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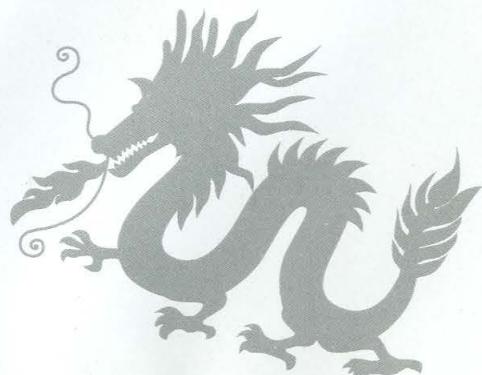
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# Feeling Bubbly..

Joseph Perrier

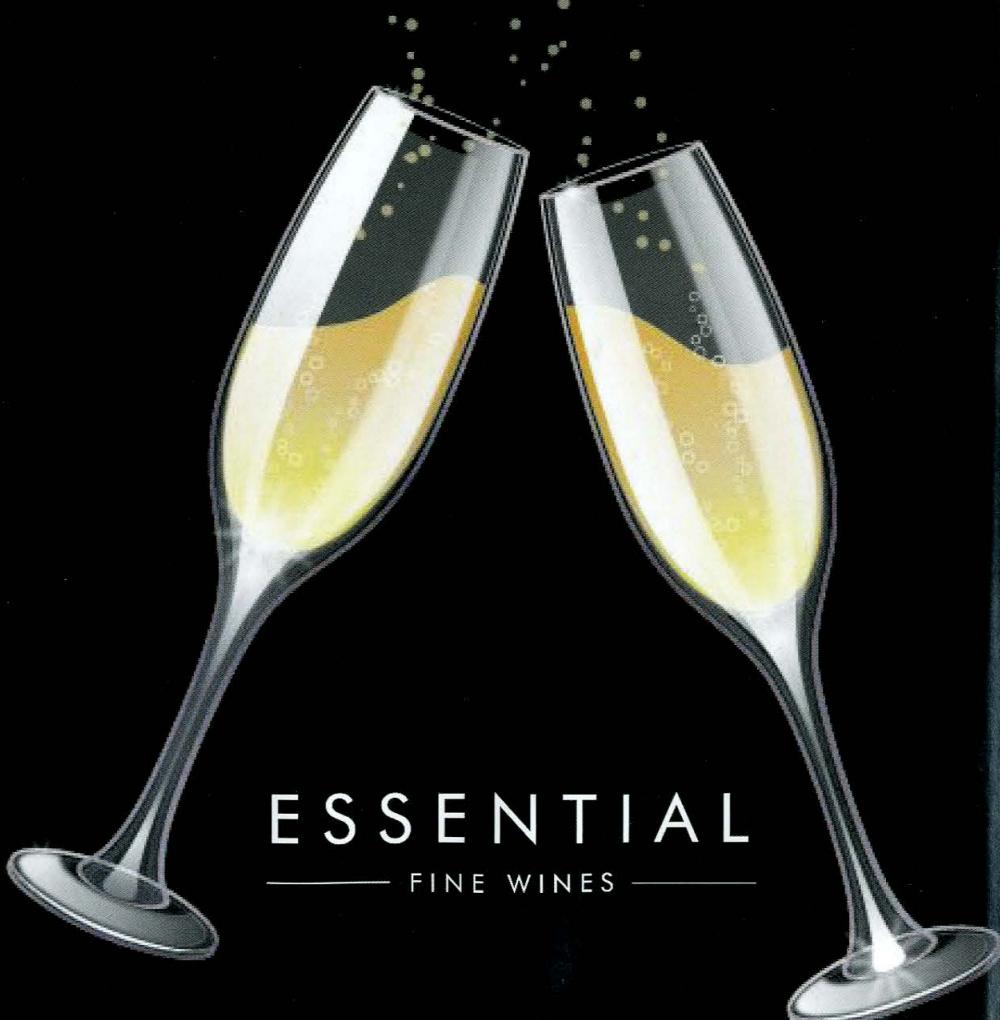
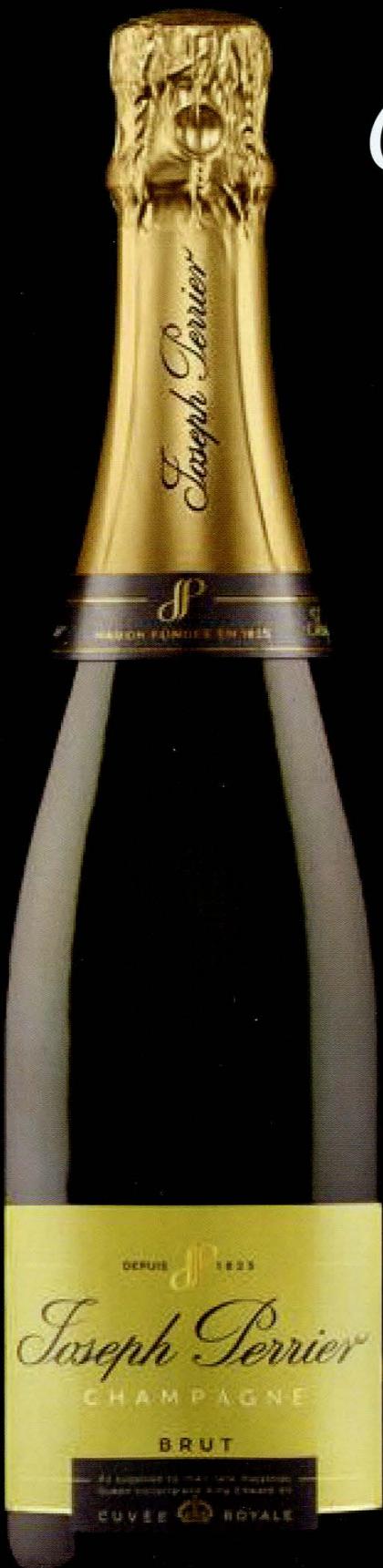
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Kellett School's 40th anniversary celebration! I am delighted that you have joined us on this unique occasion. Today we reflect upon 40 successful years, and seek to enter the record books with our beloved 'Kellec Hung Lung'; Kellett Red Dragon.

Kellett is Hong Kong's oldest independent British International School, and the fourth oldest independent international school. Though a relative youngster in comparison with Hong Kong's own independent and Government Schools, today we stand proudly within the rich diversity of the HKSAR education. A glance through Kellett School's early yearbooks is very insightful. As a community we appear to have embraced every opportunity to raid the 'dressing up box' – it is nice to see this tradition continue!

Kellett is perhaps unique in Hong Kong having had only two Principals. Mrs Vivien Sole, the founding Principal, retired in 1996 having led the school for 18 years. Mrs Sole took Kellett from its early days as 'Starters' to its permanent and current home in Pok Fu Lam. The original school, much smaller than the one we know today, opened as a flagship for British education, and many of its teachers worked 'in kind' in return for their children's education. I succeeded Mrs Sole in September 1996. Hong Kong, together with Kellett, were poised for the 'handover'. It was a period of uncertainty and turbulence for all of the community. Many long-term families unexpectedly departed only to be replaced by those on 'short-term' placements. Uncertainty was further exacerbated by the Asian financial crisis.

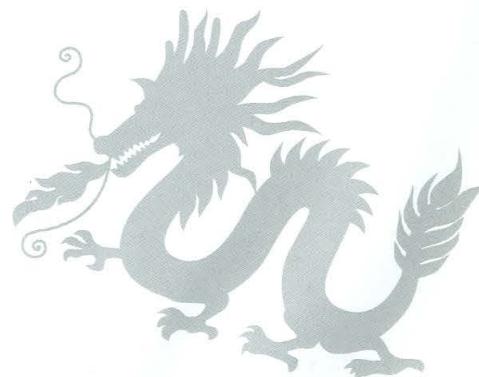
Shortly after my arrival Kellett celebrated its 20th anniversary, and sights were set firmly on the future. Despite turbulent times the community pulled together, parents and colleagues alike, and as a new Hong Kong emerged, Kellett School continued to grow from strength to strength. Forty years on, Kellett School has realised its founding parents' aspirations and more. The Mountain Wing completed at Pok Fu Lam, Prep Schools on both sides of the Harbour, and unforeseen by our founders, the addition of a Senior School. The transformation is remarkable, and the result of a community dedicated to providing an outstanding education to those in its care. It is a privilege to be part of such a dynamic and exciting community; a community that is encapsulated within our internationally recognised logo.

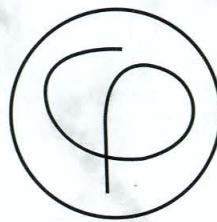
The beloved Kellett Dragon made its first appearance at Kellett's 10th anniversary, originally hand drawn by the then art teacher, Christina Lamont, to adorn the celebration mug presented to each student by the Parents' Committee. It was at our 25th anniversary that the Dragon came into its own and was formally adopted as our mascot and part of the school's logo. Today, a 'Kellec Hung Lung' is presented to every Kellett Prep child upon starting at the school, and can be found at almost every Kellett event whether it be a sports fixture, school journey or assembly; twenty or so dragons adorn the Senior School office alone. It then only seems fitting that for our 40th anniversary, we honour our 'Kellec Hung Lung' by wearing dragon hats, whilst paying homage to Hong Kong by forming the image of a traditional Hong Kong junk.

Thank you again for being involved in the spirit of the day and warmest thanks to the Parents' Committee for their support, the Development and Communications Team and all the other wonderful volunteers who have helped to make this day possible.

