



## Nursery and Pre-K Newsletter

# Pre School Post

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Dear Parents

The Pre School has had a few very busy weeks since the winter break. We have completed our second unit of inquiry and have found ways for the children to take ACTION and help save our oceans. We have completed a beach cleanup with some of the Elsa students and all participated in a sponsored walk, which helped us raise funds for Plastic Free Seas and Dolphin Conservation Society. We are also trying to reduce our plastic usage at the preschool and have begun a new initiative encouraging all the children to bring reusable Tupperware boxes for the Challah and cooking each week. We also had a wonderful Tu B'Shvat trip to Inspiration Lake.

To prevent the spread of flu in Kindergartens and childcare centres, The Education Bureau (EDB) announced on Friday that all Kindergartens and child care centres will have their Chinese New Year holiday advanced to start from Saturday 26 January 2019. The Non scheduled holidays will take place on 28-31 January and 1 February 2019 (inclusive). School will resume on 12 February 2019.

Best Regards

Ms. Annabel Baillie

Date	Event	Notes
12 February	School Resumes	Normal school day with EDP
14 March	Pre School Parent Teacher Conference 1	
19 March	Pre School Purim Carnival - With Parents	JCC Garden Room at 9am
21 March	Purim Parade - Children dress in costume	School finishes at 11am
25 March	Pre School Parent Teacher Conference 2	



### Happy Birthday to:

Ran Peleg (NA) - 8 January  
 Christopher Russell (PKS) - 7 February  
 Eli Kamhin (PK A) - 13 February  
 Arielle Isaacs (NM) - 17 February  
 Ido Greenbaum (NM) - 19 February  
 Omer Greenbaum (NM) - 19 February  
 Yael Skuratovsky (NM) - 19 February  
 Mussy Lieberman (PK S) - 19 February  
 Amber Wenren (PK S) - 20 February

### Mazeltov to:

The Shaham family on  
 the birth of a baby girl

The Lieberman family on  
 the birth of a baby boy



Thank you to Ran Peleg for a  
 donation to Birthday Book Club

# Ocean Animals

As part of our unit of inquiry SHARING THE PLANET the children were asked to choose an 'Ocean Animal' to research and present with their parent(s) to their class. We learnt about a wide range of different animals from: sharks, whales, turtles, octopus and jellyfish right through to the more unusual swordfish, angler fish, and even a rainbow unicorn fish.

The children all really enjoyed learning so much from these research projects and were able to share facts that they had learnt from them at the end of the unit. It was a great learning experience for all.

We'd like to thank all of the parents and children for making such a great effort!





# Pre School Sponsored Walk

The Pre School children have begun learning all about taking ACTION. We have now completed our Sharing the Planet Unit of Inquiry and having learnt all about ways to protect and care for the ocean we decided to raise some funds for two amazing ocean related Hong Kong charities – Plastic Free Seas and Dolphin Conservation. On Thursday 24 January, all the Nursery and Pre-K children along with their parents/helpers participated in a sponsored walk at Happy Valley Racecourse.

The children all asked friends and family to sponsor them for one lap around the racetrack. Along the

way the children were very excited to find pictures of different ocean animals and enjoyed sharing their knowledge about these animals and the ocean with their parents/helpers. We were honoured to have Dana Winograd from Plastic Free Seas join us for this event. Dana awarded each child with a metal straw at the end of the morning.

We would like to thank all the parents and helpers who joined us on our walk, and for making it a fun and memorable morning.





# Plastic Free Seas

We were incredibly lucky to have Dana Winograd from 'Plastic Free Seas' come in and speak to us about the impact plastic has on our oceans. The children listened intently, shared their understanding and asked some great questions. We learned so much about how plastic is harming all of our animal friends and the small ways we can take action to reduce our plastic consumption- from using metal straws, to taking our own bags to the supermarket.

