Dear Parents,

With effect from 1st February Jane Kuok will formally take on responsibility as Principal of Tenby International School, Setia Eco-park. Congratulations to Jane on her appointment. I shall retain my own involvement in the school through my post as Director of Education for Tenby Schools. Although not there full-time, I shall be visiting the school regularly and will provide support and guidance to my colleagues in continuing to take the school forward.

Robert Lloyd

School Holidays
The school will be closed for the whole of next week in order to celebrate Chinese New Year. We shall also be closed on Monday 9th February as this is a Selangor public holiday to celebrate Thaipusam.

CCAs
There has been a slight delay with starting CCAs for students after the Chinese New Year holiday. We apologise for this. As such these are the arrangements that have been made:

- Students will be allocated to and informed of the CCAs they will be doing based on their selection during the first week back. These chosen CCAs will begin in the second week (week beginning February 9th, 2009).
- In the first week (week beginning February 2nd, 2009) all students who are eligible to do CCAs will be involved in House activities. This will be an ideal opportunity for students from both streams to work together in teams and develop closer links between them.
- The House activities will be held on the following days between 2.40pm and 3.40pm:
  - Wednesday 4th February for Secondary students
  - Thursday 5th February for Primary students.
- A Taekwondo demonstration took place this week led by the instructors who will be leading the CCA for our students. This gave our students a glimpse into what Taekwondo is. Here is a photo of one of the stunts that was performed. Our students were certainly impressed with the demonstration.

Year 8 Mathematics
Just a reminder that the Mathematics sets will begin after Chinese New Year. The students will be placed into two groups and will be informed which group that they will be assigned to.
Year 8 ‘Egg Babies’ Project
This week, the Year 8 students have been assigned to an ‘egg baby’ project. It consisted of the 8’s being ‘parents’ for a week. Many eggs suffered an unfortunate death this past week with the death toll of approximately 50%. Girls proved to be the better parent as the majority of the eggs ‘killed’ belonged to the boys, in our opinion.

By Elizabeth Quah and Toh Mei-Li (Year 9)

p.s. Ronald killed Donald and ‘gave birth’ to baby number 2, McDonald. =)

Key Stage 1 and Early Years Parents
If you have children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 without older siblings, please collect your children at the following times:

Early Years : 1.15pm
Key Stage 1 : 2.00pm.

If your children in Key Stage 1 and Early Years have older siblings, the teachers will supervise them until 2.30pm. If this is the case, please could you be prompt with collecting the students as there is no supervision after 2.30pm and teachers often have meetings and CCAs to attend. Thank you for your assistance in advance.

Scholastic Book Club
After Chinese New Year, we will be giving out leaflets from the Scholastic Book Club to all students in the school. The aim is to promote reading amongst our students. If you would like to purchase any books, please fill in the Order Form indicating the quantity and total amount. Payment can be made via cheque (made payable to ‘Grolier (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.’) or Credit Card (details to be filled in on the Order Form). NO CASH will be accepted for ease of organisation. All orders need to be in by Friday 13th February, 2009 and handed to either the homeroom teachers or class/form teachers. Books will take approximately four weeks to arrive.

Smart Tags
If a student has lost their Smart Tag, they will need to fill in the form “Replacement of Identity Tags” which is available at Reception. The replacement fee is RM20.00. Once the tags are ready, form/class teachers will hand them to students.

All SST parents should have received their Smart Tags by now. Please inform the Receptionist if you have not received your tag.

As for the children in SST, their tags will be distributed in batches starting from February 4th, 2009. The tag will serve as a mode of payment for use at the Book Shop and Cafeteria. To load cash amounts, students can do this at Reception during the following times:

Mondays :    7.30-8.00am
Tuesdays - Fridays : 9.30- 11.00am
ICT Classes for SST
Students attending these classes are required to have their own thumb-drive (1G/2G) in order to save their work. Please make sure that your child has got a thumb-drive. These drives have to be anti-virus checked and then kept in the school computer lab for their use.

School Time
SST students have to be in school by 7.30am everyday for the early morning assembly at the Open Space at the Expressive Art Block. The teaching and learning will then start at 7.45am-2.30pm every day. CCA time is from 2.40-3.40pm.

School Uniform and Appearance
There are a number of students who are either not wearing the correct school uniform or are wearing it untidily. As such we seek your cooperation to ensure that students come dressed appropriately.

Students from Year 1 upwards are expected to wear dark grey ankle socks and all black shoes (not trainers, sneakers, plimsolls or canvas shoes).

Girls with long hair should tie their hair back with a blue or black hair band. Boys’ hair should be of a reasonable length (above the collar). For full details, please refer to the booklet on Information for Parents.

Physical Education Department – Kit Requirements
The PE department is committed to improving the fitness, general health, concentration levels and relaxation of the pupils at Tenby Schools. We would ask that for every PE lesson the correct kit is brought to school. If a pupil is ill/injured and unable to take part they should bring a note detailing this. If for any reason a pupil is not able to participate then they should STILL bring their kit (with the exception of swimming, where indoor kit should be brought). This will allow the PE staff to give pupils another role in class work. It will foster good habits of always bringing kit. It will also mean the total inclusion of all pupils into all lessons.

Physical Education Kit
Clothing is an important aspect of safe practice in all forms of physical activity. At Tenby International School we recommend the following items of kit for participation in Physical Education:

Swimming
• All students will require a navy blue bathing costume (must be one piece)
• Swimming shorts are NOT allowed
• Goggles made of unbreakable plastic or rubber
• Towel
• Swimming Caps are advised

Outdoor Games Activities
• Shin Guards that strap into position
• Personal mouth guard (Hockey)
• Boots with studs that conform to current BS EN requirements
• School hat
• Sunscreen
• Shorts & House T-shirt
• Change of socks & underwear
• Towel in wet conditions
Indoor Activities
- Shorts & House T-shirt
- Change of socks & underwear
- Footwear that is close fitting with soles that provide good traction

Running
- Footwear that is suitable for running on grass, path and pavement
- Shorts & House T-shirt
- School Hat
- Sunscreen
- Change of socks & underwear
- Towel

Personal Belongings
- All items should be clearly labelled with pupils’ full name and class.
- Changing rooms will be locked once all pupils are in the working area and only re-opened by the teacher when the lesson is finished.
- Bringing specific items of value (mobile phones, i-pods etc,) is not permitted unless authorised by a member of the academic staff. Pupils are advised to make use of their lockers to store any valuables and are responsible for doing this before the start of the PE lesson.

Best Regards,
Jane Kuok
Deputy Principal
Tenby International School

Best Regards,
Puan. Lee Mei Leng
Principal
Sekolah Sri Tenby