Dear Parents,

This newsletter is being sent to you by e-mail. We shall no longer be circulating paper copies. A small number of paper copies will be available at the school reception desk and a copy will be posted on the notice board at the entrance to the Administrative Building. Current and past copies of the newsletter are also available on the school website.

There are now only three weeks until the end of term. It will be a busy time at the school.

All students will receive reports at the end of term, though these will not necessarily be in the format that we plan for the longer term. The reports will be based on students’ work over the course of the term, including formal assessments. We shall not however be having formal examinations at the end of this term. These will only take place during term three. An important dimension to our curriculum is that assessment is an on-going process integrated into the programme of teaching and learning. Examinations have a role but other forms of assessment of students’ work are equally important.

We are also finalising the appointments of new teachers who will be joining us in January and working out a programme of work on the school buildings and grounds which will take place over the holiday period. We do expect to have the school field in use by next term; it is not quite there yet but at least is now beginning to resemble a playing field!

Swimming
As announced in last week’s bulletin our swimming pool is now ready for use and the swimming programme will be starting on Monday. Please make sure that your children bring their swimming kit to school on the appropriate days. Details of the kit required and the programme for each class were given in last week’s newsletter. The Swimming CCA will also begin on Tuesday next week. We plan to include a wider range of Swimming CCAs in our programme for next term.

The swimming instructors appointed by the school are Mr. Soon Kean Fatt and Mr. Benjamin Lee of Soonwong Aquatic Sdn Bhd. They are both fully qualified swim instructors and life-savers. There will also always be school staff present at the pool during swimming lessons.

Sun Smart Policy
Please remember that the “Sun Smart Policy” will be in place from Monday. Primary school children must wear school hats in house colours when playing or having a PE lesson outside in the sun. We also encourage secondary aged children to do the same. Larger hats suitable for secondary students are now available from the school shop.

School Uniform
In general the standard of school uniform has been good and students are arriving smartly dressed in the morning. May I remind you that, shoes should be in black leather and that in addition white trainers are needed for PE lessons. A small number of students have been wearing black trainers both as school shoes and then for PE. They are not acceptable for either!

Best regards,

Robert Lloyd