

EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY CAMPUS:

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“Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go”...

This week has seen staff on both campuses involved in professional development. The Primary staff was at the AIS campus attending JASIS workshops on literacy. The Secondary staff attended an in-house session off site focused on building stronger connections with parents.

Feedback from staff, shows how invaluable networking and having the time to reflect and re-analyse one’s practice is for staff. Over the next few weeks’ parents will be involved and be able to give feedback on some of these developments.

Over the last weeks, our community has been saddened to lose a valued parent and supporter, Mrs Esther Stokes and our Year 4 teacher Ms Donna and our Administration manager Pak Ade both lost parents. Our thoughts are with our colleagues and friends and it is a simple reminder for all of us to appreciate every day with our loved ones, and to enjoy and make the most of every moment we have.

Inga Tamou

Principal

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
to stay up-to-date.

UPCOMING DATES

- March, 3-5 - Yrs 5/6 Camp
- March, 4/5 - Yr 4 Camp
- March, 5/6 - Yr 3 Camp
- Yr 1/2 Camp Experience
- March, 16-20 - Secondary Camps
- Yr 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 only
- March, 26 - Swimming sports
- in Secondary
- Yr 5/6 soccer
- match against AIS

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR NZIS STAFF

On Wednesday eight of our primary teachers went to AIS for professional development on **Making Sense of Spelling: An Orthographic Learning Journey**. This was an engaging workshop that revealed and explained the underlying structure of the English spelling system. It was a journey of surprising discoveries about how and why words are spelled the way they are. Often English spelling is considered "irregular" "crazy" or "unpredictable". Have you ever wondered about the spelling of: <love> <was> <does> <sign> <heart> <conscious> <their> <friend> <two>?

English spelling is actually well ordered, predictable and systematic, based on significant linguistic principles that govern how this system works. Many educators around the world are implementing effective spelling instruction, through inquiry based learning, to demonstrate how the English spelling system works.

Our Early Years Teachers and TAs stayed at NZIS and completed a range of workshops which included:

The Principles of the Te Whariki curriculum

I.T trouble shooting

Reading Strategies in the Classroom and

How to assist students with their handwriting

AFTER SCHOOL

All SwimKidz parents please note that you are asked not to enter the secondary campus until 3:10pm when classes have finished. For those who wish to have afternoon tea with their students in primary before heading over to swimming at secondary, can I request that you remind your nanny that they should 'actively' supervise the children to ensure their safety. We often find that our NZIS staff have to provide supervision as nannies/guardians are busy on mobile phones or chatting. The students are the responsibility of their nanny/guardian after school hours.

ASSEMBLY

A BIG thanks to our Year 3's who stepped-up this week and volunteered to do assembly to replace Yr 4's who are waiting for Ms Donna's return next week. They introduced us to many different body parts and showed they have learnt a lot about their bodies and the important function that major organs play. They also introduced us to a fun Skeleton song.



CAMP WEEK

Next week all our classes have their annual camp experience.

Yr 5 & 6 will be away from Tuesday morning until Thursday afternoon.

Yr 4 will go away Wednesday and back Thursday.

Yr 3 will go away Thursday and back Friday afternoon

Yr 1 & 2 will be having their camp experience Thursday and Friday. They will be off campus Thursday morning.

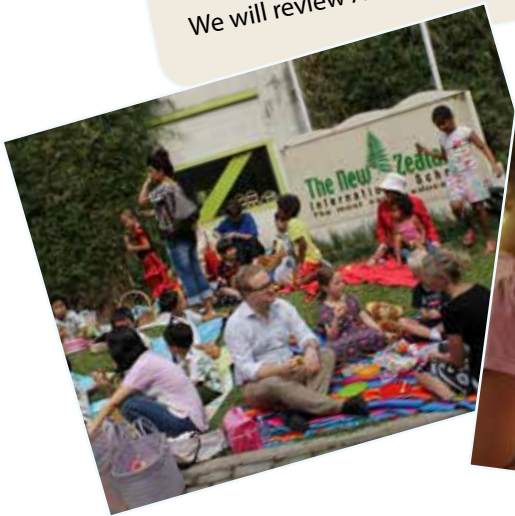
This means it will be a much quieter primary school next week with many students away over the course of the week. Thursday morning will see ALL PRIMARY CLASSES off site, so the Early Years will have the run of the campus. ASAs will continue as usual for those students who are here in Week 7. We will review ASAs in camp week for 2016.

