



# PTA News

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## Welcome to 2009/10 School Year

Welcome to the new school year! We hope that you have had a great summer and are ready to join us for an action packed year of learning and activities.

The new PE uniforms have been distributed and we hope that you like them. Read a little more on how they came to be in this newsletter.

The PTA committee has met and come up with a list of exciting activities for the year ahead. Some are existing ones and others are new for this year.

The original artworks programme is able to go ahead with the support of DHL—without them this year the shipping costs would have made it impossible to do. We shall have more information about this project and the products available at the PTA meeting.

The holiday market will be on again, for your children to get ready for the holiday season. For a small amount they can purchase gifts for members of

their family and feel a part of the holidays.

We would love you to join us on August 26th for a special PTA meeting to welcome new families to ECLC for this school year as well as it being our first PTA planning meeting. Come along to hear about the activities planned and have your input as to how they are run.

**First Aid courses**— ECLC has a qualified nurse and first aid trainer on staff, we hope to be able to offer a first aid course to the parents in the near future.

Opportunities to get involved abound with being a room mum, helping in the library, busy bees, working on PTA projects such as original works, holiday market or read-a-thon. We shall keep you informed as opportunities arise to help.

Also watch out for some great opportunities to get together with other parents from your children's class with shopping trips, wine and cheese nights or

even craft mornings. More information will come as we plan some great events for the coming school year.

We are still needing a recording secretary for our committee, this position records minutes for each PTA meeting, forwards them to the committee for comments, and then posts them on the ECLC website. They also assist with other PTA activities throughout the year. If you are interested please contact me.

I hope you will be able to join us for some of these events.

**Sarah Hunziker**  
PTA President

Don't forget to check the website:

[www.eclcseoul.com](http://www.eclcseoul.com)

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### Special points of interest:

- **New PE Uniforms**
- **Craft Mornings**
- **PTA Meetings**
- **Scholastic Books**

## Room Parents



At ECLC parents are very involved in all activities going on in the school - classroom activities such as field trips and class parties and whole school events.

At the beginning of each school year the PTA is responsible for naming one or two parents in each class that will help the teachers organize special events and also assist the PTA in their activities. In a way that person is a spokesperson

for the parents of that class as well. It is a great way to get involved in your child's every day school life and also get to know the teachers and all the kids that share their day with your child. It is also a great opportunity to share ideas with the PTA and organize and form special events.

Everybody is invited to help out, so do not be shy. It is a fun job and very rewarding. If you are interested in becoming a

room parent please contact Kirsten Layer at [layerbunch@gmail.com](mailto:layerbunch@gmail.com). We are looking forward to your responses and an exciting year of working and having fun together!

**Where:**  
**Hillside  
Residence**

**When:**  
**Wednesday  
26 August  
2009**

**Time:**  
**9.30am**

## 1st PTA Meeting – Planning for the year.....

Our first meeting of the year is to welcome new families to ECLC, introduce our committee to you and be a planning meeting for the year. Morning Tea will be provided prior to the meeting commencing.

Come along and hear the committees initial thoughts for the year and have some input as to

how we put our events together and gather volunteers to help run the events.

Andy Whitney our new Head of School will also be present to answer any questions you may have.

Please join us on August 26th at Hillside Residence (map attached) commencing at 9.30am. A bus will leave the

school at 9.15am and return to school after the meeting for those needing transport.

We hope to see you at the meeting.



## New PE Uniform



Our new PE Uniform— Shorts, T-shirt and Cap

After great debate last year over the suitability and availability of our PE uniform, two mums Young Kae and Sunny Kim have designed and sourced a new PE uniform. The new uniforms are made here in Korea of 100% cotton, and meets safety concerns raised by the staff.

After many prototypes they have been able to produce a uniform that we believe will be suit-

able for the children to participate comfortably and safely during PE.

Being 100% cotton there is 4-5% shrinkage in the first wash. Please follow the washing instructions carefully to avoid too much shrinkage.

The new summer uniforms have arrived and will be sent home via your child's school bag in the first couple of days of school, if the sizing is incorrect please return

via the school bag with a note of your requirement.

Winter uniforms will arrive later in the year.

PE uniforms are to be worn on PE days so that children can get the most out of their PE lessons, without ruining their own clothes.

Thank you to Sunny and Young for all their efforts in producing the new PE uniforms — we eagerly await the winter uniforms..

## Craft Mornings & Shopping Trips

As we start the new school year, the PTA are planning to get some Craft/Explore Seoul sessions up and running .

