



KJS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear KJS Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have finally enjoyed a steady stretch of decent weather this week, allowing our students to make maximum use of our playgrounds and outdoor spaces.

Looking ahead, information regarding the upcoming Year 5 camp will be sent out early next week. To help prepare for this we will also host a Parent Information Session via Zoom to walk you through the details and answer any questions you may have. Please keep an eye on your inbox for those details.

Earlier this week, I had the pleasure of visiting Tsing Yi Kindergarten, our associated kindergarten under the new ESF Early Years Strategy. Next week, we look forward to welcoming their principal, Suzannah Large, to KJS as she visits to see how well our former Tsing Yi students have settled into Year 1.

Next week is also an important event in the calendar for ESF, as leaders from across all foundation schools gather for our annual ESF Leadership Conference to collaborate and drive ongoing educational excellence. I look forward to being able to share this work in due course.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr MacGregor
Principal

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Form – Deadline Approaching

The deadline for the Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Process is fast approaching. If you have not yet submitted your child's form, please do so immediately.

Action Required:

All Year 6 parents should have received an email via the ESF Online Admissions System (OAS).

- Please check your inbox (including spam/junk folders) for an email titled "**Year 6 to Year 7 Transfer – August 2027**".
- Complete and submit the form as soon as possible.

Key Dates & Information:

- Deadline for Submission: **Tuesday, 15 September 2026**
- Late submissions will NOT be accepted.
- Associated Secondary School: King George V School (exception: sibling/staff/alumni transfers*)

Please note that a completed transfer form is required for every Year 6 student. If parents decline a Year 7 place or fail to submit a form before the deadline, the place will be released to other priority applicants.

IMPORTANT DATES

* Who We are Learning Conferences

29–30 September

* Public Holiday

1 October

* Mid Term Break

19–26 October

* CPD Day

26 October

* Y5 Camp

26–28/ 28–30 October

* Y6 Camp

1–4 December

* Last Day of Term 1 (School Ends at 12nn)

11 December

Library News

Introducing Our Student Librarians: Shaping the Future of the KJS Library!



We are thrilled to launch an exciting new initiative in our library this year: the **Student Librarian Leadership Program!**

Please join us in celebrating our newly appointed Year 6 Student Librarians: **Nicholas, Penelope, Haim, Ahlin, Stella, and Isabella.**

From Dedicated Monitors to True Leaders These six incredible students applied for the role at the end of Year 5, following an outstanding track record as library monitors. They were true "library legends"—consistently showing up for

every single scheduled duty, diligently shelving books, keeping our shelves tidy, and bringing warmth to our shared space.

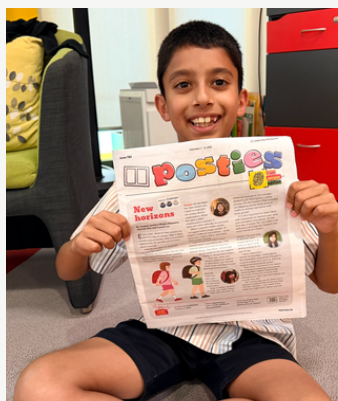
Empowering Student Voice: A Library Council Just as a Student Council gives pupils agency over school life, our Student Librarian team provides a platform for student leadership within our library ecosystem. We believe literacy and learning flourish best when guided by the readers themselves!

In their expanded roles, this team will step beyond daily maintenance to actively shape our library culture:

- **Co-Planning Major Events:** Working alongside the library team to design and execute school-wide celebrations, including our upcoming **Book Week**.
- **Greater Bay Area (GBA) Book Award:** Helping curate, champion, and manage student participation in regional reading initiatives.
- **Curating the Collection:** Providing direct input on future book orders so our shelves reflect the genuine interests and requests of our student body.
- **Student Advocacy & Mentorship:** Serving as approachable mentors and a direct voice for our younger students to share what they want to see and read in our library.

We are so proud of Nicholas, Penelope, Haim, Ahlin, Stella, and Isabella for taking on this leadership journey. Keep an eye out for their inspiring projects throughout the school year!

Student Spotlight: SCMP Posties Success Stories!



Kaveen Savalani (Year 5) – Issue #719 (August 10th, 2026)
Kaveen was the very first KJS student to launch off the school year! This marks the 3rd time Kaveen has been published in Posties out of close to 20 articles he has submitted. Written

back in Year 4 during his class unit on ancient civilizations, Kaveen used Epic books to research his favorite topic, Ancient Egypt. He was shocked and delighted to spot his article on the KJS Virtual Library! Kaveen encourages all his classmates to keep writing and stay positive.