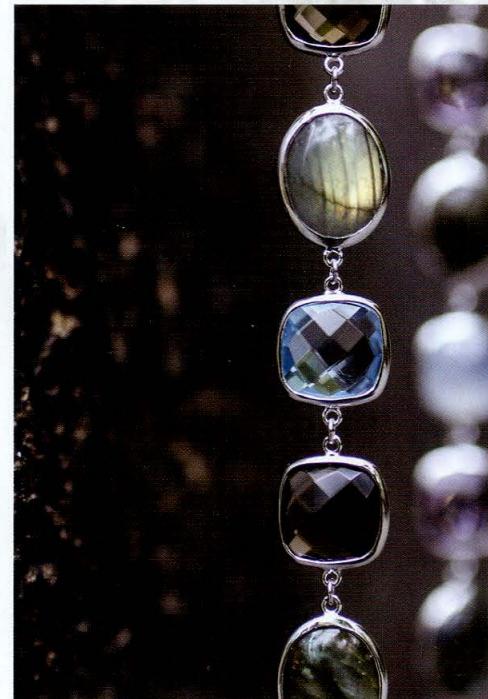
Happy Birthday Kellett, and here's to the next 40 years!

Ann Mc Donald





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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parent,

In 1976, a group of parents got together to form a school for their children. These parents had a vision that this school would grow from the initial roll of 22 students and provide a special education to not only their children, but also the children of Hong Kong. I wonder whether that vision included premises on both Hong Kong Island and Kowloon. Forty years on, that school has not only realised the founders' vision, but probably surpassed it.

As I near the end of my term as Chairman of the Board of Governors and 18 years as a Kellett parent, I am delighted to contribute this message to add to the celebration of Kellett's 40th birthday, a special day on which a remarkable feat rounds off what has been a remarkable year!

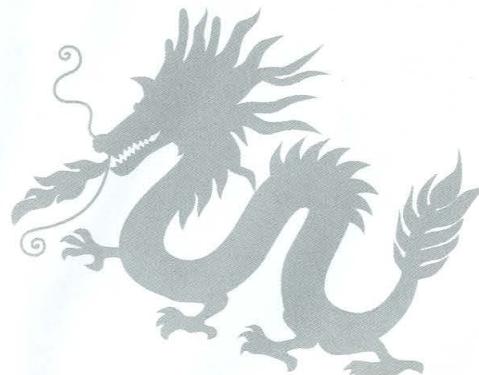
The past year has been one for the Kellett history books. 2016 saw yet more wonderful exam results and university placements, including our first Harvard acceptance and our second Oxbridge acceptance. It has also been a year that has seen Kellett maintain its 'outstanding' rating in the BSO Inspection that was carried out in March.

Our Kowloon Bay campus has received widespread praise for its innovative design and its management, winning and being nominated for various prestigious design awards. Most recently, our facilities management team from JLL received a regional award for their work and dedication in looking after our Kowloon Bay campus. Our Pok Fu Lam campus continues to provide a solid foundation for the School, as it has done for most of our 40 years.

Today is more than a celebration of Kellett's anniversary and its achievements. It is a celebration of its people. A celebration of all of the students, parents, teachers and staff who have given so much to develop Kellett into the school that we see today. It is this Kellett Community that I believe makes this such a special school. It comes as no surprise to me that this community has been able to gather together today to attempt to set a new GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS® title for the 'Largest Human Image of a Boat', that not only shows our unity as a school, but also pays homage to our city, through the iconic image of a traditional Hong Kong junk.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being a part of this special day. And also thank all those who have worked to organise this celebration, from the Parents' Committee to the Development and Communications Department and all those in between. It is a hugely exciting time for Kellett School, and I wait with eager anticipation to see what lies ahead for 'the little school that did'.

Kind regards,  
David Kidd





THE EARLY YEARS  
1976 - 1985

1976 - 1985



The population in Hong Kong is 4.584 million and the Hong Kong Statistical Society is founded to promote the correct use and interpretation of statistics



John Lennon visits Hong Kong with his family  
IMAGE: vintageday



The first Hong Kong Sevens tournament takes place at Hong Kong Football Club in March; the Cantabrians won  
IMAGE: HKSevens.com

1976



## A strong case for January school intake

I FIND myself in the position of many expatriates in Hong Kong, mother of a pre-schooler whose birthday falls, unfortunately, in January. This child will not enter school until she is five years nine months sharing a classroom with children as much as 11 months her junior who were lucky enough to be born in December.

As a teacher, I can appreciate the difficulties of teaching a group whose ability range is so wide and as a parent, I know the problems involved in finding intellectual stimulation for a child whose greatest desire is to be in school learning to read and write.

Can no solution be found to this problem?

Why can't the schools, Government and private, have a January intake to accommodate those children who are not five until after the first of the year?

If this could be arranged, surely by the summer, those children who have entered in January could be assessed by the teacher. Those who were ready for the second form could move up while those who needed more time in the first form could remain there. This system seems fairer in every way to me than the present arbitrary September-only intake.

If there are other parents who feel as strongly as I that accommodation for these children should be provided at least by Government schools (keeping in mind that Government guarantees schooling for the children of its employees at age five) please write to me at 39A Conduit Road, Flat A15 with the aim of forming a Parents Association to gain this end.

JOANNE ELLIOTT (Mrs)

21 September 1976  
South China Morning Post



1977

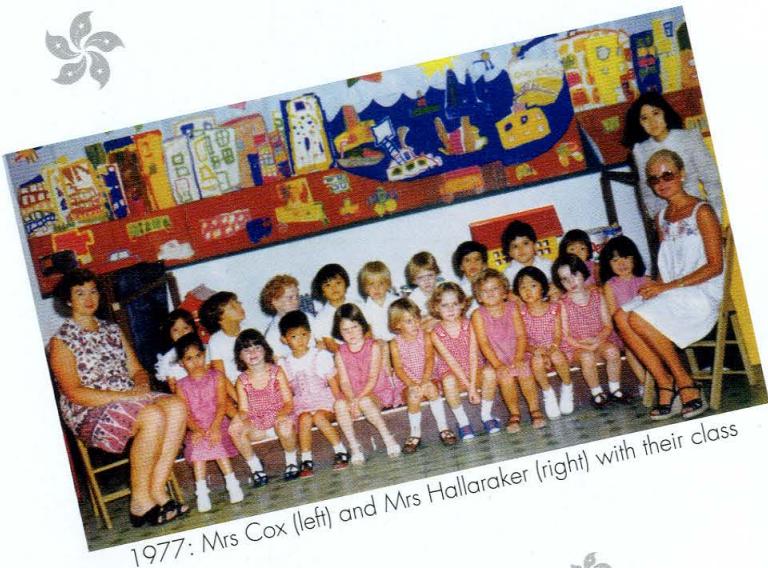


Budding artists hard at work in the Wan Chai school, known as Starters, where the school remained until moving to Tai Koo Shing in 1978

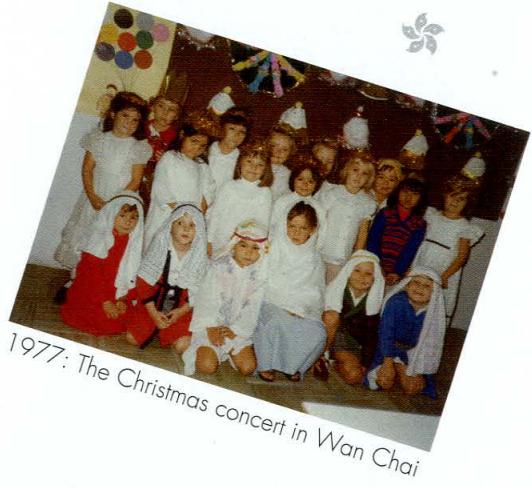




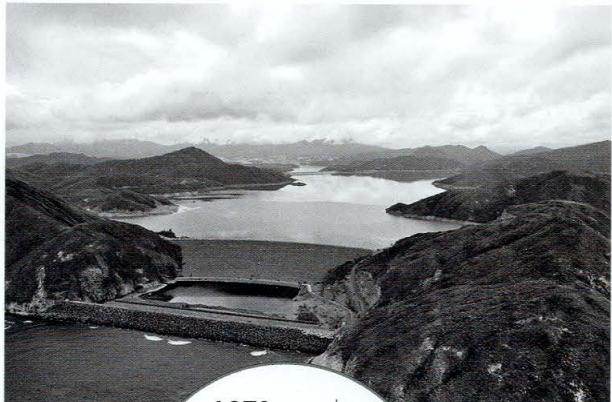
1977: Mrs Sperring (right) and Mrs Lamont with their class



1977: Mrs Cox (left) and Mrs Hallaraker (right) with their class



1977: The Christmas concert in Wan Chai



1978 sees the opening of the High Island reservoir, constructed to alleviate Hong Kong's water shortages. It holds 273 million cubic metres of water.  
IMAGE: WSD



1977: Mrs Steer (right) and Mrs Evans with their class. Susan Elliot, whose mother Joanne started it all is seated 4th from right on the bottom row.



1978: Mrs Cox's class at Tai Koo Shing

1978





May 1980: Mrs Steer and Mrs Birnie with Primary 3 students, the oldest in the school, on a site visit to Pok Fu Lam with the site foreman



Towards the end of 1979 the children get acquainted with the design of their new school building in Pok Fu Lam

1980



Scan this QR code to watch a video of a local Hong Kong boy's life in 1980



Cathay Pacific's first jumbo jet arrives at Kai Tak



Construction of the Pok Fu Lam building is complete and Kellett school moves to its new permanent location with 260 primary students enrolled

1979



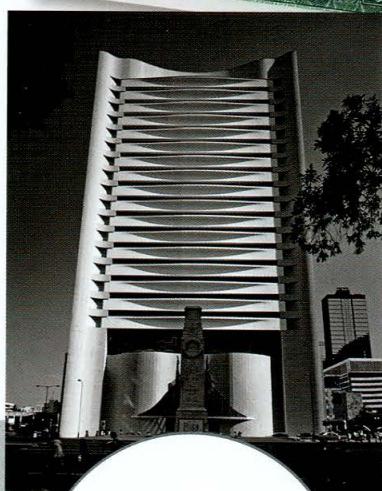
1979: The MTR is established and the first line opens, running between Shek Kip Mei and Kwun Tong



1981



The Pok Fu Lam school is ready for students



Construction commences  
on the  
Hong Kong Club building  
IMAGE: Seidler



The first photograph of the completed Pok Fu Lam hall, a much-loved part of the school