We plan to schedule different sessions each month, and all you have to do is sign up and turn up (there may be a small fee to cover costs for materials ).

Some of the sessions that we hope to organise include:

- Scrapbooking
- Jewellery making
- Antique shopping excursions
- Cooking (eg korean, mexican etc)
- Market/shopping exploration trips (eg Dongdaemun, Namdaemun)
- Art gallery tours

...of course the opportunities for shopping are endless, and we'd like to organise trips to different shopping spots/markets each month if we can.

### But – we need your help too...

If you have some ideas for sessions that we could organise, or you could help us with, please let us know - we'd



really love to hear from you!

We will also need volunteers to help run some of the sessions, so if there are any sessions that interest you or you have some hidden talents you

are willing to share – let us know.

Note: all these trips and sessions will only be run if there is enough interest.

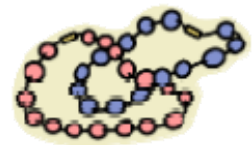
### Team Leader Needed for this activity...

If you think this is something that you'd like to get more involved in, we need a team leader for this PTA activity.

It involves coordinating the sessions and making sure “session leaders” are supported, helping to arranged venues, times etc. If you are interested, please contact any PTA Committee member.



Join us for some time out and fun



## Scholastic Books

Scholastic books are a fantastic way to get your children to have a love of reading. The catalogues come out 5-7 times each school year from which we have the opportunity to purchase books.

There are all sorts of

books available from classics to award winners and best sellers to CD's. All items are reasonably priced from US\$1 to US\$20 and then a shipping fee is added as the books are shipped from the USA.

Books usually take 3 weeks from ordering to arrive so please take this into consideration when ordering

Scholastic Books are co-ordinated by Joy Yoon and Anna Sohn.

Love to read to your child? They will soon love to read too...

## Fieldtrip Kits

For new parents a Fieldtrip t-shirt and backpack will be needed for your child. These t-shirts must be worn during all Fieldtrips as it allows the teachers to easily identify all ECLC children quickly

and easily. Fieldtrip kits will be available at the first PTA meeting on August 26th or via the enclosed form.

Fieldtrip kits cost W20,000 or just the

t-shirt for W13,000.

Additional PE Uniforms are also available.



Fieldtrip T-shirt and Backpack

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## Meet the committee

**Sarah Hunziker**—president is mother of William (K1, Picasso) and Thomas (Preschool, Eric Carle) and Duncan (8 months). We are from Sydney Australia, have been in Korea for two years and will stay another 18 months. I have a marketing background and love to run events and projects.

**Beth Thomas**—vice president is mother of Liam (K1, Monet) and Hamish (2 years) Beth and her family are from New Zealand. They have been living in Seoul now for 1 year and will be staying on for another 2 years. You might know Beth and Liam better by their car.... you may have seen them in the car line or around the UN village driving the bright yellow kiwi car!

**Kirsten Layer**—Head Room Mum is mother of Ella (K2, DaVinci), Mia (Preschool, Leo Lionni) and 9 month old twins Dylan and Sophie. A native German, her family has been in Korea for over 3 1/2 years and has been

at ECLC for the 4th year now. Her husband Peter is from the US and also serves the school as board member this year.

**Carol Osborne**— Treasurer - is mum to Isabella (pre-school. Leo Lionni) and Kaitlin (who moves on to YISS this year after three years at ECLC). The family came to Seoul via Sydney, the two girls are Australian but Carol is a New Zealander and her husband, Lance, is an American. Carol has a background in finance and economics.

**Anna Sohn**—Scholastic Books co-ordinator is a House wife and mother of Two daughters Clare Sohn (K1, Van Gogh) and Sydney Sohn (Toddler , Einstein) this year...

**Joy Yoon**—Scholastic Books Co-ordinator graduated from Yonsei University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and had worked for one of the foreign banks in Korea. Now I'm staying at home with my only

son, Ryan Suh (K1, Van Gogh).

**Young Kae**—Spirit wear is mother of Jonathon (K1, Van Gogh) and a son in 6h Grade at SFS. Young is a Korean born American who has lived in California for 10 years and now back in Korea for 4 years. In her spare time she works in the spirit shop at SFS and gives tours of local art museums.

**Sunny Kim**—spirit wear is mother of Ara (K2, ) is an artist working on an upcoming exhibition to be held in November this year. Sunny has been living in Korea for 10 years.

