



**TAIPEI EUROPEAN SCHOOL**

台北歐洲學校

## **EUROPEAN SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER**

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**From the Head of British Secondary and High School Section**

### **PDE Week**

All members of the British Secondary and High School community would be aware that the week commencing June 20 is PDE week. We have students involved in a range of camps and activities throughout the week. I think camps are a wonderful opportunity for young people to develop leadership and other skills and I hope all students get a great deal out of the week. To organize such a week takes an enormous amount of work and I thank Ms Harris and the Student Welfare team for their diligence and commitment to ensure that the week is a success. I look forward to hearing tales of adventure and fun when students return to school.

### **Year 6 Visit**

Students from Year 6 visited the ESC on Thursday June 9 and Friday June 10. I was impressed by their confidence and knowledge and they seem well prepared for the transition that lies ahead. I was pleased that they all appeared eager to be joining 'Secondary School'. On behalf of the BS and HS I welcome the Year 6 students to the ESC and I look forward to getting to know them in 2011-2012.

### **TES Chinese Debate Team.**

Congratulations to the TES Chinese Debate Team who travelled to Hong Kong on June 3 to debate the ESF champions, King George V. This is our first Chinese debating team and I have been told that they equipped themselves extremely well. Well done to all concerned.

### **Summer Formal**

Students in the High School will participate in their Summer Formal on Friday June 10. Approximately 180 students will attend the event to be held at The Westin Hotel. The theme of the formal is "Empire State of Mind" and I thank Alessia Cheng, Darice Hsu, Judith Chou, and the organizing committee, under the guidance of Mr Paul Turner, for all the hard work they have put in to ensure the night is a success.

**Warm regards,  
Stuart Glascott**

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## From the Assistant Head – Student Welfare

It is an extremely busy time at the Secondary Campus. The Student Council will be visiting the SOS children's Village once again on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June with the aim of teaching the children some new skills and providing some musical entertainment. We also look forward to the final House Competitions on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We have enjoyed welcoming the Year 6 students to the ESC this week and as final preparations are made for PDE Week, it's an extremely busy time (as always). In the next newsletter we will update you on the very successful H1 Service Project; this month's edition of 'Centred' magazine features a great report by Nathan Burrison.

## Yr 6 Transition Days

The Year 6 students have been with us for the past two days learning more about the Secondary Campus and enjoying taster lessons. We have been very impressed with their enthusiasm and hope that they are excited by the prospect of joining us in August. Many thanks to Ms Crimmins, Head of Transition and Year 7 for organizing a great two day experience and all teachers who prepared lessons for the Year 6 students. Significant thanks is due to the H1 and H3 Peer Leaders who made the Year 6 students welcome and ensured that they found their classes and made new friends. The two days would not have been possible without their leadership and initiative. Ms Crimmins will be visiting the Year 6 students next week and we hope to see many of them at the Student Council Disco on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June.**



## Personal Development and Enrichment (PDE) Week. June 2011

Final preparations for camps taking place during PDE Week are now being made and this week letters to students on the Year 8 and Year 9 Outward Bound camps have been sent home. It is essential that students bring their **Health Insurance cards** with them on both Outward Bound Camps or details of private health cover they may have. Travel arrangements have also been sent home for the Year 7 Camp Taiwan visit, H1 will follow next Monday. It is extremely important that students and parents go through the equipment/packing lists provided by the companies to ensure that important items are not left behind, preparation is very important.

All students who are not going on camps are expected to attend school during PDE week, this will count in their school attendance and school based activities are planned each day. Similarly, students who have attended camps are expected to be in school each day following their trip. Significant planning is involved in school based activities by staff therefore your support is requested in ensuring your child attends school each day.

All Year 7 and 8 students (not on camp) will be attending the 'Beach Clean Up' on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. A letter has been sent home with students today, please kindly complete the reply slip and return to us by **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Further details on school based activities will be given to students next week so that they come prepared for activities at school each day.

Our H1 students will be taking part in Work Internships during PDE Week if they are not taking part in the organised camp, they should have secured a work placement.

We anticipate a great and varied week of activities.