SPELLING BEE

Good Luck to all our Spelling Bee contestants who will be competing in the annual JASIS Spelling Competition at the Netherlands School next Friday March 6th. Thanks to Mr Jeremy who has co-ordinated the organisation of our team for 2015.

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

It was great to see many of our Yr 2 parents come along to the Teddy Bear's Picnic today on the lawn out the front of our Primary Office. There was a competition to find the 'healthiest sandwich' and the 'most attractive'. There were a range of games played which included the water melon eating competition, Pin the tail on the bear and Duck Duck Bear. We also got to taste the amazing marmalade that Year 2 made yesterday to acknowledge Paddington Bear's favourite food. There was a gorgeous variety of teddy bears at the picnic today to share in the Year 2's celebration of learning.



SECURITY

All family ID badges are now in the front office awaiting collection. A signature is required for them so we have a record of all badges that have been distributed. There is one id badge per family and this should be worn by parents/nannies/guardians when entering school grounds. Only one ID tag is required for a family group and the number is recorded against your name. Please ensure that your staff know they must have their ID badge with them when dropping off and picking up. If lost you should immediately notify our front office girls so we can track the number.

You will also notice that the Early Years Precinct is closed to adults after 2:10pm pick-up when our Early Years students have all gone home. All adults coming to pick up primary students from ASAs of an afternoon are required to enter via the primary school gate.

These security measures have been instated for the safety of our students and ease of supervision by our security teams. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation in these matters.

Ms Denise Roache
Head of Primary

Year One Is Fun!

Year 1 Papakanua are busy doing so many things in our first term together. With time for independent work and for sharing ideas and listening to others...



We are learning new skills and techniques in the arts.



And we are enjoying being part of our school community.

It was so nice to have our efforts and achievements recognised with TWO BEARS!

We were a little bit sad to hand them back... but there's always next week...



PRIMARY POST!



We did a Treasure Hunt using Pic Collage on the iPads.



Uenuku Class

We classified toys into groups such as bouncy, soft and wooden.



We lead an assembly and shared the wonderful robots we have made. We also performed a Robot Dance song.



We had a visit from Paddington Bear who had come all the way from London.



Rangatira Class

Year 6 Rangatira having great team-building fun with the recently purchased “parachute”, during a PE lesson. It was amazing to see what the students were able to do with this device after learning a few skills.

The most popular outcome was lying inside the huge cave-like bubble of air!



Chinese New Year Speech and Lantern Competition!

During the past Chinese New Year week, all the Mandarin students, from Year 7 to Year 12 took part in a Chinese Speech and Lantern making competition. Each year group was competing against each other for the winning trophy. Everyone made amazing lanterns, ranging from small simple designs, to big and elaborate patterns.

Once the lantern making was complete, everyone had to present and talk about their lanterns. They all had to describe the physical outlook of their lanterns, as well as explain what their lantern meant to them and why they chose the colours, materials, shape and pictures they used.

This was a wonderful way to incorporate the Chinese culture into the lesson and gave the students a chance to increase their understanding of the culture and festivity. It also encouraged everyone to work together and express his or her creativity and abilities through the project.

Well done everyone!

我们祝你新年快乐，生体健康，万事如意。

Ms. Bianca



YEAR 7



YEAR 7



YEAR 10



YEAR 12 & YEAR 9



YEAR 11

Ms Stacey and all of our senior students attended the World Education festival in Balai Kartini Expo centre today. They had the opportunity to speak to a number of higher education institutions. Some got to take part in workshops; Rohail was given the chance to be a TV news anchorman.





1st March 2015 – 5th April 2015

All you need to do is :



Step 1 :

Capture a picture of yourself and Create Imaginative Selfies with the NZIS logo.