1982

1976 - 1985



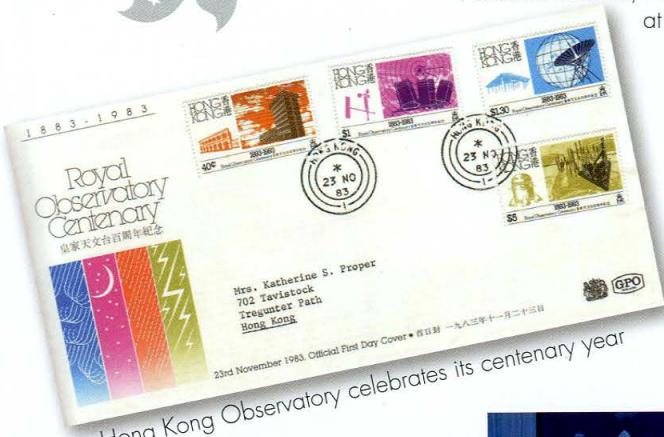
Brett Saunders & Kate Hodgson  
at the Kellett Fashion Show



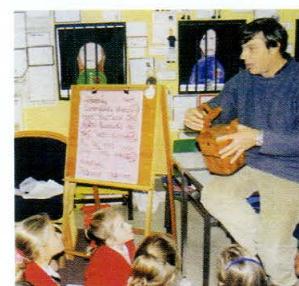
Girls of the Class of 1983



Amanda Budden, Francesca Fitzpatrick and Alexandra Phillips  
at the Kellett Fashion Show



Class of 1983 - with four of the First Day 44



Mr Marshall at work teaching  
Design & Technology



Nick Miller  
joins Kellett

The first 20 blue taxis being operating  
on Lantau Island



1983

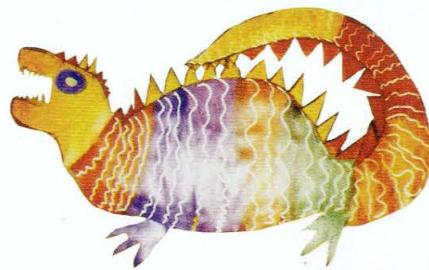
1976 - 1985



The Sino-British Joint Declaration is signed by Margaret Thatcher and Premier Zhao Ziyang



Sports Day



1984



'Challenge through disciplined entertainment'  
P6 students go to sea on the adventure ship Huan

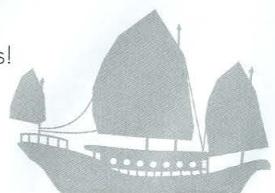
The hall is air-conditioned and stage lights fitted, thanks to the \$100,000 raised through the sale of 'Kid's Kitchen' cookbook, which is featured on ATV and sold in bookshops



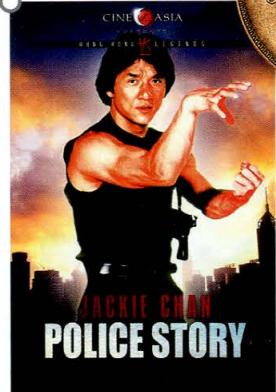
The Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts is founded  
IMAGE: Chong Fat



Sail ho!  
Thar she blowwws!



1985



Jackie Chan's top film of all time, according to the man himself



A Brownies gathering



Kellett were granted the use of a small piece of land which was transformed, dubbed Smiley Garden and officially opened in a grand ceremony



Dragonair commences operations with the first flight from Kai Tak to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia



Mrs Shannon and Mrs Pearson cut the ribbon



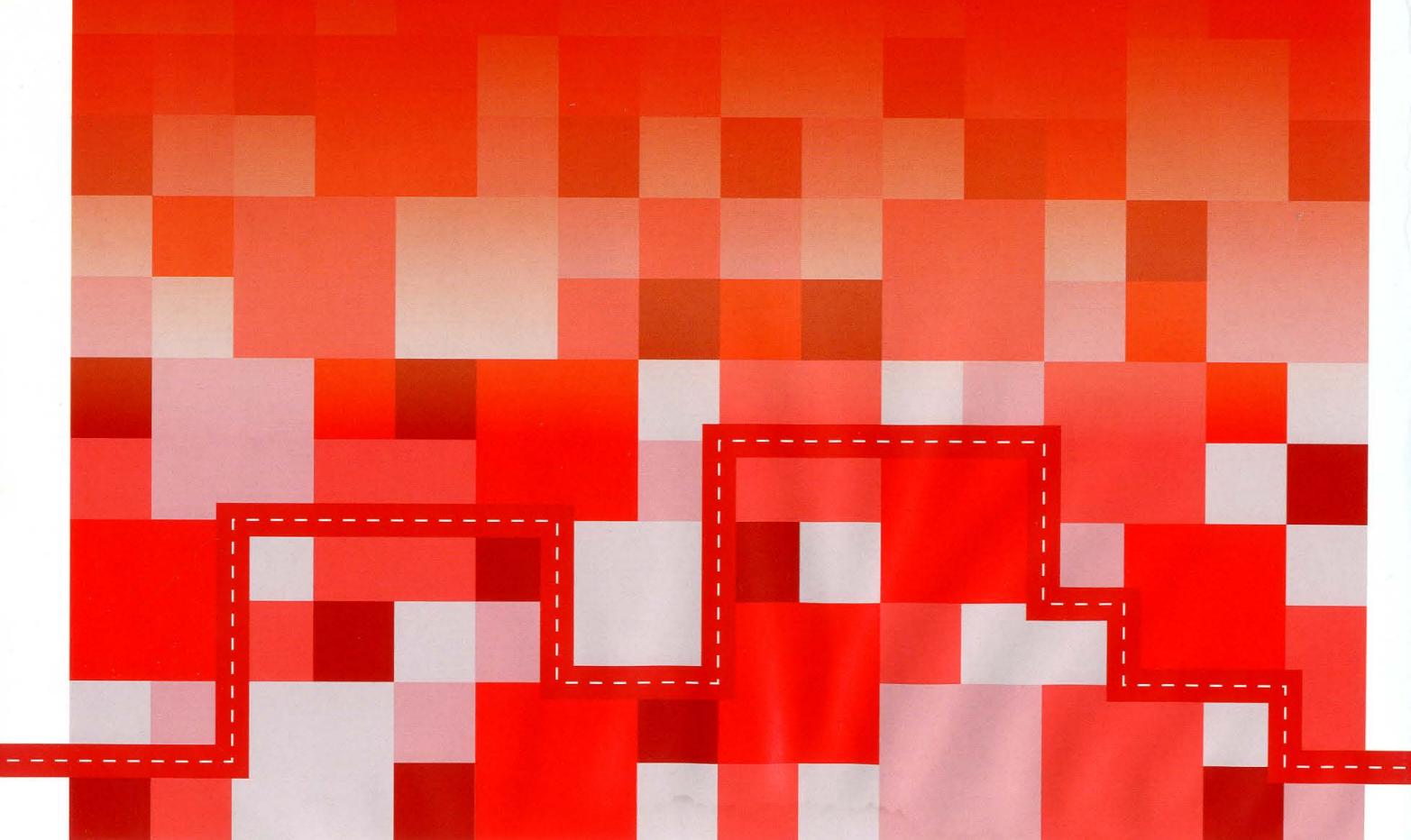
Waiting for the lion dance to begin

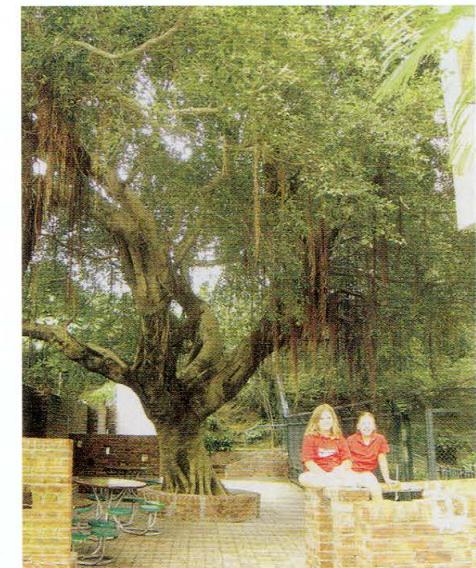


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1986 - 1995  
ONE DECADE ON

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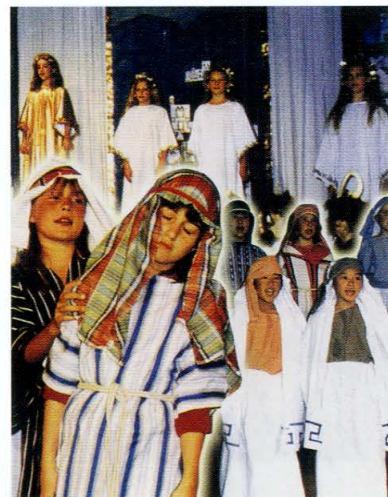
The mythical banyan tree at the Pok Fu Lam campus where, according to local folklore, a dragon resides up high in the branches keeping a watchful eye over the school



Sports Day remains a highlight of the year



The 1986-1987 football team lose just one of their games and the netball team remains unbeaten throughout the season



The production of Christmas Jazz is remembered as one of Kellett's best

1986

Kellett celebrates its 10-year anniversary with a family sport's day, a production of Ming Ming, an anniversary party at school with lots of cake and an anniversary ball at the Aberdeen Marina Club.



Kellett's first Hallowe'en party raises HK\$40,000 for new seating in the hall!