## HOUSE UPDATE

The results today:

<b>SIROCCO</b>	<b>8,511</b>
<b>MISTRAL</b>	<b>8,236</b>
<b>MARIN</b>	<b>7,368</b>
<b>BORA</b>	<b>6,791</b>

Congratulations **Sirocco**. There is a clear message that 1 "I points" are driving the House Totals. All points must be handed into the offices so that they are recorded and are added to House Totals. **MARIN** and **BORA**, it's not over yet... We look forward to the House Sports Competition at the end of this term. Every point counts in the race for the Klimek Cup.

*Good Luck. Everyone*

**Rachel Harris**  
Assistant Head of Secondary (Student Welfare)

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## From the Assistant Head – Studies

Dear Parents and Students,

As ever the run up to the end of term is busy and action-packed. High School students in H1 and H3 have recently completed their end of year examinations. Feedback on these as well as on the general progress of these students will be provided on the end of year reports. For both year groups it is vital that both students and parents read the advice given in these reports very carefully and take action to address any weaknesses.

Key Stage Three students have also been busy completing end of year assessments. These students will also get end of year reports and, once again, it is important that students and parents act on the advice given in these. Students completing Year 9 are at the end of Key Stage Three and their attainment in all subjects will be used to help us analyse the quality of teaching and learning within the school. This analysis enables us to constantly improve and refine the delivery of the curriculum.

This week the Year 6 students have been visiting secondary as part of their transition programme. You can read about this elsewhere in this newsletter. H2 students have now completed their external IGCSE examinations and are eagerly awaiting their results which come out on 11 August. All H2 students need to ensure that they have returned all their school textbooks and completed a Leaver's Form (even if they are not leaving!) before the end of this term.

Below this letter, I have included a copy of a letter that was sent out to parents last week. If you have not replied to this letter and your child is leaving early, please ensure that you inform the school office as soon as possible.

As ever, please contact me if you have questions or concerns about your child's education.

Kind regards,  
Sarah Pearson

### COPY OF LETTER SENT TO PARENTS REGARDING LEAVING SCHOOL FOR VACATION BEFORE THE END OF TERM

Dear Parents,

I am writing to clarify procedures regarding the early departure of students for the summer vacation. Our expectation is that students should complete the school year with us; classes will continue until the end of the school year. Additionally, from June 20th to 24th we have Personal Development and Enrichment (PDE) week, and activities have been planned based on full attendance and all students are expected to take part. We do however realise that early departure is sometimes unavoidable. If your child is leaving before the end of the school year could you please ensure that you complete the slip on the bottom of this letter and return it to either school office **no later than Wednesday 8 June?**

Students in the High School are likely to be expected to complete work over the summer. This may be coursework, the extended essay, or a review of work covered this year. In the last few weeks of term, teachers will be making their expectations clear to their students and supplying them with the necessary materials and advice in order to complete the work. Whilst every effort will be made to supply these materials to students who are leaving early we must emphasize that the onus will be on the student to talk to their teachers before they leave for their summer vacation and ensure that they are clear on what they need to do during the break. It is not feasible to ask teachers to supply this information individually by email to early departing students.

School reports will be issued on Friday 1 July. If your child has already left for holiday on that date, electronic copies can be obtained through QS Web. Please contact me at school if you would like to discuss any issues relating to this letter.

Warm regards,

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My child \_\_\_\_\_ of form \_\_\_\_\_ will be  
(insert name) (insert form)

leaving school on \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that she/he will need to speak  
(insert date)

to her/his teachers in order to find out what summer work needs to be completed before departing for the vacation.

### **FOBISSEA Short Story Competition 2011**

In November 2010, a group of English teachers got together at Tanglin Trust School in Singapore to share ideas and resources and discuss a range of aspects of English teaching. One of the outcomes of that meeting was a new competition that would link all the FOBISSEA schools and give students a chance to show off their writing skills. This became the FOBISSEA Short Story Competition and, in its first year, the topic was 'Home'.

