mr. YANG, Eddy	Emily, H3	0912-874-761
Mr. KRETZSCHMAR, Bodo	Ilona, H2	0919-931-040
Ms. LEDOUX, Margaret	Sarah, H4	0934-260-365
Ms. VERRALL, Tudor	Henry, H3 / George H1	0910-529-918
Ms. CHEN, Bianca, Chih-Ling	Lilian BARRATT, H2	0935-599-088
Ms. LEE, Alice	Brian HSIA, H2	0910-344-058

Personal Development and Enrichment Week
Monday June 14th - Friday June 18th 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

In Week 10 of this school term, we will be offering a range of learning experiences for students at the ESC instead of classroom based lessons. The experiences will include residential opportunities away from school for part or all of the week as well as shorter 1 and 2 day activities through the week. Wednesday 16th June this year is the Dragon Boat Festival holiday.

The aim of the week is to offer Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) experiences to students that can enrich and challenge them beyond the normal curriculum programme, providing choice with regards to variety and affordability. These experiences become an important element of each student's personal development and are very beneficial for students when they apply to universities and colleges at the end of their secondary education.

LONGER EXPERIENCES AVAILABLE		
Year Group	Residential	Dates
H3	TABITHA Cambodia	Monday June 14 – Friday June 18
H2 and H3	IA Silver Hike (Taiwan)	Monday June 14 - Friday June 18
H1	Camp Taiwan Internships	Wednesday June16 - Friday June 18 Monday June 14 – Friday June 18
Y9	Outward Bound (Taiwan)	Sunday June 13 – Wednesday June 16
Y8	Outward Bound (Taiwan)	Thursday June 17 – Saturday June 19
Y7	Camp Taiwan	Monday June 14 – Wednesday June 16

Students who participate in a residential for part of the week will also join in to other activities to complete their week. For example, a Year 9 student who participates in the Outward Bound camp would register for and participate in activities on Thursday and Friday of that week.

Year Group	Residential	Sunday June 13	Monday June 14	Tuesday June 15	Wednesday June 16	Thursday June 17	Friday June 18	Saturday June 19
H3	TABITHA Cambodia				Dragon Boat Festival Holiday			
H3	IA Silver Hike (Taiwan)							
H2	IA Silver Hike (Taiwan)							
H1	Camp Taiwan							
H1	Internships							
Y9	Outward Bound (Taiwan)							
Y8	Outward Bound (Taiwan)							
Y7	Camp Taiwan							

More detailed information about each residential, including the programme and costs, will be given to each year group in the next two weeks and a deposit will be required to confirm participation. We would encourage students to participate in these residentials.

The activities offered that will be available to students at the Outward Bound and Camp Taiwan residentials through the week are important additional learning experiences for students that cannot be provided within the normal curriculum. A programme for the residential that will accompany the letter will outline these activities in more detail. It is hoped that the majority of students in a year level will participate in the residential.

Alternative 1 and 2 day options that are not residential will also be available during the week.

Registration for these will commence after half-term in Week 7 and a full week programme (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) will be available in the near future. Depending on the nature of the activity, there may be a small cost involved.

Examples of Activities to be offered as 1 or 2 day options		
CREATIVITY	**ACTION**	**SERVICE**
School or Community Art Projects	Basic Life Saving	Harmony Home Project (H2)
Film Production/Making	First Aid Course	Animals Taiwan Project
Simple Cooking Skills	Biking	San Min JHS Links (Year 9)
Website Design	Martial Art	Taiwan Deaf Organisation
Dragon Boat Festival Activities	Dance – Hip Hop	Orphanage
Digital Photography	One day hike (YMS NP)	
	Climbing (Wall) – Peitou	
	Yoga	

Please contact the school if you have any questions about Week 10 of this term. More information will be sent home to you shortly.

Letters about the residentials for PDE week for each year group will be sent home with students in the week April 26th to 30th .

University and Careers News

- H4 students are now on study leave for their IB Diploma examinations. Already many have excellent options in their offers from universities:

North American offers include UBC, Toronto, McGill, Michigan, Chicago, UCLA, Berkeley, Duke, Northwestern, Stanford and USC

UK/European (conditional) offers include Cambridge, UCL, Bristol, Kings, Manchester, Warwick, Imperial, St Andrews, Birmingham, Southampton, Edinburgh and Lausanne

- After recent H3 interviews regarding their broad Higher Education plans, several students expressed an interest in pursuing Internships in their chosen career areas in Taipei during the coming summer. We have recently established a partnership with the British Chamber of Commerce, Taipei to help in providing Internships for up to two weeks in the summer break. We hope to match our students with suitable placements over the next few weeks.

- The H3 SAT Strategy class programme finishes next week which has been preparing sixteen of our students for the SAT test on May 1st. It has been a long haul with numerous after school classes since last October. Congratulations to everyone for sticking with the course and good luck with the SATs!

Students at school after 3:00pm

Please be advised that students should only be at school beyond 3pm if they are part of an **Extra Curricular Activity.** Students are **not permitted** to be on campus or return to the campus after school. Students are not supervised by staff and therefore the school cannot take responsibility for their personal safety. Parents of students will be contacted and asked to collect their child if they are on campus without explanation in Term 3. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this with your child.