The Board approves the plan for the new wing

1989



Mr Ng joins Kellett



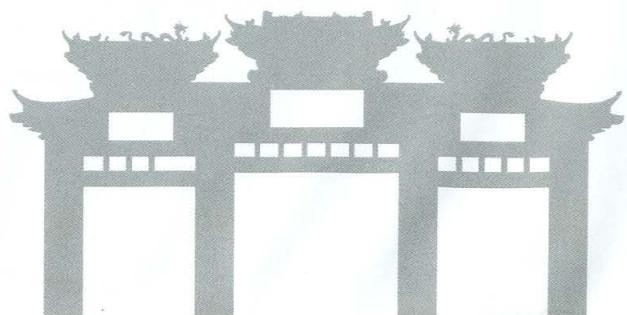
Flying Dancer wins the inaugural Hong Kong Cup

1988



On October 20, a 4-day suspension is imposed following Black Monday's market crash which starts in Hong Kong and spreads to the rest of the world IMAGE: independent.co.uk

1987





The Eastern harbour tunnel opens

1990

Tiananmen Square protest



1991



The new roof extension is opened and dedicated to Jane Rutherford, late wife of Lewis Rutherford and mother of Andrew and Alexandra



Kellett soccer team the 'Red Devils'  
with Coach Nevin



A record number of 396 students  
are enrolled

1992



Mrs Wong  
joins the staff





1993

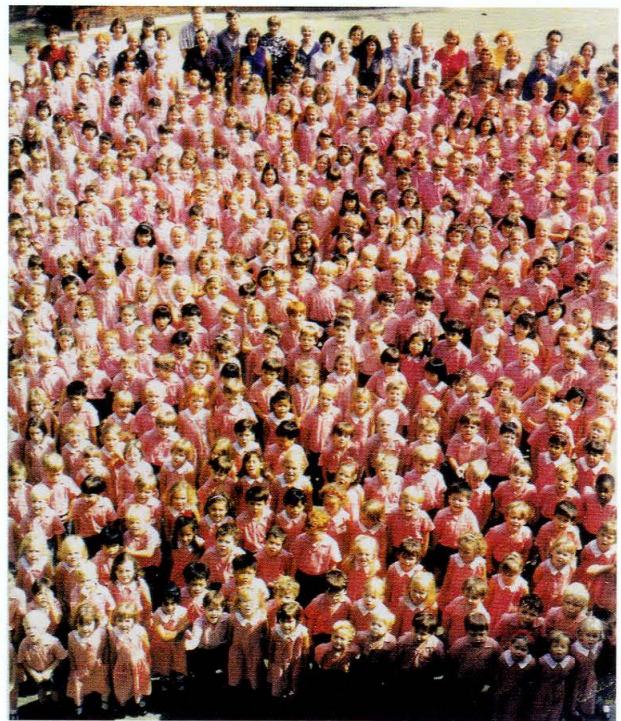


Demolition of Kowloon City is completed

First Kellett alumni gain their degrees

Year 6 crew on board adventure ship Huan  
are caught in a typhoonTian Nan, known to many as the Big Buddha  
is completed

1994



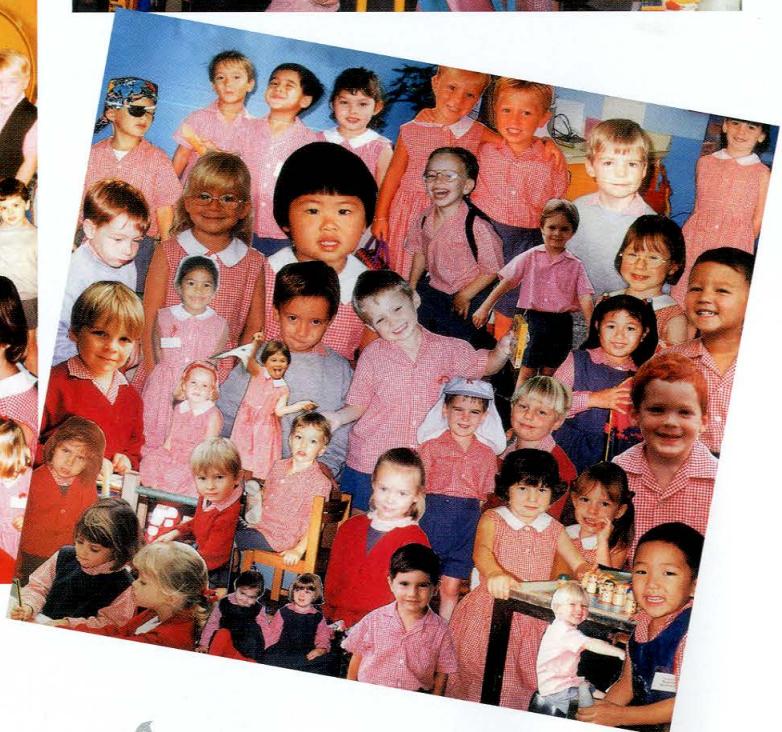
All Kellett staff and students



1995



1986 - 1995



Mrs Sole, the first Head of School, departs Hong Kong; on 26 June she fires the Noon Day Gun at East Point then crossed the harbour for her departure from Kai Tak

1996

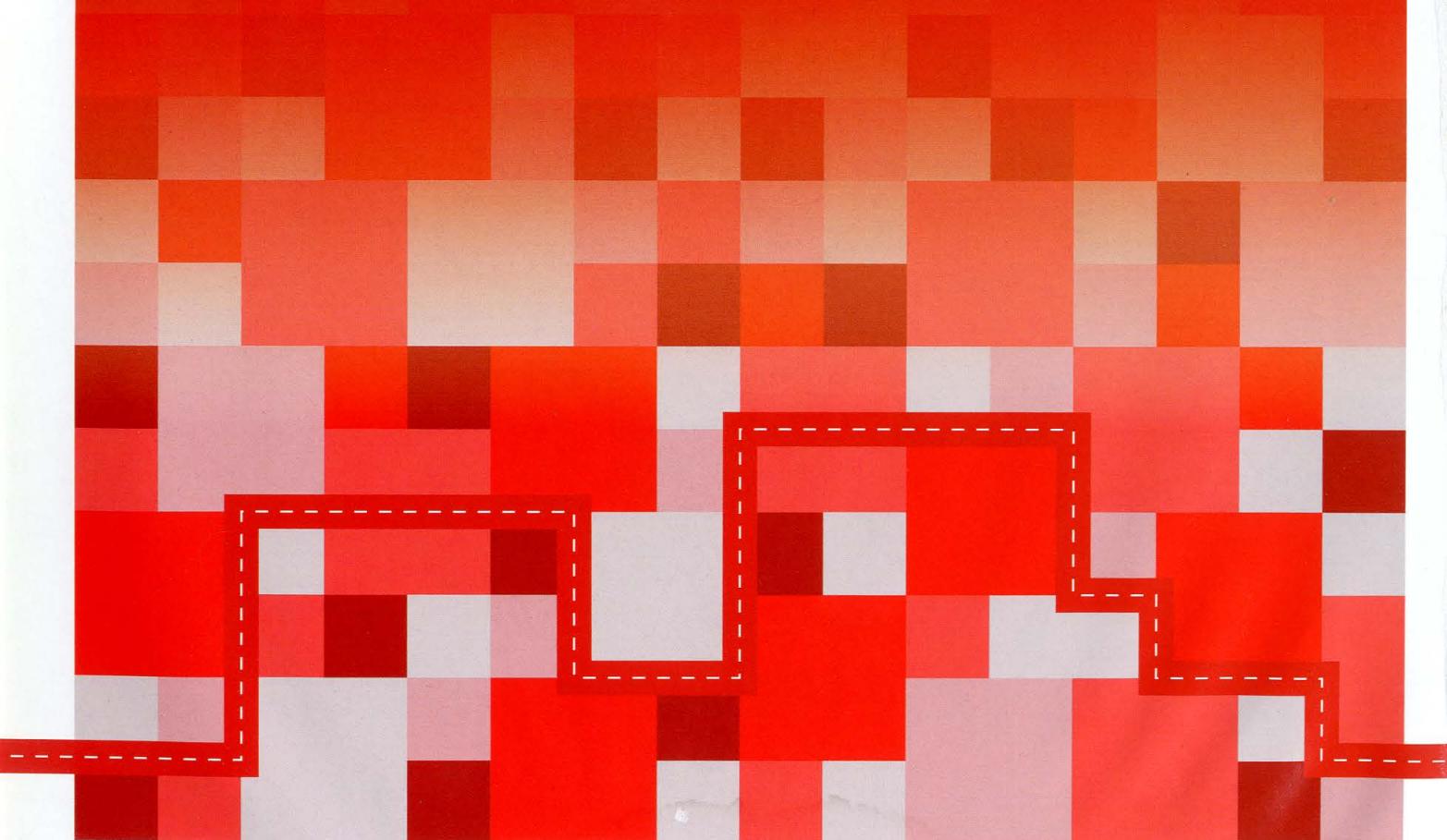


On May Day it is announced that Ann Mc Donald will take over from Mrs Sole as Head of School starting in August

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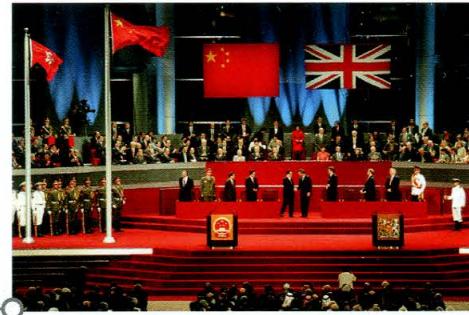
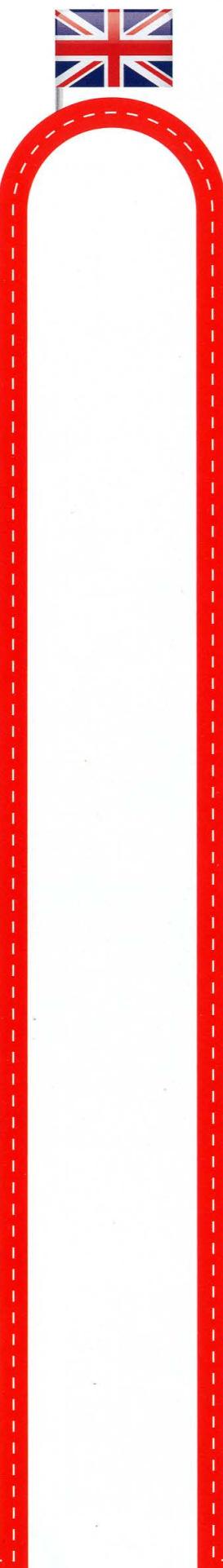
1996 - 2005  
THE MILLENIUM

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The Tsing Ma bridge has the largest span for a bridge carrying rail traffic and, at the time of building, was the world's second longest span suspension bridge (now 9th)



1997 sees the transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China, referred to as 'the Handover'



This is how KELLETT SCHOOL is written in Chinese.