'Home' has been a significant and prominent subject in the minds of our students this year. International Day of Tolerance in November 2010 got our students thinking about their identity and where they consider 'home' to be (even if that is not a physical place). When Australian author Morris Gleitzman visited TES in January of this year, he based his presentations on the theme of 'Home' and identity, discussing how he has characterised that concept in his novels and what 'home' means to some of the characters he has created. In March 2011, Book Week continued this focus with teachers, house captains and members of the Student Council Executive 'wearing' a book which represents their 'home' in some way, and it was also the focus of the 2011 Literary Quiz.

The biggest highlight of the way this theme has played out in the year, though, is undoubtedly the TES entry to the FOBISSEA Short Story Competition. Our school judges chose *[hahrt]* by Grace Tsai (H2), a story which used an incredibly creative structure and an individual voice to give a unique twist on the old adage 'home is where the heart is'. Although Grace's story did not make the FOBISSEA top three, it was the only story to receive a special mention by the judge. He said that of all the stories Grace's "had the most interesting structure and some of the most disturbing imagery." He went on to say:

"it was all-knowing, and cynical, and I loved the speed with which I was shoved into dialogue, then new locations – I was bewildered – and I felt that I was in the hands of a very fine story teller who is capable of great things."

Grace is one of our most talented writers and we hope this commendation will further fuel her passion for writing. As a school and an English Department, we are very proud of her.

**Darren Latchford**  
**Head of English**

## **TES Chinese Debate Team Had Its Debut in Hong Kong**

TES Chinese debate team flew to Hong Kong to have a friendship match with the ESF (English Schools Foundation) champion team, King George V, on June 3, 2011. The topic of their debate is “Is Taipei or Hong Kong more internationally competitive?”

Our students performed in an outstanding and professional manner at their first international encounter. The admirable TES debaters have deeply impressed the host organization, ESF, by their enthusiasm, commitment, team spirit as well as their Chinese proficiency throughout the competition. The Chair of the debate, Dr. Xiaoping Wang said “the Chinese language competence of TES students is extremely high.”

It's very encouraging and meaningful when our TES debaters received the awards from Dr. John Nixon, the previous CEO of TES, who came to support our students and recognize their achievements. The TES Chinese Debate Team consists of: Peggy Tsai, Zoe Hsu, Camilia de Murat, Sandra Tai, Sinfornee Teng, Amber Perng, Miranda Chen, Jessica Hsu and Andrew Wang. Special thanks to Ms. Crystal Wang, who has volunteered to coach the team for the past months.



**Flora Sung**  
Head of Chinese Department

## Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française (DELF)



A few enthusiastic students waiting before their oral exam.

While most students enjoyed a long week-end for the Dragon Boat celebration, about 15 students from TES took external examinations for French Foreign Language on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June. DELF is a degree delivered by the French ministry of education and has four levels: A1, A2, B1 and B2. Students can choose themselves the level they want to attempt. DELF is a worldwide standard to certify proficiency in French language. Examinations for DELF take place every year at **Alliance Française**, which is a French governmental organization located on the National Taiwan University campus. To know more about DELF follow this link: <http://www.ciep.fr/en/delfdalf/DELFjunior.php>

**Fabrice Laureti**  
Head of the Foreign Languages Department

**Sarah Pearson**  
Assistant Head of Secondary (Studies)

**The 2011 Graduating Class**



On Saturday 30 May 2011 the eighth graduation ceremony at the Taipei European School took place. The occasion was a very special night and the graduates all looked fantastic. Everyone took full advantage of the night to take as many photos as possible. The students for the first time performed their own dance during the ceremony and this illustrated how 'together' as a year group they are. The select choir performed two songs including the beautiful parting song 'softly' which marks the end of these students' time at TES. However, we do expect them to come back and visit and stay in touch.

The students were provided with wise advice and counsel from Mr. Tam, Mr. Sia, Dr. Weston and Mr. Glascott. The graduate speakers made incredibly accomplished speeches that were eloquent and well delivered. It was especially pleasing to hear speeches that represented their fellow students' views on this important transition in their lives.