PSHCE Assembly –Wednesday 21st April

Charity work with Harrmony Home in taipei was the focus of the recent school assembly at the ESC. The H2 students raised NT$200,000 to support the work of the Home and spend time helping out and working with the children at the home.

The H2 students spoke about their charity and service work for the home and participated in a candle light ceremony with the Harmony Home helpers and children.

Presentations and certificates were also made to H4 students who are graduating from TES, and to the winning House team – **BORA** – in the recent Literary Quiz.

CAS Community Service Project

Becca Chang and Eva Teng
This year, TES IB students had the opportunity to volunteer at San Yu Elementary School for eight weeks as part of our CAS program. This was the first time that TES had the pleasure to collaborate with a local school so closely for the purpose of service. Every Thursday and Friday, one to two students from TES taught approximately ten students at SanYu Elementary school. The lessons were taught in English, and their content ranged from art appreciation to football training.

One of the biggest challenges we had was in keeping the children engaged at all times. To solve this problem, we planned every lesson meticulously, researching thoroughly and trying out the activities ourselves before each class. Another difficulty we faced was in estimating the amount of time the children would take to complete the activities we had planned. As a result, we sometimes finished the activities too early, while in other instances we barely finished in time.

At times, it was frustrating but we still gained a valuable experience. As students studying in a largely Western environment, we had the rare opportunity to interact with those in the Taiwanese society, and as a result our awareness of the community around us grew. This was central to the CAS objective: to develop “a sense of responsibility towards all members of the local community”.

We hope that after we leave for university next year, more students will take up this activity and develop this project further, strengthening the link between TES and the Taipei communit

Year 8 Geography Trip

On the 20th April year 8 went on a Geography and Science field trip to Zhi Shan Road, next to the Palace Museum. The students were investigating changes that happen along the course of a river. There were 5 different stations at two separate locations along the river and students worked in groups to complete each of the activities led by Science and Humanities staff. Students carried out an investigation to look at the level of pollution in the river, taking readings of pH and looking at the biotic index. Students were then required to take measurements of the depth, width and velocity of the river and conduct a study of the bedload.

The trip was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by the students. We will be evaluating the data that they have collected over the next two weeks in class and students will be expected to present their findings in the form of a written report.

British Section Council Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM of the British Section Council will be held on Tuesday 25th May.

This meeting provides the perfect opportunity to hear reports from the Heads of our Section about the progress and achievements of the British Section . Dr Allan Weston, CEO of TES with also present a report outlining the last 12 months. Our Treasurer, Shirley Teng, will present a brief financial report of the Section and various student presentations and performances will showcase the achievements of our students.

Nominations are sought from parents who are interested to stand for election to the TES British Section Council. The main duties and responsibilities of each elected member include;

*Attending a monthly evening meeting
*Preparing material and attending the sub-committee meetings
*Representing an overall view of the running and development of the British Section.
*Helping to guide and support the TES management in its daily duties.

Often as parents we are keen to be involved in our children's education but we are not sure how we can truly be a part of the decision ,making process. Being a member of the TES British Section Council provides this forum for those of us who do want to support the TES Management and who also want to be an active participant in positive change.

If you would like more details and information about how you can become involved or if you have already made the decision to stand for nomination on the Section Council please contact Michael Topham, the present Chair of the BSC,on 0939293880.

Of course you are also welcome to talk with the other Council Members to seek their input too.

Michael Staniforth, Shirley Teng,
Sahar Shaikh, Rebecca Earnshaw,
Bob Greenwood, Lyndall Taylor,
Mark Lintott and Francesca Vernengo Bremer.

British Section

Section Française

PROJETS EN COURS: CINEMA ET LITTERATURE

PROJET ASIA 3èmes et 2des

En ce moment, les troisièmes et les secondes sont en pleine préparation de l'interview qu'ils vont donner de Cai Ming-Liang, le célèbre cinéaste primé à Cannes, à Berlin, à Deauville et à Venise. Durant cinq semaines de découverte du cinéma taïwanais à travers son film *Et là-bas quelle heure est-il?* les élèves ont pu réfléchir sur la spécificité du cinéma d'auteur, et découvrir la Nouvelle Vague française très présente dans ce film qui met en scène Jean-Pierre Léaud. Cette initiative a pu être concrétisée grâce au travail de Mr Karl-Durrenberger et à sa femme, journaliste taïwanaise grâce à qui le contact avec Cai Ming-Liang est possible.

PROJET REVUE LITTERAIRE 2des

Les secondes sont également en pleine mise en page de leur revue qui rassemble leurs éloges paradoxaux très réussis. Ce travail de rédaction, collectage, mise en page et maintenant publication, a permis de travailler sur le monde de l'édition et du livre. Qu'est-ce qu'un auteur?, qu'est-ce qu'une première de couverture?, qu'est-ce qu'un imprimeur? Toutes ces questions ont pu être soulevées de manière concrète et ludique par cette revue. Dans quelques semaines vous pourrez voir le résultat à Wenlin et à Yang Ming Shan.