Following Dana's visit, we as a school have taken action ourselves, reducing plastic consumption. The children have noticed how much plastic we use each week for our Challah. This inspired the 'Challah Box Initiative'. We're encouraging the children to take action themselves, remembering to bring a box for their Challah and packing it away themselves. An excellent effort by all classes in the Pre-School!





# Beach Cleanup

On Tuesday 15 January, Pre School students went on a trip to Stanley Beach to summarise their unit '**Sharing the Planet**'. The children have been learning about rubbish in the ocean and the effects it has on the sea. We met with some Elsa High School science students there, who taught us a little about ocean pollution and what we can do to help. They showed us different bits of rubbish they had found whilst kayaking in Stanley Bay and discussed with us what we should do with our trash.

After the talk, students split into their classes and walked up and down the beach with their teachers showing rubbish for the teachers to collect. We sadly saw some ocean animals washed up on the shore, who had been affected by the pollution. We could see the similarities between plastic bags and jellyfish as we had seen them washed on the shore and discussed how easy it is for turtles and other animals to confuse the two.

To finish the day, we collected some beautiful shells and brought them back to school to clean; and we sorted the rubbish into the appropriate bins. Well done to Nursery and Pre-K for making a difference to your environment.







Chinese  
New Year  
Celebrations  
新年快乐!

















# Jewish Studies

We have been busy for the last few weeks at the Pre-School as we prepared for and celebrated Tu B'Shvat. We enjoyed investigating and exploring different fruits in our classroom, feeling and playing with soil, and planting our very own wheatgrass! Nursery and Pre-K also had a wonderful Tu B'Shvat celebration at Inspiration Lake. We had fun as we inquired into the Shivat Haminim, and had a chance to taste pomegranate, dates and grapes. Everyone enjoyed playing lots of different fruit games, finding the missing and hidden caterpillars, matching fruit pictures, and hugging trees! It was a fun-filled and exciting morning, and we had a fabulous Tu B'Shvat!









# Mandarin News

## 普通话新闻

Chinese New Year is coming! We have begun by learning about the zodiac story and how the festival is celebrated.

We made a craft for the new year.





**PETER INGLIS PHOTOGRAPHY**  
**ELSA AND CARMEL FAMILY/GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS ON**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019**  
**JCC CAMPUS 70 ROBINSON ROAD**

**BOOK NOW-PAY ON THE DAY**

**FAMILY & GROUP PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION in the YOUTH ROOM**  
**PLEASE BOOK A TIME between 14.00 AND 18.30**

We invite families to attend a special family photo session. What we'll do is take a number of photographs (*allowing up to **20 minutes per group***) of various combinations-children, mum and dad together, siblings, grandparents together, everyone who turns up.

**H.K.\$950.00 for the 10 photograph (or 6 high resolution full size digital images) package and H.K.\$750.00 for the 6 photo package (or 4 high resolution full size digital images) plus ONLINE low resolution images of your shoot for reference (downloadable).**

Photographs are 5x7" (13x18cm) and mounted in (removable) card frames. Additional prints may be ordered later and in different sizes if required.

If you're interested, what do you do next? (**THIS IS FOR FAMILY & GROUP BOOKINGS ONLY**)

1. **email: [info@peteringlisphotography.com](mailto:info@peteringlisphotography.com)** or telephone/whatsapp: +852 **96758724** and book a time **BETWEEN 14.00 to 18.30**. I'll get back to you to confirm your time, so leave your contact details:
2. Your **name**,
3. Your **phone number/email**.  
**Turn up on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at your time-*it's really important you are ON TIME.***
4. Wear what you think you look good in. We will probably use a white background.
5. **Cheque (payable to PETER INGLIS PHOTOGRAPHY) or cash ONLY.**
6. **email: [info@peteringlisphotography.com](mailto:info@peteringlisphotography.com) NOW AND RESERVE YOUR BEST TIME.**





**Carmel PTA Presents**  
**Delicious Birthday Chocolate Cake**



**Make ordering your child's birthday cake  
for school easier!**  
**We do all the work for you and celebrate  
with your child at school.**