Shrija Singh & Ayra Soni (Year 6) – Issue #721 (August 24th, 2026)

Inspired by not being in the same class since Year 2, best friends Shrija and Ayra collaborated during a doubled-up Year 5 library class to co-author an engaging piece on allowing students to choose their teachers.

- **Shrija** has written 3 articles so far (co-authoring with friends Margaret, Heer, and Ayra, as well as writing solo) and was surprised and happy to see her work published. Her advice to peers is to try writing a variety of styles, such as poems, personal stories, and book reviews.
- **Ayra**, who estimates she has written nearly 30 solo articles and 10 with friends, felt both excited and surprised to get in! She credits her Year 4 persuasive writing practice on real-world topics for helping her get selected and suggests that everyone just keep writing.



Jamie Hui (Year 5) – Issue #722 (September 1st, 2026) Jamie scored his second publication out of 15 articles written! He originally wrote this piece during Year 4 and was thrilled when his

sister, Jazelle, shared the exciting news with him. Jamie humbly reminds fellow writers to never give up.



Jai Detaramani (Year 4) – Issue #723 (September 7th, 2026)

Jai earned his very first publication on his first try after working with his mom on an important piece about water conservation. Excitedly tipped off by his friends, Jai says this success has inspired him to write even more!



Karlie Kong (Year 6) – Issue #723 (September 7th, 2026)

Karlie celebrated her second published piece out of about 8 submissions. She wrote a review of the book *Witchlings* while on a trip to Malaysia because she loved the story so much. She found out about her feature through her friends and her younger brother, Kyle, who proudly showed off her Posties copy to everyone! Karlie's advice: "Keep trying and don't give up!"

A huge congratulations to all our published writers for helping us kick off our first month of Posties with such creative energy!

Who will be next? Whether you want to share a list of mind-boggling facts or draft a dramatic story, your voice deserves to be heard!

To read more KJS Success stories from SCMP Posties, [click here](#) and [previous year](#) click here.

To submit articles to Posties for consideration by the editors, [click here](#).

The Countdown to Book Week 2026 is On!

Mark your calendars! The absolute biggest celebration of the year for our library is happening from **October 5th to 9th**. This year, we are thrilled to celebrate under the theme "**One Voice, One Book**," with a special spotlight on our community's rich tapestry of home languages.

Here is a sneak peek at what we have planned so far:

Book Fair (Oct 6–8)

- **Parent Shopping Hours:** 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM and end of the school day 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM daily. Stop by to browse and build your home library!
- **Class Visits:** Students will also visit the fair during the school day with their classes to select books. Your child's class teacher will communicate their specific shopping day and time soon.

Bookmark Design Contest Back by popular demand! Every student is invited to submit **one entry** that reflects this year's theme, "One Voice, One Book." Designs can be created traditionally by hand or digitally using Canva. Start brainstorming those creative ideas now!

Home Language Mystery Readers In keeping with our theme, staff members will be making surprise visits to classrooms throughout the week to read favourite stories out loud—this time in their own native home languages!

Our Student Librarians are also hard at work helping us plan additional pop-up activities and events for the week. Keep an eye out for the full schedule coming your way soon. We can't wait to celebrate the joy of reading with your children!





PTA NEWS

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Hello Parents!

We have lots of exciting events coming up and we look forward to seeing you there.



Friday 25 Sept. 2026 Drake Day- The Spirit of KJS

Get ready with your children to celebrate the spirit of KJS with our own mascot, Drake the Dragon! Dress casual in Drake colours (red and gold) to get in the mood. Design your own Drake Drawing, there will be a prize for each year group winner, to be judged by PTA Executive Committee members. The deadline to submit entries is Friday Sept 25 by the end of the school day. Thank you to our wonderful group of Parent Volunteers helping with the event.

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 28 Oct 2026 3:30 pm

The important AGM will be held soon, and this is where the members of the new PTA Executive Committee are voted in. More details on this will follow soon.

Roles and Responsibilities Meeting

For those interested in joining the Executive Committee, there will be a meeting held here at school on Wednesday 16 Sept. at 8:45 -9:30 am in the PYP Room (1/floor) to explain the roles and responsibilities. This meeting is mandatory for those wishing to join the Committee. Please register [here](#) if you plan to attend this meeting.

Pre-Loved uniforms

We are still collecting these and will be holding a sale of pre-loved uniforms later in the year.

If you have any unwanted school uniforms (in clean and good condition), please send them into the PTA Office.

PTA Annual Membership Fees

Parents would have got a notice last Friday 4 Sept. via the Hub for the annual membership fees.

The nominal charge of \$200 per family (not per child) per year is mandatory as per ESF policy and helps support the work of the PTA on behalf of the whole school community. Thank you to all those parents who have paid this already, and for those who have not yet done so, please follow up via the Hub payment system.

Happy Friday!