

**EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY CAMPUS:**

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*"I have learned that success is to be measured not by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles, which one has to overcome while trying to succeed.... Booker T Washington "*

**W**ith an unexpected shortened day during the week, the installations and infrastructure of our school was sorely tested. Unfortunately we made the decision to close the school because there was a high possibility of physical harm to students and staff from the volume of water and the danger this posed. As is with most decisions sometimes, the rain decided to stop just after this decision was made and it was a beautifully fine afternoon in Kemang. This was a good opportunity to assess where we needed to improve and work on our ability to cope with flooding for the rest of the year.

I wish to thank the many teachers, local staff and maintenance for their work in ensuring this evacuation went smoothly. The communication to parents was efficiently handled by our administration and front desk personal and great care was taken to ensure that everyone stayed until the last student had been collected.

Camps are coming up for both campuses and I want to remind parents of the educational value of outdoor education and the valuable learning which happens outside the classroom. These opportunities are compulsory for all students, as it becomes increasingly difficult to run camps to budget when students decide not to attend. If a student wants to go but they need assistance please see me through Ms Ayu or my mail.

Finally I want to present our four senior student prefects. Our Head Girl Danielle Pintacasi, our Head Boy, Frank Mizigi, and their deputies Heidi Wenas and Rusley Namis. They were selected after student input and staff deliberation. We felt that these students all represent everything that is good about students at NZIS and know that they will be positive agents for change, the voice for their peers and great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations Danielle, Frank, Heidi and Rusley.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend

**Inga Tamou**

Principal



## Parent Support Group



Yesterday we held our first Parent Support Group Meeting for 2015 and had a pleasing attendance of some ten people. This year Jodie Tamou has volunteered to be our PSG Chairperson and we thank her in her current absence (in NZ for a few weeks) for taking on this important community role. We also thank Esther Evans who is continuing on as secretary.

In Jodie's absence the meeting was led by myself and there were a range of informal discussions around upcoming dates with particular attention given to:

**Week 5** : (next week) *Tues 17th Feb* 8am meeting for all new Class Parent Reps in the meeting room to receive their 2015 CPR kits.

*Thurs 19th and Friday 20th Feb* Chinese New Year & NZIS Bridging Day **HOLIDAYS**

**Week 6** : Wednesday 25th Feb **Primary Pupil Free Day. NO SCHOOL**  
(Staff attending Professional Development JASIS)

**Week 10**: *Tues 24th March* Parent Report Evening (one-to-one)  
*Friday 27th March* – Primary Class Performance 8am (replaces assembly) & last day of Term 1.

There were also discussions around:

- World Teacher's Day for 2015 - when & how our teaching staff will be recognized. (TBA)
- End of Year & Beginning of the Year procedures – ideas on improvements to be taken to staff.
- Class Photos for 2015 – new photographer to be sought.
- Class Parent Rep Program 2015 – meeting set for next week to give CPRs a kit to work from that outlines guidelines and procedures and includes sample letters (see dates above).
- NZIS Bazaars will be held only twice a year on Sundays - June 14th and Christmas one on Nov 29th.
- **CLASS PARENT REP volunteers still required for TUI and 6 Rangatira** – Please see Ms Eimear or Mr Jeremy ASAP.
- **Before school routines...** Parents are very welcome to visit classrooms before school to chat with teacher or may visit with children to discuss work or classroom displays etc...

Next PSG Meeting will be on Thursday March 19th at 8am in Primary Meeting Room.  
All available NZIS parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Staff Bahasa Lessons



### Selamat Sore

Last week the Primary Staff had their first Bahasa lesson together. There are ten teachers involved in 'polishing' their Bahasa Indonesia skills so they can move beyond taxi directions and salutations, to greater knowledge and skills in communicating with our local staff and the community beyond NZIS. A huge 'Terima Kasih' to the Yayasan for supporting our teachers in acquiring these skills and to our delightfully patient teacher Ms Lia (who is also running classes with the secondary staff). The challenge of learning another language allows us to gain greater insight into the experiences our EAL students and families confront on a daily basis here at NZIS.

However, we must all acknowledge that we are life-long learners and it's never too late to begin an educational journey.....

## Assembly

A huge congratulations to Yr 2 Whanake who performed bravely at our assembly last week despite technical difficulties. It was great to see them speaking up and performing with confidence. This morning our Yr 2 Uenuku class led our weekly assembly by entering with the Echo song "Everywhere we Go". They introduced us to their robots via a Powerpoint presentation and sang a lovely song about Dancing Robots. This information is all part of their inquiry into 'Toys'.



Next week there will be no assembly due to our holidays on Thursday and Friday.

I hope you all enjoy Valentine's Day tomorrow and only three days at school next week with great pyrotechnic displays throughout Chinese New Year celebrations!