High School Football Teams @ MCA in Taichung

What a day of high school football! Last Saturday 3 TES teams went to Morrison Academy in Taichung to play some friendly games on their newly rebuilt beautiful campus. The pride of our high school sports teams, the varsity girls, played the strong MCA varsity girls against whom we had played 4 times before: 1 draw – 3 losses – no wins. It was **Sophie Chen** who scored the golden goal to take the lead after an excellent cross by **Ida Opstrup**. Unfortunately, we couldn't keep up the fast pace of the game, so that MCA's every day training paid off and they scored the equalizer 10 minutes before the end of the game.

Sophie scores the goal of the day …

… and celebrates with Morly, Ida, Emily, Ayumi

The boys then made it to a very surprising 2-2 draw which happened to be the first time NOT to lose against an MCA boys varsity team. The most beautiful goal of the day was scored by **Elliot Bean** after a combination of one-touch-passes. In the second half **Geoffrey Lachize** converted a penalty shot. Although MCA pressed very powerful to score the winner, our defense worked excellently to finish with the above result.

Powerful defense: David Yuan …… Big Joe …….. David Bruce

The JV girls, a young team of mainly H1 students, finally didn't give an evenly young MCA team much of a chance scoring 6 goals and conceding only 1. Here the outstanding player was **Caroline Noel** from the French section who scored 5 goals (!) herself and assisted another one. In goal **Fiona Lee** proved to be an excellent support to back up the TES goal. Well done everyone!

Christine, Aisling, Ayumi control the ball.

Caroline: top scorer of the day!

TES Varsity Girls vs. MCA Varsity = 1-1

TES Varsity Boys vs. MCA Varsity = 2-2

TES JV Girls vs. MCA JV = 6-1

TES Counselling News

It's Better to Talk

April 2010

Hi everyone
Welcome to our first TES Counselling News - It's Better to Talk.
It has been 6 months since I started with TES as a Counsellor and I would like to take this opportunity to update you with news and developments in regard to the Counselling Centre.

When I started last year, I introduced my role to all students. As it was a new service inside the school, the students were given a brochure on counselling and a letter was also sent to parents and staff. Due to recognition of the benefits of the counselling services, referrals have come in from staff, parents and also from students themselves (self-referral) and the service is growing.

Students are welcome to drop in without making appointment during their breaks or at lunchtime. When I have on-going students I need to see regularly, I will call them from their class. The staff have information on referral procedures and are able to identify a student who may appear to be at risk. I would like to thank the teaching staff for recognizing there may be concerns for a student and referring them to me. Thank you for being there for the students.

In March 2010, it was my pleasure to be invited to the Parents Evening. The atmosphere was warm and friendly; it was a very supportive, informative and interactive evening. I appreciated the opportunity for us to meet and talk about how we best support the students and parents. The notes of the evening talk and discussion were also sent to the parents.

As a result of the Parents Evening, one of the great ideas was to have a section on counselling matters included in the monthly newsletter and perhaps a slogan for it. I am very pleased to introduce "TES Counselling News - It's Better to Talk", covering news and developments of the TES Counselling Centre, useful information,

stories and articles. Our long term goal is to have a webpage pertaining to the Counselling Centre where hopefully you will find information relevant to any questions you may have.
Thank you for your support.

Regards
Jenny Hsu
Counsellor MNZAC
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COUNSELLING WORLD
What does it feel like?

A boy age 7*:* It's fun because we play toys.
A girl age 12*:* It's great to talk to someone because no one has ever wanted to spend time with me. It feels wonderful.
A boy age 16*:* Initially the guys used to tease me for going to counselling, but now I think they'd go too if they needed to. They can see the change in me.
A girl age 21: Counselling is hard work, it uses up a lot of energy but is worth it.
A man age 33: I was sick of the bad feelings. I realised I'd wasted so many years and I needed help to turn things around. Through counselling, I started to look at all the good and bad points in my life. I realised that life wasn't too bad after all.
A woman age 55: I felt there was a glimmer of hope for the future. Every time I left after a session, something seemed to have changed.

~ *Sharing* ~

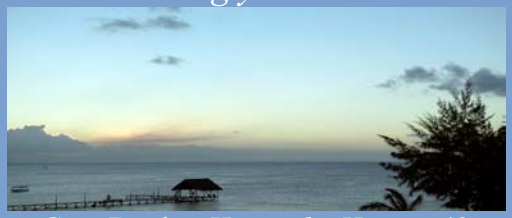
Talking with your children (people around you) is important, keep communication as open as you can.

- Find times for your children to be alone with you without distractions
- Ask them if they have any questions about what's happening
- Ask them how they feel
- Listen without interrupting
- Use words like – "I like it when…" "I feel…"
- Don't use blaming words like – "You always…" "You never…"

POETRY

Where you are

You settle into
the feathered comfort
of knowing where you are.
Of feeling your feet on the ground.
Of predicting the next hardship, the next joy.
Of recognizing the rumble of which boat.
Of hankering for the better.
And knowing you can have it.



Greg Bartlett *How to be Home* p.43