

"If we always do what we've always done, we will get what we've always got."

Adam Urbanski



Dear Chatsworth East Community,

It has been a great start back to a new school year and things are moving right along! We have our Deepavali holiday coming up soon, UN Day, Parent Teacher Conferences and, before you know it, our Christmas/End of Year Production will soon be upon us.

I would like to ask again that parents and family helpers remember to close all gates in our school as they pass through them. I know that some of the gates are not easy to close but if you lift up on them you should be able to slide the bolt across without any problem. If you find the side gate in the parking lot (we are working on having it adjusted) too difficult to close then I would ask that you instead use the gate at the main entrance for the time being. It is, of course, in the best interest of the students that I continue to make this request.

Please be reminded that our Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up soon, from October 13th through the 14th. Please note that school will finish early on those two days, at 2:30PM. Buses will still be operating and will take students home after school at 2:30. If you are picking up your child, please note that you will need to do so earlier on these two days. CCAs will be cancelled on both of these days. As per my email, our Teaching Assistants and Specialists have kindly agreed to provide a bit of a 'sitting service' for our students while parents attend their meetings. Where students do attend the Student Led Conferences in February, they do not normally attend PTCs. Staff will provide a movie and some quiet activities in the Library for school-aged children during the two days of our PTCs.

Family day was another huge success this year and Ms Fink and the teaching staff managed to raise over \$800 from your kind donations to NHCC (New Hope for Cambodian Children), one of our school charities. On top of this \$800, the school has offered to match the amount, thus raising over \$1600 all together! It was a great day of fun with families and staff and we are looking forward to another exciting day in May.

UN Day is quickly approaching at the end of the this month (held at school on the 30th October). Information for parents who wish to attend events on this day will come home soon. Traditionally, we have held a parade in the morning, a potluck lunch, and then had students move about the different classrooms in the afternoon to take part in varying cultural activities. Parents will again be invited in to school to help us sing the school song and watch the parade in the morning. We hope to see you all there.

Our Parent Evening was another success and I wish to thank everyone who was able to attend. As mentioned during this meeting, we will be starting to hold some "ICT Mornings" for parents interested in the Mac operating system, Web 2.0 applications useful to schools and education, as well as taking a look at some of the programs we use in our different year groups. The first ICT Morning will take place on Wednesday, October 28th at 9:30. Interested parents are asked to send me an email please so that I can confirm with you (my email address is below) as we only have 20 computers in the ICT Lab for use for these sessions. The first session will be an introduction to Mac OSX and the iLife tools (iPhoto, iMovie, Photo Booth, iTunes).

Important Upcoming Events for your calendar:

13th-14th October	Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC)
20th-24th October	Deepavali Holiday - School Closed
30th October	UN Day - Parents Welcome to Attend (info to follow)
26th November	CCA Session 1 ends
27th November	Hari Raya Holiday - School Closed
8th December	Christmas Concert (morning - info to follow)
14th Dec - 1st Jan	Holidays - School Closed
11th January	CCA Session 2 begins
29th January	End of Semester 1
2nd February	Semester 2 begins
5th February	Reports sent home

A more complete Calendar for this year and next can be found on the school website.

As always, should you ever have any questions or concerns, please do stop by my office, find me on the field in the morning, or drop me an email. I value and encourage the opportunity for discussion.

Sincerely,



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