Graduation is always a bittersweet occasion, but one that I am sure will remain in the memories of our graduating students. This year group got on so well with each other that I am sure they will be an inspiration to all our other year groups. Everyone at TES wishes them every success in their future endeavours.

**TABITHA Fund Raising**

On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May Fabiana Cusati and myself, along with the help of our mothers organized a sale at the Hispanic Church in Shi Pai. Our objective was to sell as much as we possibly could in order to collect money for Tabitha Cambodia. Therefore, we had very reasonable items, such as clothes for NT\$ 50, which went down to NT\$ 30 towards the end of the sale. Along with the clothes we also sold kitchen utensils, paintings, shoes, movies, handbags etc. We had people from the Hispanic community buy quite a lot, as well as some local people that passed by during the morning. The sell started at 9 am and we were done around 4pm. It was a fun experience as well as a tiring one, because we were up all morning working non stop, setting up the stands, laying out the clothes and other items, helping people with what they wanted to buy, running back and forth looking for items, and most importantly explaining to people that the sale was for a good cause as the money collected was going to Tabitha Cambodia. And of course at the end we also had to tidy up everything. Nevertheless,

it was definitely worth it, by the end of the sell we had collected NT\$ 11 020, including some donations people kindly made as well. The items that weren't sold were then donated to the Hispanic Church.

### H3 Fabiana CUSATI DE VALDES / Ignacio COMESAÑA TORRES



### UCC Update

- **Personal Development and Enrichment Week 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June: H1 and H2 Work Internships:** Now the examinations are over H1 students can prepare for their work placements during this week. Be sure to have a travel route worked out and the appropriate clothing to wear each day. Be prepared to get the most out of the experience.
- **Summer Internships:** 27 H3/4 students are now committed to internships in July/August. Some have organized their own placements while the others are being 'employed' by ECCT or BCCT member companies. From engineering to the culinary arts, we look forward to a fruitful summer internship programme for 2011.

#### **Some recent news regarding international higher education and careers:**

- A private college in London aiming to rival Oxford and Cambridge is being launched by leading academics. It opens in September 2012 and fees will cost 18000 pounds. Read on using the following link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-13659394>
- At a recent Higher Education Advisers' Conference at the University of Plymouth, one speaker (Keith Taylor) pointed out some interesting trends about careers in the future:

*By 2020 there will be more graduates in the world than there were people 100 years ago*

*1970's: 1 in 12 were graduates, 1980's: 1 in 7 were graduates, now 2 in 5 are graduates*

*A degree alone is not enough*

*D + E + S + A = C (degree + experience + skills + attitude = career)*

*Part time employment, work experience, internships and volunteering are valuable ways of developing skills for the future employment market*

**Graham Bean**  
**University and Careers Counsellor**

**Stewart Redden**  
**Assistant Head (IB)**

## From the Library

Dear students and parents,

Summer is just around the corner and the library will continue our summer borrowing program this year, to all enrolled ESC students!

Please note that to ensure the whole of our library collections, we'd like to ask all books to be returned BEFORE you borrow books over summer. Student who doesn't return or pay for their loans will NOT be able to get year-end report.

Thank you for your cooperation and Happy Reading!!

**Angela Chang**  
Chief Librarian

A graphic titled "Summer Borrowing" with a light blue background and a dotted border. It features a photograph of an open book, sunglasses, and a green drink with a pink straw on a beach. The text provides details about the borrowing program, including start and end dates, return requirements, and loan limits for different grade levels. It also includes an important note about year-end reports and a friendly closing.

*Summer Borrowing*

Summer borrowing will commence the week starting **13 June - 1 July 11** and all borrowed resources will need to be returned by **22 Aug 11**

- All existing loans and payment for any lost books must be returned / paid for by **1 July 11**.
- Parents will be invoiced for the full replacement costs plus postage for books lost or damaged.
- Students borrowing privileges may be revoked until all items are returned or replaced.

**IMPORTANT:**  
Student who doesn't return or pay for their loans will **NOT** be able to get year-end report!!

*K.S3- 7 books*  
*High School- 10 books*

*HAVE A GOOD BREAK*  
*and HAPPY READING!!!*

