

Parent Information Evening 2013/14

Our Vision

At Peak School we aim to become effective communicators, confident critical thinkers and enthusiastic lifelong-learners. In partnership with our community, we strive to have integrity and be socially responsible global citizens.

Session Overview

- Overview of school priorities for the year and assessment timeline overview - (Bill) - 8 mins
- PYP A general overview for parents (Chiqui) 5 mins
- Parents as Partners workshops on offer this term and parents as "experts" (Annette) - 5 mins
- Introduction to Specialist teachers/subjects (Mary/Abbie, Jane, Jamie, Craig, Tess, Rosheen) - 12 mins

School Priorities

Core skills – a continued focus on our numeracy and literacy planning and teaching.

IB/CIS Evaluation Visit - November 26-28, 2013. A joint visit by the IB and CIS to ensure we are continuing to meet their standards.

Enhanced Communication – with parents including information workshops throughout the year for Inquiry, English, Maths and Chinese workshops

Student Welfare - continuation of our Friends program (Yr5-6), introduction of "Fun Friends" (Yr 3-4) and introduction of the Restorative Practice program (includes forming part of our behaviour management plan across the school)

Self Review - Seeking feedback from parents (ESF Stakeholders survey in April/May) and School Council self review (of progress made towards key strategies)

Assessment – this includes reporting to parents (timings, conferences, report format and content), the consolidation/improvement of our portfolios and the use of assessment to inform teaching and learning in the classroom.

Assessment - Reporting

September 2 - 75, 2013 – **"You tell us" parent meetings**. These 10 minute long sessions are designed so that the parents can share with the teacher important information about their child.

Late October, 2013 - 3-Way conferences. These 15 minute sessions are designed so that the child, teacher and parents can talk about the progress that the child is making. Targets will be set at these meetings so that everyone is clear about the areas that the child needs to develop.

Early January, 2014 - Online Reports. Via Gateway parents will be able to access online reports at the start of Term 2. These reports will cover the first two units of inquiry (UOI) as well as progress the child has made in maths, English and Chinese.

January, 2014 - ISA information made available to parents. Again via Gateway our Year 4-6 parents will have access to the International Schools Association (ISA) results from the tests the children sat in October covering the areas of writing, reading and maths.

March, 2014 - Parent Consultation. These 15mins sessions are an opportunity for the parents and the teacher to discuss the child's progress and areas to be developed.

May, 2014 - Student Led Conferences. These conferences are led by the student who is tasked with reflecting on their progress throughout the year including areas of strength and areas that require future development.

June, 2014 - Online Reports. Via Gateway parents will be able to access end of year reports covering UOI 3-5, English, maths, specialist subjects and a social and emotional comment section from the teacher.

The Primary Years Programme

IB learners strive to be:

Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-minded

Caring

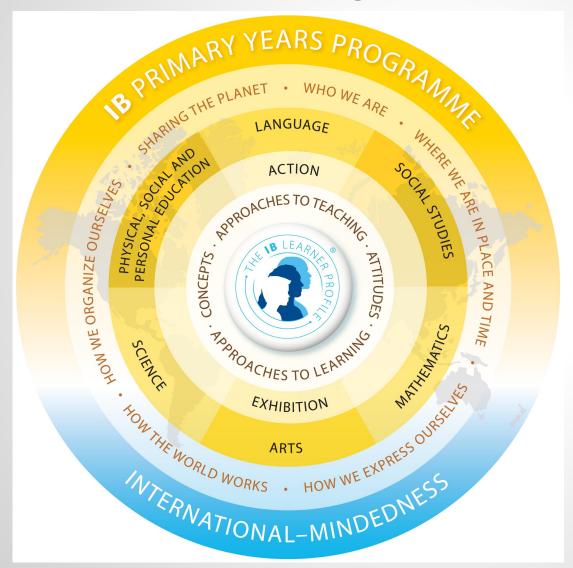
Courageous

Balanced

Reflective



The Primary Years Programme





Workshops for Parents

(Term 1)





Mon. 23rd September – Intro to PYP – 8.40 a.m. (all parents new to PYP)

Tues. 24th – Thurs. 26th September – Maths – 8:40 am (24th-Y1&2 / 25th-Y3&4 / 26th-Y5&6)

