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Dear Parents and students

I would formally like to inform you that I will finish working at ESF Educational Services at the end of December 2009.

Over the past few weeks I have been able to reflect on the many achievements of the staff in the Swimming Team that I have been honoured to lead over the past four years. It has been an amazing journey working in the swimming programme and watching it grow and develop to cater to the needs of our students.

When I first arrived in July 2005 the ESL swimming programme was based at two school pools for after school swimming and also delivering two in-school programmes. As of September 2009 our team now delivers after school swimming at four school pools and provides in-school swimming at four schools. In the peak of Summer we are teaching over 3000 students per week and I am proud of our team for showing such a commitment to our customers.

Over the past four years our instructors have undertaken numerous Professional Development days, with some staff gaining their AUSTSWIM qualifications (Australian Swimming Teacher and Water Safety Certificate). They will continue to develop their skills to bring you the best teaching possible.

I have always believed that learning is a life long skill and if we stop learning, we stop living! Even after 17years of teaching swimming I continue to learn something every day from the children. They keep me sane and make me laugh. Sometimes they make me want to cry but then they will make me laugh again!

In Hong Kong I have learnt that we want to kick with "chop stick" legs and not with "noodle" legs, we like to "land the aeroplane" when we do our freestyle arms, and butterfly is so much fun when we sing the song from Madagascar "I like to move it, move it!"

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents and helpers for your support and feedback to help us improve our service and swimming programme. I hope that you will continue to support the programme and I wish you all well for the future.

Yours in swimming

Janet Humphris ☺

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Head Coach - Swimming

Please remember that we have our Annual Swim Gala on Saturday 14th November. The morning session continues to grow and features some 50m and 100m events.

In 2008 we introduced an afternoon session for our younger swimmers which was quite a success. It will return again this year with a little more structure but just as much fun as last year! See you there.