**\$330 per cake (nut-free & pareve)**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

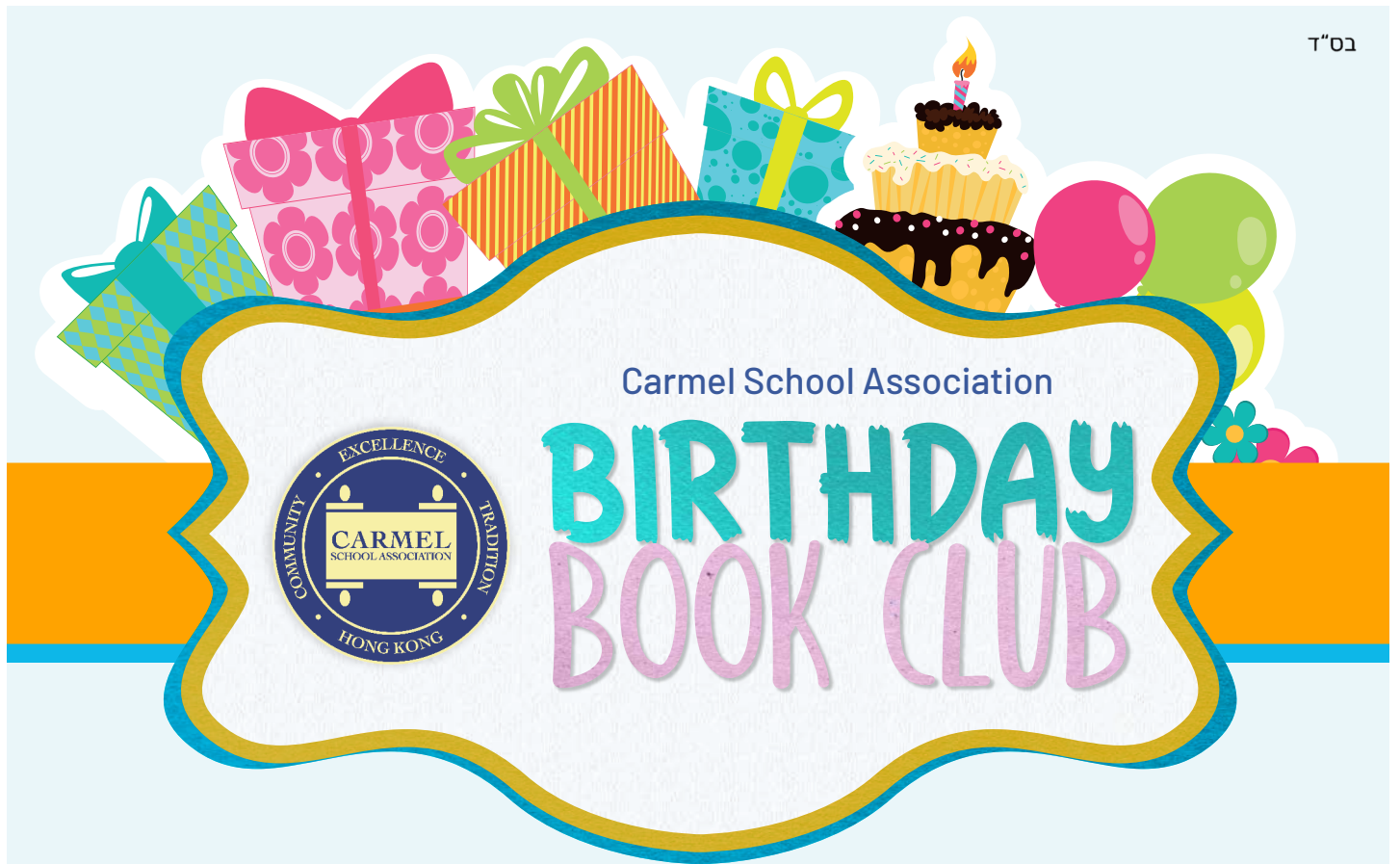
**Birthday:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date you want cake to be served:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit payment to the office by cash or  
cheque together with this form.**