**Ms Denise Roache**  
Head of Primary

## Year 5/6 parents you are all AMAZING!

Thank you so much for getting camp deposit payments in by the deadline of today. Not only did 27 out of 29 do this, 25 families made FULL PAYMENT which is fantastic!!!! Thank you so much for your support. We are all SOOOO excited to go to 'Camp Hulu Cai' on 3rd - 5th March.

Ms. Michelle & Mr. Jeremy

# Whanake Class

What a great start to the New Year it has been. Year two Whanake have been celebrating beginnings; new year, new class, new teacher, new school (for some) and of course new FRIENDS. What better time for renewing old friendships and forging new ones.

Whanake students have been exploring the theme of FRIENDSHIP through writing, speaking, art and music.

Friendship is about showing you care.

*I like you because you're always hugging and kissing me.*

(Zoe to Ariana)

Friendship is about shared experiences.

*I like you because we play soccer together.*

(Daniel to Marco)

Friendship is about doing the right thing.

*Do good stuff.*

(Ariana)

Friendship is about give and take. I like you because you chase me – and I like chasing you also.

(Zerrin to Meya)

Friendship is about looking after each other. I like you because you help me when I need it.

(MeYa to Zerrin)



## SECONDARY STANDARDS!

This week the year 11 biology students have been busy investigating the nervous system. They have undertaken many practicals including dissecting a sheep eyeball looking at how the different elements work together to form a functioning eye. The class got stuck straight in with surprisingly little squeamishness and performed accurate dissections. They were able to make scientific observations and link these to the functionality of the eye. Well done year 11.



Thanks to Ms Stacey and her Year 11 students.

Secondary has finally received many of the books from Cambridge, which we have been waiting for. Parents will receive an invoice stating the price of student Cambridge workbooks which we trialed last year, to great effect. These books provide valuable information and a system to keep students focused and understanding about what work is being planned. They are also good for parents to keep a track of and look at the progress, of their child. All students at Year 7 – 8 – 9 will be asked to purchase them. It is important for all of our students to be aware that Year 7 and Year 9s will be taking external Cambridge examinations at the end of this year. Students will take these exams, from all over the world and the feedback from last year has been invaluable in the planning of our strategic academic goals for our students.

Another item all students have been asked to purchase are our new House/Sports tops. These are the same design as our rugby and netball tops from last year but they will be in the house colours and the house names so everyone is expected to be part of this. The material is light, easy to wash, dries fast, durable, breathable and





the fabric they are made of is from recycled plastic bottles, so they are also environmentally friendly. They will cost \$18.00US per top. Our new representative sports colours will therefore change to black and white so that we don't clash with the House colours of Kaitiaki.

Finally we have school camps, which need to be seen as valuable educational opportunities, where only our Year 7 – 8 – 9 and 10s go on camp at the moment. Our Year 11 – 12 – 13s will be going on camp later in the year, which is aimed at preparation for their October examinations. They will be continuing on with academic classes as normal.

Mr. Rocky who is in charge of the Year 7 – 8 camp, has focused on water based activities and being safe around water. Ms Veronica is taking the year 9 – 10s to Bali on an eco tour. It is highly possible that many students will have been to some of these places but from an educational tour it is very different being with your classmates. Education is also about living and understanding other people and cultures. Our school struggles at times to offer our students these possibilities as a group, so I see great value and importance for students to step outside their comfort and security zone. There will be a minimum of 3 adults per group and we always try to take an even split of gender as well as ensuring we have a native Indonesian speaker amongst our accompanying teachers.

Lastly, from a leadership point of view, I am very excited for our new prefects and especially Danielle and Frank, as they are now officially our student leaders. All four students possess strong, admirable qualities but it is their weaknesses, which I am really excited about. They have an opportunity to work on their leadership skills, their communication, their manner and their ability to listen and empathise. I see great things for these four young people and what they can do for their peers and our school. We wish them every success.

## Inga Tamou

Head of Secondary

## 2015 SCHOOL TERM DATES

As below these are our term dates for next year.

**2015**

**Term 1: Jan 20 - March 27**

**Term 2: Apr 13 - June 26**

A full 2015 Academic calendar is on our website so visit [www.nzis.school.nz](http://www.nzis.school.nz) to stay up-to-date.

## Upcoming Dates

- February, 14 - Skybattle Rugby 7's tournament at Jagorawi
- February, 19 - Chinese New Year Holiday
- February, 20 - NZIS Bridging Holiday
- February, 25 - Professional Development Primary (Primary school closed)
- February, 26 - Professional Development Secondary (Secondary school closed)
- March, 3-6 - Yrs 5/6 Camp
- March, 4/5 - Yr 4 Camp
- March, 5/6 - Yr 3 Camp
- March, 16-20 - Secondary Camps Yr 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 only
- March, 26 - Swimming sports in Secondary