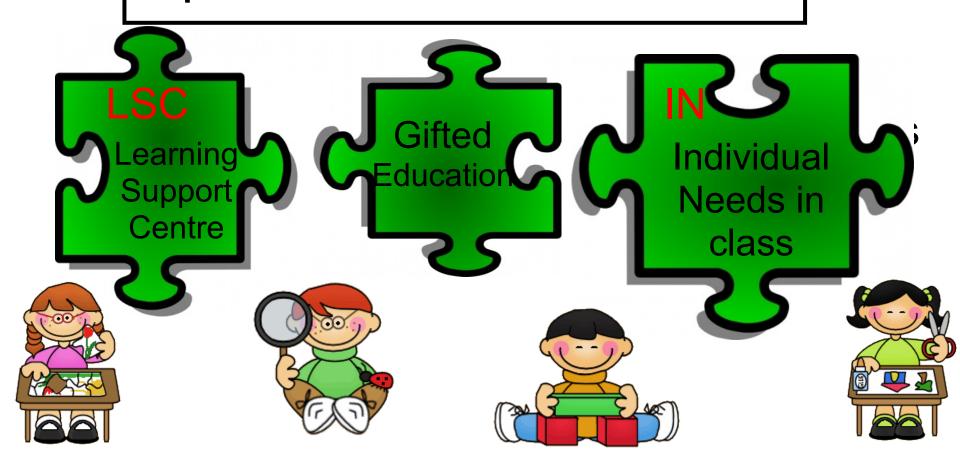
Thurs 10th October- Chinese (8:40 am)

Thurs 21st October - Literacy - focus on reading Y2-6 (Y2-6 parents) 8:40 am

'Parents as Partners' - 'Tapping into YOUR expertise to enhance student learning.

SEN – Learning Support Tess Alton

Special Educational Needs



Peak PE Jamie Erwin

PE Lessons - Two lessons per week for each class

Adventure Challenges, Health-related Fitness, Games, Movement Composition and Individual Pursuits.

Sports Day - Year 3,4,5,6 Friday February 28th, Year 1,2 Friday March 7th

After School Sports– Football, Netball, Tag Rugby, Cricket, Rounders, Mixed Field Hockey, Athletics, Aquathon and Running Club.









Peak Chinese

Lessons

Y3 to Y6-five 45-minute sessions per week. Y1 and Y2-four sessions per week.

UOI

1 link per year stand-alone unit

Peak View

Biweekly Newsletters















Special Events





Learning Technology Craig Hollingsworth





Spam Email Instant Messaging File Sharing Phishing Blog Blocking Software Private Information Filtering Software Social Media Sites Smart Phone Netiquette Virus Cyberbullying





Learning Technology (LT) Scope and Sequence

Investigating Creating

Collaborating

Organising

Click the links below to visit the various parts of this document.

Communicating

Digital Citizenship

Managing and Operating Google+ Community







Home Literacy Maths Units of Inquiry Chinese Music Physical Education My Blog

Peak School Library

Mrs Rodwell and Mrs Campbell



AN INFORMATION 'HUB'

A centre to gather information and enjoy stories



LIBRARY RESOURCES

What you can find in our library



LIBRARY CLASSES

Weekly borrowing and Library Hours



WHAT WE DO

The job of the Librarians

www.ps.edu.hk: Teaching and Learning: Library

www.facebook.com/peakschoollibrary

Performing and Creative arts at the Peak School

- Timetabled specialist music lessons
- Performing arts links in drama/dance/media with units of Inquiry
- Opportunities for instrumental tuition
- Extra curricular performing arts clubs; Baroque recorders, choirs, band, Physical theatre, Glee, Musical theatre etc.
- Community performances and concerts
- Recorders, keyboards, theory and notation
- Composing, singing, designing, exploring, listening, moving expressing, creating, responding, performing, playing,
- ...and lots more.



Communication

- Direct marketing issue and need for parents to sign up on Gateway
- Details about clubs and activities run by outside providers can be found in the office foyer

Our communication commitment to you-

- Face to face
- Phone calls
- Emails
- Newsletters
- Planet Peak
- School Website
- Gateway
- Principal Blog
- 'A peak at our learning' blog (Mrs Ainsworth)

Please read the information that is made available to you. We wouldn't send it out if it wasn't important.

Do not hesitate to contact us should you have a question, concern, anxiety, issue or would simply like advice.