**Cheques made payable to 'Carmel School Association'**





How does the Birthday Book Club work? Simple! For a donation of \$150, on their birthday, your child will get:

- To select a book from our Birthday Batch of new books
- A bookplate in the book
- A picture with the new book on the Birthday Board

Fill out the form below and return it to Ms. Annabel Baillie or your child's class teacher. If your child's birthday is between August and July, please complete the form and return it to us at the time of their birthday.

Would you like to honour a teacher, student or another family by donating a book for another special occasion? Contact Ms. Annabel Baillie for more information.

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**Carmel School Association  
Birthday Book Club**

Yes, I would like to donate a book to the Carmel School Library in honour of my child's birthday

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Donated By \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose (Number of books x \$150) = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cash or cheque made out to "Carmel School Association Limited")





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#### AUGUST

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	No School
	School Resumes
	Early Dismissal
	Staff PD – no school for students

#### August 2018

(Elu 2) 13	Professional Development for new staff
(Elu 3-5) 14-16	Professional Development for all staff
(Elu 5) 16	Grade 6 & New Student Induction - at SKW 11.30am - 1.30pm (includes sandwich lunch)
	Grade 11 Induction - at SKW 10.30am - 2.30pm (includes formal lunch with faculty)
(Elu 6) 17	Pre-K & Nursery Orientation & First Day - at JCC 8.45am arrival   9.15am Morning Tea   11.45am End of Day Kindergarten First Day - at BRC 7.45am arrival   8.30am Parent Meeting   12.00pm End of Day
	Grades 1-3 First Day - at BRC 7.45am arrival   12.00pm End of Day
	Grades 4 & 5 First Day - at BRC 7.45am arrival   12.00pm End of Day
(Elu 9) 20	Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12 First Day of School - at SKW Ganeynu & Tzitzik Orientation - at JCC 8.45am arrival   10.00am Pupils dismissed
(Elu 10) 21	Ganeynu & Tzitzik First Day of School - at JCC

#### September 2018

(Tishrei 1-2) 10-11	Rosh Hashanah I & II – No School
(Tishrei 9) 18	Erev Yom Kippur – Early dismissal at 11am
(Tishrei 10) 19	Yom Kippur – No School
(Tishrei 15-21) 24-30	Succot – No School

#### October 2018

(Tishrei 22) 1	National Day (Public Holiday) – No School
(Tishrei 23-24) 2-3	Succot Holiday
(Tishrei 8) 17	Chung Yeung Festival (Public Holiday) – No School

#### November 2018

#### December 2018

(Tevet 11) 19	Winter Break – Early dismissal at 12pm
(Tevet 12-23) 20 – 31	Winter break – No School

#### January 2019

(Tevet 24-25) 1-2	Winter Break – No School
(Tevet 26) 3	School Resumes

#### February 2019

(Shevat 29 – Adar 6) 4-8	Chinese New Year Break – No School
(Adar 6) 11	Professional Development for all staff – all staff on campus
	No School
(Adar 7) 12	School Resumes

#### March 2019

(Adar 14) 21	Purim – Early dismissal at 11am
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#### April 2019

(Adar 11) 29) 5	Ching Ming (Public Holiday) – No School
(Nissan 12) 17	Pesach break – Early dismissal at 12pm
(Nissan 13-25) 18-30	Pesach break – No School

#### May 2019

(Nissan 26) 1	Labour Day (Public Holiday) – No School
(Nissan 27) 2	School Resumes
(Iyar 8) 13	Buddha's Birthday (Public Holiday) – No School

#### June 2019

(Sivan 4) 7	Dragon Boat Festival (Public Holiday) – No School
(Sivan 7) 10	Shavuot II – No School
(Sivan 18) 21	Last day of School – Early dismissal at 12pm