On the left it is in the traditional characters, still preferred in Hong Kong whilst on the right in the simplified characters used in China.

In Chinese the interpretation means 'The School With Wonderful Strength'



The Octopus card system is launched!

People can now travel across numerous modes of public transport using a single card. 3 million cards were issued in the first three months



2000



Cindy Chan  
joins Kellett

1999



The Y2K bug is defeated!  
Or, did it actually pose a threat in the first place?



Chek Lap Kok / Hong Kong International Airport opens and is widely acknowledged to be "One of the top 10 construction projects of the 20th century"

1998

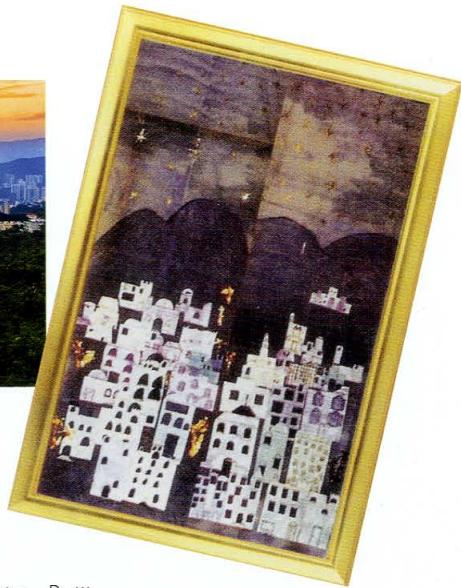


The infamous Kai Tak airport closes for good  
IMAGE: Samuel Lo





A new dawn, a new year, a new millenium



The first Y5 annual visit to Beijing takes place in 2000.

KELLETT CARES is set up with the aim of teaching the children to become socially responsible citizens by integrating service-learning into the curriculum



Suky Lee joins Kellett as Admissions Director



Joyce Ho joins the Kellett staff

2001



Terry Li joins the Kellett staff

2002



After 19 years at Kellett Mr Marshall retires to Thailand and is subsequently heard to say 'The hardest thing I ever did at Kellett was to leave!'



2003

The 25th Anniversary Sports Day takes place on 11 January



On 27 March a directive is issued by the head of the HK Education Bureau advising that all primary schools are to close immediately; school is suspended due to SARS & lessons are made available online. School re-opens on 27 April IMAGE: LA Times



Lucas Cox joins Kellett



25th Anniversary celebrations include the launch of a cookbook & the introduction of the Kellett Dragon Beanie Baby



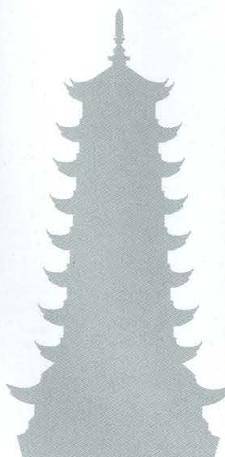
Sarah Hulbert joins Kellett



Refurbishing and upgrading of the Pok Fu Lam building is completed in September

397 students make up the roll for the 2003-2004 academic year

The 25th Anniversary Ball, originally scheduled to take place in May, is held in October





The Avenue of The Stars opens in Tsim Sha Tsui



Cinderella Jones

At the June EGM the parents and Board approve the extension to the Pok Fu Lam building. An extension for a wing of 7 storey, to be ready for occupation by January 2007.



Fiona Pratt joins Kellett in the PE Department



Vivien Pang joins the staff

2005



Annette Malcolm joins the staff



The whole school



Justin McLaughlin joins the staff as School Nurse



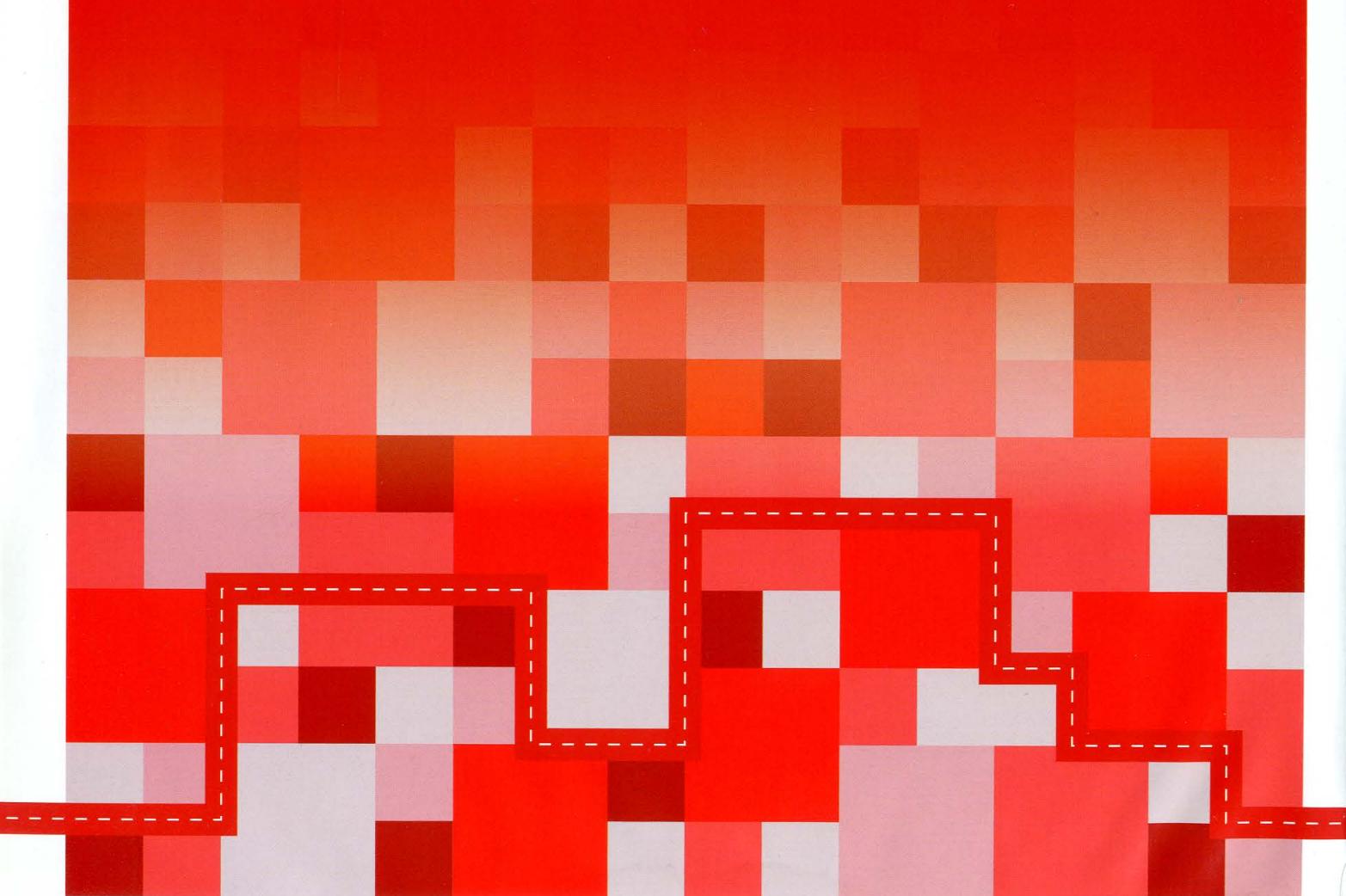
Mark Hulbert joins Kellett

2004

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2006 - 2016  
BIGGER & BETTER

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'Kellettrbration' at Hong Kong Disneyland



Clive Dawes  
joins Kellett



Sharmila Rodicks  
joins Kellett



Cathy Poole  
joins Kellett



Joselyn Harris  
joins Kellett

2006



Hong Kong hosts the 2008 Summer Olympics equestrian events

2008

Phase VI is inaugurated on 8 November 2007 by Stephen Bradley, British Consul General



Simon Giddings joins Kellett as Head of Senior School



Jacquie Hills joins Kellett as Deputy Head of Senior School

Prompted by the growing shortage of secondary places, the Board decided to establish Kellett Secondary School in 2007

2007



The first Year 7 class graduates!



2009

Kellett's Senior School moves to the transition location of Shau Kei Wan with 47 students. The SKW campus was converted from a disused school in just 144 days



PFL International Day



Senior Swimming Gala



World Senior Maths Day

2010



The Shau Kei Wan campus is inaugurated on 2 June 2010 by Andrew Seaton, British Consul

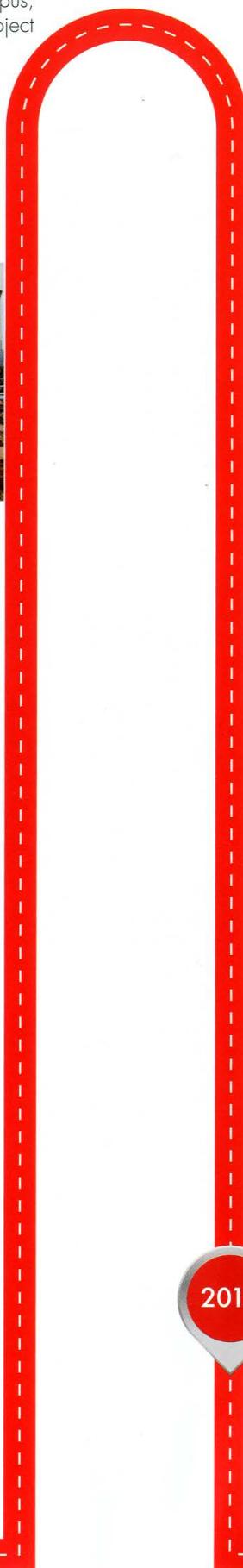
Kellett is the first British school to be recognised by the UK Department of Education as 'providing an outstanding education' for children overseas following an inspection by Penta International, an OFSTED-approved school inspection team.