Step 2 :

Email your photo to : **principal@nzis.school.nz**



Step 3 :

Stand a chance to Win Rp 70,000 cash prize x 30 winners

Results will be determined on 17th April 2015.

This will be published in the NZIS Newsletter and pinned on the Bulletin Board.

Terms and Conditions :

1. Only current students of New Zealand Independent School are eligible to participate.
2. Only "Selfies" with the logo of New Zealand Independent School as part of the photography composition will be considered.
3. Photos should not contain any offensive images or words and should be 300 bpi (resolution).
4. Photo submissions to be emailed to **principal@nzis.school.nz**
5. This contest is limited to only one photograph submission per student.
6. Final day for submission is on April 5th, 2015.
7. All images uploaded to this contest will be considered the property of New Zealand Independent School.
8. All decisions made by the Judging Committee will be considered as final.

As stated last week, the coming weeks will see plenty of developments in Secondary.

Please take note of the financial commitment for students at the moment and our aim is always to ensure parents, of the added value of what the secondary campus is looking to develop.

The Cambridge books are invaluable sources of information, which should be used to supplement class-work and are excellent forms of revision. This year both the Year 7s and the Year 9s will be doing external end of year examinations in Science, Mathematics and English. These books allow parents to understand what their child is learning and to help students keep an organized record of what can be expected in their end of year examinations.

Camps also are a fantastic educational experience and it is different from going on holiday as a family. Students learn about taking responsibility, working as a team and being tolerant of others. Being in a class at school is very different to living with your classmates for 5 days. It is a compulsory activity for students and even for those less able, activities can be adjusted to suit their requirements. If students are sick they are treated and looked after by staff, and we ensure that we have 3 staff per travelling group, so that the adult to student ratio is 1 adult to 7 students (like our form classes). In extreme cases, we have an emergency vehicle on standby to help with any transport needs. This year our Year 7 – 8s are doing surf based and water centered activities, which will be very beneficial for understanding the dangers of being in and around water and having the skills to learn and use and to support and help others. Our Year 9 – 10s will be going to Bali, so travelling and understanding the importance of trust, responsibility and teamwork will be fundamental just in terms of travelling to and from Bali. It is an exciting educational journey designed to enrich our students outside of the classroom.

Our new House/sports tops have been ordered and our students are really eager to ensure that they are able to wear their house colours with real pride.

This week we trialed a new Wednesday format, which we hope will allow us to give students more feedback and build stronger relationships. It has meant that classes every Wednesday will now start at 7.50am and the Form time will now be between, 11.50 – 12.20. This will allow form teachers the chance to work closely with their 6 – 7 students, give them feedback and look at both academic and social issues. It is also the chance to allow our senior students to run assemblies and to grow their leadership skills. It's a positive step designed to create time and opportunity.

SECONDARY STANDARDS!

Last is our Professional development day which was designed to build a clearer and stronger focus for staff and to help understand the role each of us can play in building a stronger learning environment. Each staff member is part of a team of 3, who have certain responsibilities in 5 key areas.

The areas we are developing are

1. Junior Program, which includes year 6 – 7 – 8 and 9. One of the major things which was the focus was improving our literacy and in particular the joy of reading.
2. Languages and ensuring our students have an understanding on the importance of second or third language acquisition. To ensure what level students will need to join a language and then to ensure they understand about commitment and being able to undertake a 3 – 4 year course on their chosen language.
3. Student Leadership and ensuring that all our students understand what skills are required individually and in teams. Taking responsibility and ownership for decision making and learning the value of collaboration is promoted through Peer Mentoring, Duke of Edinburgh, MUN, Community based activities and support.
4. Data analysis and building systems is crucial for our whole strategic planning and the staff involved understand the importance of finding systems, which will allow transparency and ease of use.
5. The Arts and developing a strong school culture that includes primary, and ensuring there are common threads of ideas, initiatives and direction. That it is the development of design and the ability to look at fashion, texture, architecture and software development.

It is an exciting direction and a new development aimed at giving our students a real sense of pride in their school and an awareness of building a strong ethos of learning and collaboration.

Inga Tamou
Head of Secondary