

# NEWSLETTER

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## ID Cards

Please be sure to bring your ID card each day, either when coming to school or to the school bus stops to drop off or collect your child. These ID cards allow us to make sure that your child is always in the care of a trusted adult. Thanks for your help with this important routine.

## Meal Times

Thanks to Chef Lin and his team, we have enjoyed delicious and healthy meals this week. Beginning next week, we will send out the menu to you in advance in order that your child may select their preference from Western and Chinese dishes. Please return to Reception by Wednesday morning each week. School Bus students may bring in their menu choices in their school bag and teachers will pass the menu to Reception on their behalf.

Students drink water throughout the day, accessing their water bottles independently as well as following regular reminders from their teachers.



## Our First Week

Tuesday 1st September was a momentous occasion for our school community - the first day, of the first week, of the first year in the history of MHIS Pre School.

First days are filled with excitement and anticipation but also with understandable anxiety and some 'goodbyes' were difficult for our young students - and parents! However, we have been hugely impressed by how well the children have already started to settle in to their classes and to learn their daily routines. Our fabulous teaching team, supported by our admin staff, have been guiding this settling in process and will continue to do so over the coming weeks.





## Parent Information Sessions

We believe in the value of open, respectful communication and, as such, aim to hold Information Sessions and Coffee Mornings every two weeks at MHIS Pre School. Our first Coffee Morning will focus on "Communication Channels":

**Date:** Thursday 10th September

**Time:** 8:45-9:30am, after drop off

**Location:** Atrium

Please look out for the invitation in your child's school bag, which will have come home to you today.

We recognise that families have different schedules and so ask that you please also take the time to complete and return the 'Future Information Session Feedback' form about timings that may best suit your needs.

Please be sure to return your attendance slip for the upcoming Coffee Morning and your Feedback form to us by **Tuesday 8th September at 9am**. Thank you.

## School Buses

Thank you for your patience with our school buses this first week as we streamline routes for our bus lines. Please continue to communicate with your Bus Buddy directly via phone and ensure you are part of your Bus Line WeChat group to facilitate communication.

Improvements to the bus system this week have included:

- Bonnie Bo, our Admissions Officer, and Catherine Chu, our Executive Director, met with the VP of our Bus Company to ensure improved service standards.
- John Jalsevac, Head of School, and Anna Packman, Associate Principal, met with the Bus Buddies and Bus Drivers to communicate the importance of good service and care for our students.
- In addition to Bus Buddies, our Admissions Team travelled with students on certain bus lines this week to identify issues and solutions.
- Bus Students' bag labels will now be colour coded by bus line to facilitate bus routines at the end of the day.
- Bus Agreement created - students met with Anna Packman, Xiaotian Yao, K3 Co Teacher, and our Bus Buddies to share ideas on how to stay safe and happy on the bus. See below.