Construction has begun on the new Kowloon Bay campus; a traditional Chinese ceremony is held to bless the project



2011



The Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony is held; Kellett staff, parents and students gather to mark this momentous occasion



2012



The Kowloon Bay campus, accommodating a second Prep School and Kellett's Senior School, officially opens in September. The inauguration ceremony took place on 8 November in the sports hall of the new campus and the entire Kellett Community joined together to celebrate this milestone

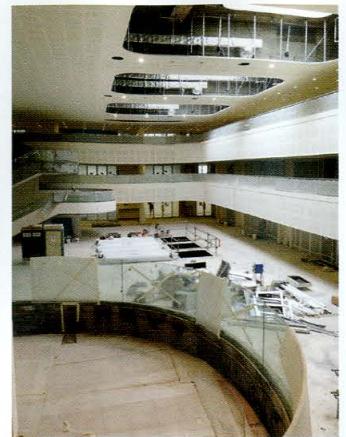
2013



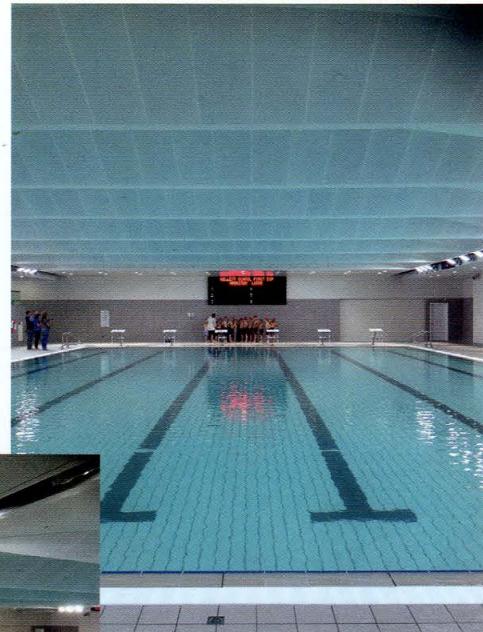
The Kowloon Bay campus begins to take shape



The first Annual Fund is launched as a dedicated effort to enhance educational excellence at Kellett School and provide an outstanding educational experience in all areas



2014



The swimming pool is finally opened and a group of Year 6 boys are given the honour of having the first swimming session



The entire Pok Fu Lam campus undergoes extensive renovations during the summer of 2014



Kellett becomes a through-train school with the first group of Year 13 Students starting their final year of A Levels in September 2014

Occupy Central, a civil disobedience campaign, is a series of sit-in street protests that takes place from 26 September to 15 December



2015



The first cohort of Year 13 students graduate and are offered places at universities across the world to study a range of courses including Aerospace Engineering and Anthropology

2006 - 2016



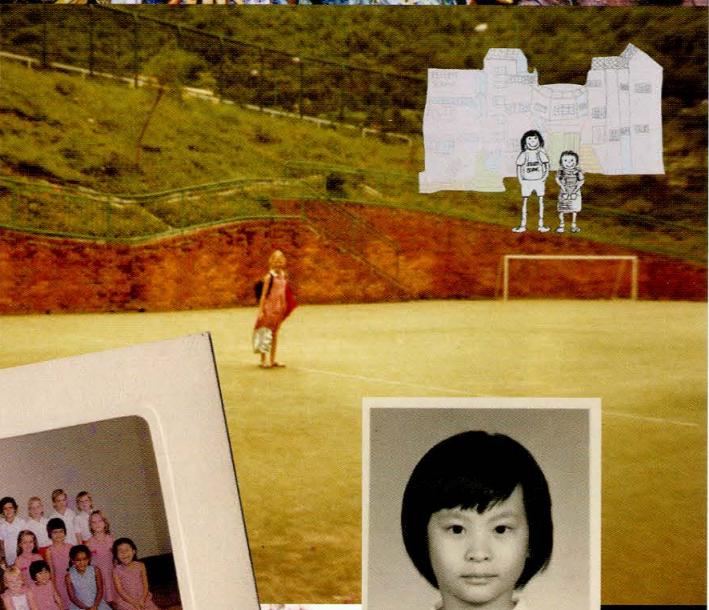
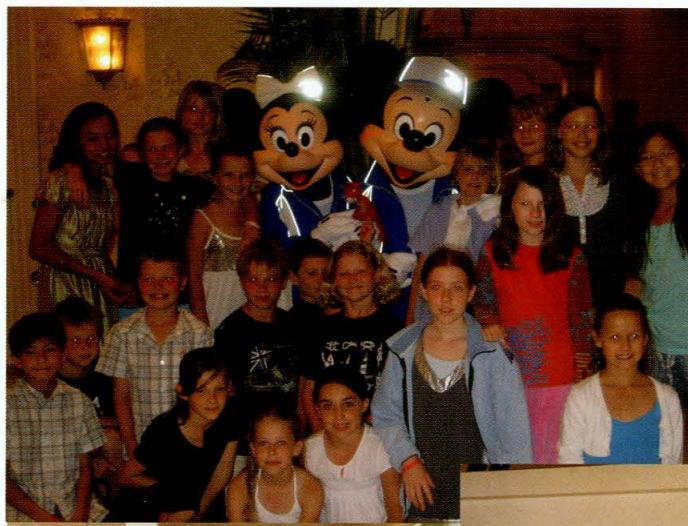
Year 11 students visit Thailand during the annual Global Outlook week.

**'OUTSTANDING!'**  
In March Kellett underwent a rigorous and thorough voluntary inspection carried out by the UK Department for Education under the BSO framework.

2016



Year 8 students visit Cambodia during the annual Global Outlook week.







Our longest serving member of the Kellett community, here for 33 years!

**NICK MILLER** - Deputy Head of Pok Fu Lam Prep School

**When did you first start working at Kellett? What memories do you have of your arrival?**

I arrived in Hong Kong in August 1983 after 9 years of teaching in Berkshire. The flight had taken 18 hours, I think, and included a stop in Bombay where we were not allowed to leave the aircraft but just had to sit there with the doors open!

My first sight of the school was driving down Pok Fu Lam road - on one side were trees and on the other a magnificent ocean view, with Kellett standing in the middle with its balconies covered in ivy, which all looked very impressive. As we went under Pok Fu Lam road and out the other side, I noticed the view from this side wasn't quite as impressive, as right in front of the school stood a large dirty building with the name Da Da on it. I later found out that this building contained a Chinese department store, a very busy and not especially clean Chinese restaurant and also a car park where the parents could leave their cars.

I entered the school through the school car park (which was not fenced in then) and the door by the caretaker's room. Next, we passed the Parents' room, and worked my way up through the damp school. There was no work on the walls and just about everything had been packed away so it was looking very sad. A week later the Typhoon signal number 10 was raised, to officially welcome me to Hong Kong!

During the course of my next few visits to Kellett, the whole place came to life. The corridors became magical places with notice boards alive with colour and interest. The classrooms started to show their potential. And of course as soon as the children arrived back from their summer breaks the whole building changed its character, woke from its hibernation and started to smile.

It was then I noticed the animals arriving and going home with the children! Hamsters, guinea pigs and rabbits lived in cages in the covered area. The students were allowed to take them out at playtimes and home for weekends and holidays. As the days rolled into weeks and I completed my first term I realised what a great school Kellett was, with fantastic children and parents and caring staff – above all a happy place where everyone wanted to be.

**How has your role changed over the years?**

I was employed as a class teacher combined with the Head of Maths and Computer Studies. Prior to my arrival the school had just bought three (now ancient) BBC Model B computers with cassette drives, these were quickly added to over the next two years with another twenty or so with disk drives. Although computers had arrived in the classrooms, it would be more than ten years before they were used in the office! Over the years I have remained as a class teacher but have changed roles outside the classroom as the needs of Kellett have changed, these have included Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Leader, Managing Teacher, Assistant Principal (before the formation of KLB Prep and Secondary) and Deputy Head of School PFL.

**What is the best part of your job?**

The magnificent moments when a student has said, "Thanks, I can do this on my own now!" Or when from the look on a student's face you can see that the fog has cleared and real understanding and learning has taken its place.

**And the worst?**

Being on duty for a wet break time!

**You must have many fantastic memories – can you share some of your favourites?**

I have some great memories, like the time whilst on an early Shenzhen trip, when one student walked straight into a very large pond! Or when a Year Six girl on a trip to Macau who was scared of heights completed a night abseil down the side of the Hyatt hotel, and promptly asked if she could do it again. And being in China with Mr Lovell wearing a rather fetching pink hat whilst sat having his lunch at the Summer Palace!

One of my favourite memories is from a Christmas party. The Year 6s were having the annual BBQ at Big Wave Bay, and when we arrived at the beach we found a white grand piano! One of the students immediately ran to it and started to play Chop Sticks. Unfortunately, a rather officious man rushed up and told her to stop and leave the piano alone, but I talked to the man and managed to get him to relent, so he let her carry on for a few minutes. From Chop Sticks she switched to a rather more challenging piece she had been learning to perform in a concert in front of the Governor of Macau. After two or three minutes playing she stopped briefly and quickly explained the reason for her pausing was that this was where the orchestra came in! The officious man was really impressed, and spent the rest of the day trying to get her name and telephone number!

**When you started at Kellett, did you see yourself still being here in 2016 celebrating the 40 year anniversary?**

I originally came to Kellett on a two-year secondment from Berkshire, meaning I should have left in the summer of 1985! I wasn't expecting to find such an exceptional school that I am very proud to have been associated with for 33 years.

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HOR HUN NG

Pok Fu Lam Site Keeper (1988)

**When did you first start working at Kellett? Was it your first experience of your particular job, or had you moved from somewhere else?**

Prior to working at Kellett, I worked as a school bus driver for Lewis Motors. In 1988, the school asked if I wanted to help out as caretaker. They couldn't offer much pay but I had free onsite accommodation. This worked out well for me as the school buses were parked overnight at Kellett and when I finished my day job as bus driver, I would continue in the evening as caretaker.

**How has your role changed over the years?**

I used to do a lot of repair work and heavy duty cleaning around the school. Every summer, Mrs Wong and I would paint the lines on the playground. Nowadays, we are lucky to have other staff take on these tasks.

