

NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 ASAs

Term 2 ASAs begin in the week commencing 29th February and allocations were sent out this week to all families who requested ASA placement. We look forward to an exciting and revamped ASA programme run entirely by external providers. **Please note that school will finish, and buses will depart, at 3:30pm each day from 22-26 February.** ASAs will run for 14 weeks, ending a couple of weeks before the end of the school year.

Lateness

Please remember - school starts at 8:30am. Students arriving after 8:40am should go directly to the Reception desk to collect a Late Pass.

Dates

22 Feb: Term 2 begins
25 Feb: Coffee Morning
29 Feb: ASAs begin
29 Feb - 4 March: Literacy Week
3 March: FEVA Introduction
3-4 March: Book Fair
4 March: 3-Way Conferences



Happy New Year!

Many thanks to all our students, parents, teachers and support staff who facilitated such a fantastic Chinese New Year Celebration earlier this week. Students had the chance to rotate between four different activities focusing on learning and fun!

Events such as this demonstrate the true spirit of community that exists at MHIS with parents preparing dances to perform to their children, as well as children performing for parents. Our kitchen staff worked hard on the day to help us with our Dumpling Making activity, our Admin team helped to arrange the wonderful Qilin Dance we enjoyed on our arrival to school in the morning, while our energetic and enthusiastic teachers organised and led the event. That's what we call teamwork!





Parent Information Sessions

Thanks to all of you who successfully completed our Parent Helper Training over the month of January. These parents will start to be invited into class to support teaching and learning after the holiday. We will be hosting a series of workshops by 'FEVA' in Term 2 focusing on building independence and happiness in children. The first session will be an introduction from the founder of FEVA, Professor Huang, on Thursday 3rd March. However, our first week back will focus on 'Moving Up: Grade Level Transition':

Date: Thursday 25th February

Time: 8:45-9:30am

Location: Music & Dance Room

This is a brief overview of the processes and rationale behind how students move up from one grade to the next as we look ahead to the 2016-17 academic year. This will also be an opportunity for parents to meet our new Vice Principal - Grace Ouyang - who will join us after the holiday. We look forward to seeing you there!

Runway Resolution - Phases I & II

Phase I: As students will now be off-campus for two weeks over the holiday, we will use this time to remove the rubber runway from the outside area.

Phase II: Due to limited workforce at this important time of year, the installation of the new surfaces will not be completed over the holiday but, instead, once Term 2 begins. We have sourced a top-quality supplier and the final installation date will be confirmed soon, at which time further information about the supplier and product will be made available. This action-phase requires that part of the playground is out-of-bounds for a period of time but we will continue to make the most of our expansive grass space and other outside areas, allowing our full curriculum to proceed as usual.

Ice Skating on the horizon!

With the recent opening of the Ice Castle rink in the Centerville mall, we are now getting ready to begin skating classes for our MHIS students. We will begin with the K3 students who are most developmentally ready for this new experience and will then roll it out to the K2s. We aim to hold ice skating taster sessions for our K1s later in Term 2. More information will follow in early March.

New Appointments

As previously announced, we are delighted to be welcoming Grace Ouyang to our team after Chinese New Year, as Pre School Vice Principal. Grace brings with her a wealth of experience in both local and International contexts and will be a true asset to MHIS.

Recruitment of teachers for next year is now well underway and several outstanding hires have been made for both Overseas Homeroom and Chinese Co Teacher positions. More information will be shared towards the end of Term 2.



