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### CEO Weekly Update

Dear Parents,

I trust that the first month of school has been rewarding for both you and your children so far. With the CCAs running in full gear and many more activities happening, I am looking forward to a very busy year where we all learn and flourish as a community.

#### Parent Support Council

On Monday, I had the pleasure of running the Parent Support Council (PSC) 2020-21 election for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Thank you in advance to the parents that give their time to the PSC and the work to make great school events possible at TES. This year our Chair remains Ms Sunny Foehr-Huang, Vice Chair welcomes Ms Jessica Wang-Simula, Treasurer Ms Sun Kim, Secretary Ms Sandra Tu and Ms Vanessa Hildebrand.

On a different note, part of the purpose of this weekly newsletter is to clarify the school operations and ensure parents are aware of the goings on and how they affect each part of the community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office so we can ensure accurate information is delivered and concerns addressed.

#### COVID-19 and Travels

Last week I wrote that we had been evaluating the COVID-19 situation for the Christmas Break, and I want to repeat, for clarity, that our school calendar is unchanged - we have a scheduled break from December 21st to January 8th - **school restarting on January 11th 2021.**

With the present Taiwan Quarantine (2 weeks + 1 week Self-health observations) it effectively makes international travel during that vacation period unmanageable. Families that are away will need to follow these procedures upon return and this will have a detrimental impact on the students' schooling (missing time). The school will not be running a digital programme as school is open for classes and it is not possible for teaching staff to be running 2 versions of their teaching environment simultaneously.

#### EPC Drop Offs and Pick Ups

As mentioned in numerous occasions, we need to support each other and limit our parking time in front of the EPC gates during the drop off and pick up time to minimise the traffic jam. I know that the vast majority of you always park appropriately and with consideration for others and probably find the regular communication about this bewildering and frustrating. However I wish to remind all again that there is parking available nearby for free (theatre basement parking) and that parents wishing to spend longer time dropping off or picking up your child should make use of that instead of parking illegally.

#### Gifting

Our school has a No Gift Policy. I want to remind all that no staff can accept a personal gift of value. Items and cards made by students will still be gratefully accepted. Having the opportunity of teaching your children and



working closely with families is an absolute pleasure, and an incredible gift in itself. We hope and trust that all members of our community would respect this.

### **Eco School**

TES has been working towards being the first Eco School on the island recognized by the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) programmes. Last week, students, parents and staff kicked off the first meeting to begin the implementation of the action plan for this year. I am happy to announce that from our collective efforts in the past two years, Taipei European School has won the 2019 Taipower National Campus Power Saving Competition! As an Eco-School, it's been our long-term goal to continuously reduce our carbon footprint and incorporate energy saving education into classrooms. It's wonderful to see our effort paid off!

### **Future Events:**

#### **PSC Christmas Bazaar Kick-off Meeting - Friday September 25th 9:00-10:30am @EPC (Junior Cookery Room 3fl Junior Building)**

The Christmas Bazaar is a great event that the Parents, Students, Faculty all contribute their time and effort to create an event which captures the flavour of the festive season which all the school community can enjoy.

Please join the meeting, where we start preparing for the November 28th event. To register, please sign-in [here](#). The school needs your help to create this wonderful community event.

#### **ECCT/TES Beach Cleaning - Saturday October 17th @ Baisha Beach**

New Taipei City Major Hou, has now confirmed he is joining this activity - there has been a great response already with over TES 70 community family members signed up.

To register please click this [link](#). Transport will be arranged from EPC on that day, or you can go directly.

#### **International Culture Festival - Sunday October 18th @ American Village on YangMingShan**

The EPC Jazzband is joining the Shi Lin District organised International Culture Festival - it is located very close to our ESC Yangming Shan Sports Centre. Performance between 2pm and 3 pm.

Sincerely,

David Gatley  
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