**And what has changed more generally at school for the better?**

Definitely the security of the school has changed for the better. When I first started, there was no fencing around the car park under the Pok Fu Lam campus. The area was open to the public and I was worried about intruders. Now with the locked gates, fencing and CCTV, I can have a good night's rest.

**What is the biggest difference in your job now compared to when you started?**

Many of the big maintenance jobs are now done by contractors.

**What is the best part of your job?**

I like the garden and enjoy preparing the Narcissi for all the classrooms to celebrate Chinese New Year.

**And the worst?**

Parents get angry with us when there is no parking available at the school or in the car park next door. There is nothing

we can do.

**Having been at the school a while, is there anything that has changed that you miss?**  
Nothing really.

**Do you have a funny story you can share with us?**

I can't think of any.

**Over the years you have been at Kellett, what has been your most memorable event or outstanding memory?**

Watching my grandsons join Kellett Primary and seeing Arthur graduate last year from Kellett Senior School to go to university and next year, it will be Andre's turn.

**When you started at Kellett, did you see yourself still being here in 2016 celebrating the 40 year anniversary?**

I feel very privileged that I am still working here to this day.

which means I can have the odd day off over the weekend or in the holidays.

**What is the biggest difference in your job now compared to when you started?**

With the added Mountain Wing, it takes much longer to open the school in the morning and lock it up at night. Another big difference is learning how to use a computer. The management has kindly provided us with a computer to keep us up to date with what's going on at the school.

**What is the best part of your job?**

Seeing the smiling students every day and watching them grow, particularly the alumni who come back and work for the school! (namely Nicola Bruce) and seeing them have children of their own.

**And the worst?**

It is sad to see staff and families leave whom I have got to know over the years.

**Having been at the school a while, is there anything that has changed that you miss?**

I used to know all the staff at Kellett School but now there are two campuses, I don't know everyone anymore. I miss chatting with the office staff that used to be based at Pok Fu Lam.



SHUET MUI WONG

Pok Fu Lam Site Keeper (1992)

**When did you first start working at Kellett? Was it your first experience of your particular job, or had you moved from somewhere else?**

I started working at Kellett in 1992. I worked as bus mother for Lewis Motors during the day and also helped with housekeeping and looking after the school with Mr Ng.

**How has your role changed over the years?**

I helped with the cleaning and housekeeping before we had the cleaning and housekeeping teams. Both Mr Ng and I can now focus on being the 'site keepers' of the school.

**And what has changed more generally at school for the better?**

We now have a part-time site-keeper

**Do you have a funny story you can share with us?**

In the past, the children could take home the school pets (hamsters and rabbit) during the holidays and occasionally, some of them did not return and had to be replaced!

**What has been your most memorable Kellett event or outstanding memory?**

I remember when Mrs Heather Preston joined Kellett School as a teacher. I have watched her get married, have children who then attended Kellett School and now she is back in school again as Reception teacher!

**When you started at Kellett, did you see yourself still being here in 2016 celebrating the 40 year anniversary?**

I didn't think about how long I would work here but feel very fortunate to be still working at my age! It has been wonderful to watch the school develop over the years to what it is today.

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ANN MCDONALD  
HEAD OF SCHOOL (1996)

### When did you first start working at Kellett?

I was appointed Head Designate in April 1996 to succeed Mrs Vivien Sole, Kellett School's Founding Principal. I moved to Hong Kong in early August, and officially commenced in September 1996. Although I moved from the a headship in the UK, I knew Kellett School well. I was teaching at the British Army School in Stanley Fort, then two or three years later in early December I brought my Year 6 Class to Kellett Pok Fu Lam to see Mr Miller's Year 6 Class pantomime. Mr Miller had said the Pantomime should last about an hour; we barely made it back to Stanley Fort in time for end of day dismissal!

### How has your role changed over the years? And what has changed more generally at school for the better?

The mid 1980s heralded a period of major change in English education, and quite honestly the pace of change continues today. In the late 80s the National Curriculum for England was introduced, quickly followed by National Testing, senior schools public examinations changed, as did training for teachers, composition and powers of School Boards and the programme of National school inspection, OFSTED. Headteachers became directly accountable for their school's performance to its Board and community. My role has changed not only against the broader education landscape but also against a changing Hong Kong. I was appointed initially to lead Kellett through the 'Handover.' It was a period of uncertainty, quickly followed by the Asian financial crises, at times we seemed to be bidding farewell to more families than we welcomed! Kellett has always been a strong community and full of optimism; I believe it is this strength, together with a committed Board, that sees us through the difficult times.

### What is the best part of your job?

I am so proud of Kellett, its unusual constitution (wholly parent owned), the wonderful community of parents, students, colleagues and its rich history. I enjoy most working with our students, although my daily contact has reduced as the school has grown. Kellett students are the heart of Kellett; they are caring, compassionate, funny and so multi-talented. I am enormously proud of all they achieve!

### And the worst?

The one thing I really hate is individuals leaving, whether a student, a family or colleague. The more leaver assemblies I attend the more emotional I become. There is one exception, our Year 13 leavers; I perceive their leaving is a rite of passage and the door opening upon an exciting future. Probably not the most logical response, but there it is.

### Having been at the school a while, is there anything that has changed that you miss?

I once knew the name of every child in the school and pretty much their family history. The size and multi-campus arrangements make this more difficult but I am working on it!

### Do you have a funny story you can share with us?

In 2003 we were unable to go to Beijing with Year 5 because of SARS, so the parents asked if we could go in the following October instead. We did, and it turned out to be the coldest October in Beijing since records began. It thundered, lightning and blew a blizzard - many of the children had never seen snow. The streets of Beijing were deserted and Kellett was out having a snowball fight. The Palace Hotel were not overly impressed when a group of thirty odd wet, dripping and bedraggled guests returned to the hotel and requested hot chocolate!

### And of course, there will be many memories. What has really stood out for you?

In April 2003, when a month beforehand the Hong Kong Government had closed all the schools due to the SARS outbreak. Overnight it seemed that Hong Kong was deserted and those who remained were masked and fearful. Kellett was one of the first schools to reopen; the children were

overjoyed to see one another again and were hugging each other on the playground.

Another outstanding memory is the extraordinary generosity of individuals within our community, the mother who founded 'Kellett Cares,' support for St James Settlement, the Japanese Earthquake and many examples of supporting individuals through difficult times.

**When you started at Kellett, did you see yourself still being here in 2016 celebrating the 40 year anniversary?**  
Absolutely not! We all know the story - I came for three years...!



CINDY CHAN  
PFL Bus Co-Ordinator (1999)

### When did you first start working at Kellett?

I joined the school on 15 March 1999 as Bus Co-ordinator after working as a bus mother for Kwoon Chung Motors.

### How has your role developed over the years?

Well, my role hasn't really changed but the school bus system certainly has! 18 years ago all the bus notes were submitted on paper, which could get lost or forgotten. Since 2011 we have had the online bus note system which is much more convenient, as parents can use a phone or iPad to update any changes to their children's journey home.

### What is the best part of your job?

When no child is on the wrong bus! I need to make sure that everyone is on the right bus every day, after ECAs or when on school visits, and it's very satisfying that everything is booked correctly.

### And the worst?

Having to respond to parents asking for an exception if they have forgotten to submit their bus note!

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submit their bus note!

### What changes have you seen at the school over the years?

I've seen Kellett grow from being a very small school, develop with new buildings at Pok Fu Lam and then extend into the brand new campus at Kowloon Bay – it makes me feel very proud. I had no idea when I started work that I would be one of the lucky ones celebrating the 40th anniversary, and I have many happy memories working here.



**SUKY LEE**  
Admissions Director (2000)

### When did you first start working at Kellett?

I started in September 2000. I had never worked in a school before, and moved from being a full-time mother to Admissions Secretary at Kellett.

### What changes have you experienced in your role and more generally at school over the years?

Well, I started off as a 'one man band' at one campus and am now managing a team across three! I used to be part of a small admin team and helped with anything school related from ordering stationery, collecting school fees to fixing the photocopier. Today I focus mainly on admissions. The increased use of technology and systems has helped make a lot of processes more efficient – the main one that comes to mind is the booking of Parent-teacher consultations in Prep School. I used to dread the days when parents had to call in to make an appointment, and now it's all online!

### Is there anything from the 'old days' that you miss?

My desk was near the gym in Pok Fu Lam Prep and it was lovely to hear and see the children rehearsing for their assemblies and productions. Now that my office is away from the hub of the school, I do miss the daily interaction with the younger children.

### And what would you say is the most satisfying part of your job?

Informing a family who have waited a long time that they finally have a place at Kellett, and they accept.

### Are there any particular memories that stand out during your time at Kellett?

I remember celebrating a 'big' birthday. My colleagues decorated my desk and bought me a hat (with the age on) which they made me wear all day!



**LUCAS COX**  
Assistant Head of School  
Activities & Partnerships (2003)

### When did you start at Kellett, and where had you come from?

I began work here in June 2003, and had previously been Head of Drama at Sydney Grammar School. It was my first overseas posting, so that was a challenge!

### How has both your role, and the school changed over the years?

I started as Head of Music just for the Prep School. We then started expanding, and for two years I was also responsible for the growing Senior School. In 2013, I became the ECA Coordinator (Arts & Curriculum) for KLB Campus and am now Assistant Head of School (Activities & Partnerships). I teach music for only a couple of lessons a week for GCSE and A-Level alongside all of my administrative responsibilities. The growth of the school has led to a bigger staff – it's fantastic to work with so many talented colleagues.

### What is the best part of your job? And anything you don't like so much?

Still – working with the wonderful Kellett Community – students, staff, parents, friends. I'm not so keen on the amount of emails!

### Having been at school a while, is there anything that has changed that you miss?

When I first started, the staff were only about 42 in number. We all got to know each other very well. Now, we are friends but we don't get to know each other so well.

### Over the years you have been at Kellett, what for you has been the most memorable event?

Working to produce the 30th Anniversary event at Hong Kong Disneyland.



**SARAH HULBERT**  
Reception Teacher at PFL (2003)

### When did you join Kellett?

I started working at Kellett in August 2003 and was then known as Miss Lewis. I taught my Reception class R1 with Miss Malcolm in R2 and Mrs Anderson in R3. I have stayed working in Reception at Pok Fu Lam ever since, but have worked with lots of different teachers and moved classrooms.

### How has your role and the school changed since then?

Teaching Reception is still as busy and as brilliant as ever, but we now have a brand new Covered Area to play in at Pok Fu Lam and there are now 5 Reception classes over the two campuses. Since I have been at Kellett, the school has grown dramatically. The extension to the Pok Fu Lam campus was built in 2007, and that was the start of the Senior School with Year 7 and then Year 8 in the new wing before moving to Shau Kei Wan and then on to the Kowloon Bay campus. I also established the School Council at Kellett and have kept the role of Link Teacher ever since.

### Having been at the school a while, is there anything that has changed that you miss?

I miss my old friends on the staff who have moved on, but at the same time

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the new people coming in are very friendly and sociable and it's always good to meet new friends.

### What has made you laugh here at Kellett?

Hong Kong seems to be a place where everyone likes a bit of fancy dress, and we have had some very funny fancy dress days both in and out of school. I remember former Kellett parent Angie Locke making amazing videos for some of the School Balls. Shooting 'Kellett's Angels' with Annette Malcom and Yeng Ng was hilarious, as was watching Emma Adams and Katrina Hall and dressing up and performing as Abba.

### Over the years you have been at Kellett, what do you think has been the most significant event?

Well, the obvious answer for me is that I met my husband here at Kellett! He started work here in 2005. Ms McDonald introduced me to Mr Hulbert on his first day at work and suggested I could help show him around. Ms McDonald was unaware that she was my very own Cilla Black, so thanks Ann! And having our two children, Katie and Jamie both start at Kellett Reception and now moving up the school has been very special.



**JUSTIN MC LAUGHLIN**  
Head of Student Wellbeing (2005)

### When did you arrive at Kellett, and how has your job changed?

I started at Kellett in March 2006, and worked as the school nurse at Pok Fu Lam campus. Now my role is as Head of Student Wellbeing based at Kowloon Bay, working alongside Nurses Sue, Kathy and Dani, and I am also the school Counsellor as well as working as a nurse.

### What are the highs and lows of the job?

The most satisfying part of my job is helping a student feel better, be that

physically or emotionally. Obviously the flip side of that is when I can't make it better, which of course is disappointing.

### Is there anyone or anything that you miss now the school has changed and grown?

I do miss the Pok Fu Lam staff, as I used to see them on a daily basis – it's less frequently now.

### What for you have been the best memories during your time at Kellett?

Well, quite a few interactions with the Reception students have proved entertaining, but for me the most memorable events have been the Year 5 trips to Beijing, and also going to the FOBISIA competitions.

### Did you think you would still be here to mark the school's 40th Anniversary?

Honestly, I had no idea where I would be in 10 years after I joined Kellett!



**MARK HULBERT**  
Phase Leader Y5 & Y6, PFL (2005)

### What year did you arrive at Kellett?

I first started working at Kellett in August 2005, having previously been teaching in Muscat, Oman. Prior to that, I was teaching in my native North East of England.

### What changes have you witnessed at school over the past 11 years, and how has your role developed?

My role has not changed too much in my eleven years at Kellett; I am first and foremost a class teacher with twenty-three ten year-olds to look after. However, the Phase Leader role (I'm responsible for Years 5 and 6 and the transition to Senior School) has changed dramatically – there's far too much work to do now! When I first arrived there were only thirty-two students in Year 6 in two adjoining

classrooms in Pok Fu Lam. I think it's much healthier now to have 115 children in each year group, albeit spread across two campuses.

### What are the highlights of your job?

For me, the best parts of my job are the educational visits that I take Kellett students on. I love representing the school, particularly at FOBISIA sports tournaments, where my competitive nature sometimes gets the better of me! We've had a lot of success over the years, but it's more about the school spirit and camaraderie that makes the trips so memorable.

### Do you have any funny stories you can share with us?

There are so many funny stories that crop up, but the one that immediately springs to mind happened in 2007 in Kuala Lumpur at the FOBISIA games. A certain Year 6 boy (who shall remain nameless) had forgotten his swim suit the year before and caused a great deal of 'stress' amongst staff when they had tried to find replacement bathers. In order to avoid a repeat of the year before, Mrs Pratt and myself packed his bag with everything he needed the previous night. Upon changing in readiness for the the swim gala, I suddenly felt a slight tap on my shoulder. "Mr Hulbert, they're not here!" whispered a very timid voice. Myself and the Deputy Head at the time could not believe our ears and frantically searched his bag, changing room and the entire school - no swimsuit! The three of us stood there in silence ... Who was going to tell the formidable Mrs Pratt?

### Did you ever imagine you would be here to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the school?

I arrived at Kellett young(ish), free and single. I'm now married (my wife Sarah Hulbert teaches in Reception) with two children who love coming to Kellett School. This has been an amazing, whirlwind eleven years and I never thought that I'd be here in 2016 at the 40 year anniversary. I wonder if I'll make the 50 year one?



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**SIMON GIDDINGS**  
Head of Senior School (2007)

### When did you start at Kellett?

I arrived in August 2007, from South Island school to only 13 students! Now we have over 500 students and more than 45 teachers, which is a big step up in size and complexity.

### What do you consider has changed for the better?

The Senior School has grown and the whole school has expanded from 300 students to over 1200 students. We now offer an educational pathway from Reception to Year 13 – a strength which we can all celebrate as Kellett turns 40.

### Having been at the school a while, is there anything that has changed that you miss?

I do miss some of the wonderful colleagues who have been a part of Kellett's growth and success. They have moved onto their next adventures having made a significant contribution to Kellett and I am proud to have helped them, in some small way, to make that next step.

### So what are the best (and worst) parts of your job?

The best - driving the continued development of the Senior School and making a significant contribution to the direction of Kellett School. And worst? Well, every job has its challenges - to be faced with optimism!

### Did you imagine back in 2007 you would be here celebrating the 40th anniversary?

When I joined, Kellett was celebrating its 30th – "Kelletbration," if I remember rightly. The party was at Disney. At that point, the 40th celebration was certainly not on my mind – remembering the words of the songs I was singing as a part of the staff choir certainly were!



**JACQUIE HILLS**  
Deputy Head of Senior School (2007)

### When did you join Kellett?

I started at Kellett in 2007 when the Senior School was established, teaching English and Drama – we only had 13 students and 2.5 senior teachers! I came from the UK and had been working as a Literacy Consultant with 12 schools in Solihull.

### What do you think has changed at school for the better?

From starting with so few students we now have 513 – and have moved from Pok Fu Lam to Shau Kei Wan, and on to the fantastic purpose built campus at Kowloon Bay.

### What are the highlights of your job?

Seeing the outstanding teaching and learning that goes on in the senior school – it's one of the best parts of my role. I love going into lessons and seeing what the students are learning, and the ways different teachers approach things. We have an amazing group of teachers who enjoy using different strategies to challenge the students.

### What have been your best memories over the years you have been at Kellett?

There have been many, but a few keys ones are: the look on the students' faces when they entered the Kowloon Bay campus for the first time – it was amazing, receiving our first set of exam results and subsequent results, which have been fantastic, our first students going to university and hearing how our very first Year 7 students are doing.

There's something very special about being involved in the start up of the secondary school for the students, staff and parents involved – a once in a lifetime opportunity.

When you started at Kellett, did you imagine you would still be here in 2016 celebrating the 40 year anniversary?

I certainly don't think I looked that far ahead! However, it's been an amazing journey and one that I feel privileged to have been a part of.



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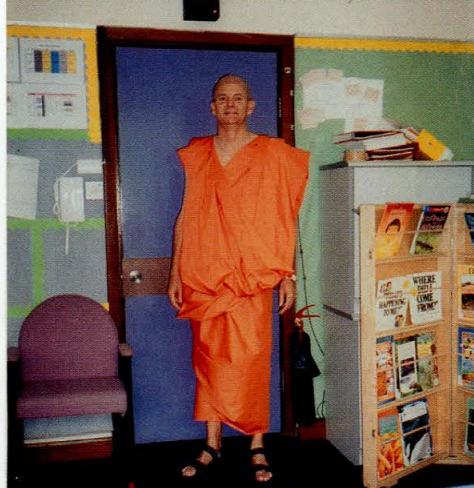
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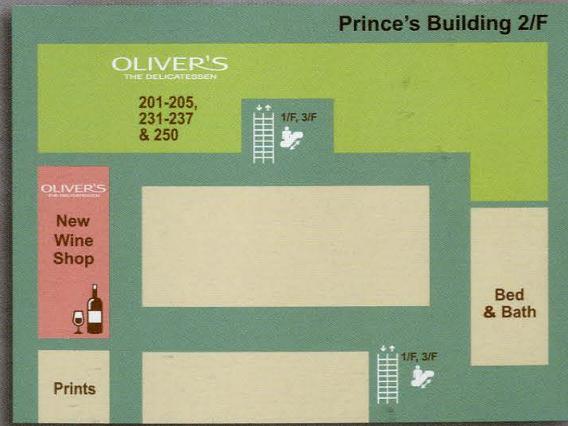


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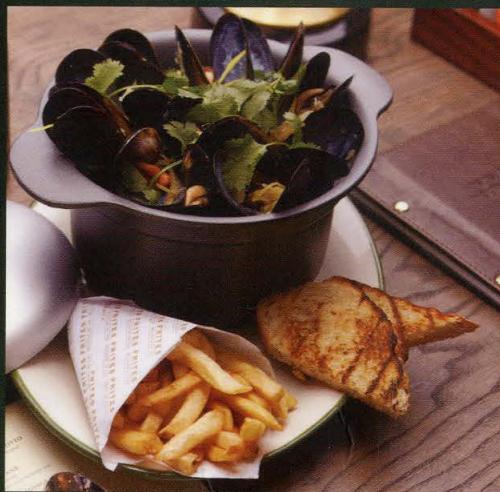
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