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**W**elcome back everyone and I hope that families are refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead. To our new families, a journey awaits your child and I hope we can ensure it's an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

There has been plenty of work behind the scenes to prepare our school and I want to thank Pak Ade and his team of administration and workers who have ensured the school is looking fresh and in working order.

Our Cambridge international results were released this week and our results have been amazing. More is in the secondary section but everyone needs to be acknowledged, for their work, effort and performances, from students, teachers and parents. Congratulations to everyone. There will be an information evening next Thursday, which all parents are invited to attend.

Please look at the webpage for details of term activities. There will be examination calendars for all Mock, mid year and International Cambridge exams when dates are finalized. School camps are being organized and information will be with parents soon. After school programs with costs are also on the new webpage along with contact details and information regarding our PSG (Parent Support Group).

Lastly, welcome to our new staff, who have come aboard this year. In Early years we have Ms Eimear who will be with us for Term one. In Secondary we have four new staff, Ms Helen (English teacher), Ms Barbara (Economics/ Business Studies), Mr. Jonathan (ICT/ Computer Studies), Mr. Daniel (EAL/ESL). We also have Ms Bianca, who last year taught in Early Years but now teaches Mandarin and Psychology in Secondary.

Good luck for the year ahead and for those parents needing to see me please be informed that Ms Ayu has also moved to the secondary campus, where I am based.

Thank you

**Inga Tamou**

Principal

# WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the 2015 School year at NZIS. It promises to be another very busy one with Waitangi Day, Chinese New Year, Parent Information Evening, camps and many other great learning opportunities!

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our first assembly this morning where our Year 6 Rangatira student leaders presented their introductory rap, awards were presented and Mr Inga came along to welcome us all back to school. Ms Gina also led us in a little 'seated aerobics' to get us all energised and exercised as we faced another wet indoor day!

I wish to acknowledge the extraordinary team effort that has been happening behind the scenes at NZIS over the last month, to get our school environment ready for a new year of teaching and learning. Our diligent cleaners, our welcoming security staff, the maintenance crew, purchasing and management teams have all been hard at work ensuring that we could start this week with most tasks complete and classrooms ready for Teaching Assistants, Learning Support Assistants and teachers to begin providing engaging and authentic educational experiences for our students.

## WET SEASON

This week has been a very wet one and there is no doubt that there are still more 'indoor' days to come as we live through the rainy season. Unfortunately, when it is raining the students are required to remain in the classroom, so you may find your children 'full of beans' and excess energy of an afternoon when they get home! Please remember that if there are flood waters about during the Wet Season we understand that it may not be possible for all students to get to school on time or at all on a particular day. In these circumstances please put the safety of your family first and remain at home. We just ask that you notify us if your child is not coming to school for any reason.



## BEFORE SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Starting this week we have changed the 'before school' procedures so that students are not accessing classrooms before the 8am bell (unless raining). While I acknowledge this change affects our Early Years parents/care-givers more than our primary ones I would ask for your understanding in adjusting to these procedures. We understand that a period of adjustment may be required for some families to establish a routine where the children can be supervised in the Early Years Precinct until 8am. This might require nannies to remain with children or for adults to 'buddy-up' with a friend so that two students remain under the care of one adult. Hopefully the transition will not present insurmountable issues for any family. I'm happy to discuss solutions with parents.



# PRIMARY POST!



## STUDENT LEADERS

Our Year 6 leaders have had a busy week organizing their leadership responsibilities alongside our Year 5 Manaia class. The student council has set their first meeting date and they have established a Monitors Roster to assist with the supervision of sporting equipment, the library, recycling, kindy and the playground. It promises to be a great year if our Senior Students continue to show such organization and leadership.

## NEW STUDENTS & FAMILIES

This week we have had 28 new students join our NZIS community across the Early Years and Primary. We hope they have all had a fabulous first week with us and have been made to feel most welcome to our school! It can be a challenging time moving to a new country, a new home AND a new school so I know our current parents and students will endeavour to make them all welcome.

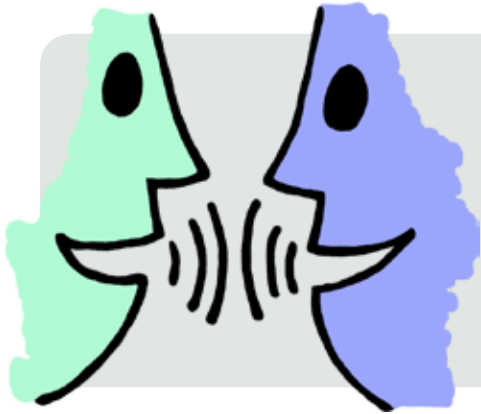


## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING/BARBEQUE

We have a range of events that involve our parents this term. The first one in Primary is the Parent Information Evening which all Primary Parents are invited to attend on Thursday February 5th. It is an expectation that every child in the school has a parent attend their teacher information session on this evening. There will be two repeat sessions led by teachers at 5pm and again at 5:30pm, before all parents join with the staff for a social barbeque at 6pm! The two repeat sessions are run to cater for those parents who have more than one child in the school. If you have only one child at the school then you do not need to attend the first session as it will be repeated again at 5:30pm. Parents of more than one child will be able to attend at least two sessions. This evening is a general Information Evening and an opportunity for the teacher to explain how the classroom is run and some of the structures and procedures that are in place. It is an opportunity for parents to ask questions, but, it is not a one-on-one parent/teacher opportunity. That will be provided towards the end of Term 1. This is an 'adult's only' event.







## COMMUNICATION

Please remember that if you wish to speak with your child's teacher it is advisable to arrange a time via email or the communication book. At NZIS we endeavour to have open lines of communication. Remember that the 'carpark conversations' may not effect change. If you wish to make a complaint or you have an inquiry then you should go through official channels. I am more than happy to meet with parents for any discussions.

## CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

At NZIS we feel the Class Parent Representatives can play an important role in communicating class events to the parents, assisting new families to settle in and generally support the class as requested by the teacher. If you are interested in being a parent representative for your child's class then please don't hesitate to inform the class teacher. Hopefully, the class teacher will be able to announce and introduce the Class Representative at the Parent Information Evening on Thursday February 5th. Where there are several volunteers from one class the teacher may choose a parent who has not had the role in the previous year. We encourage any interested parents to contact the teachers ASAP. Class Parent Reps are also encouraged to attend our monthly Parent Support Group meetings.

Please see below a montage of photos showing some of the activities across Early Years and Primary this week.

**Ms Denise Roache**  
Head of Primary



## 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

- January, 29 - Parent Information Evening Yr 9 - 13
- February, 5 - Parent Information Evening Primary
- February, 19 - Chinese New Year Holiday
- February, 20 - NZIS Bridging Holiday
- March, 3-6 - Yrs 5/6 Camp
- March, 4/5 - Yr 3 Camp
- March, 5/6 - Yr 4 Camp

# SECONDARY STANDARDS!

Welcome back and I hope everyone is relaxed and have enjoyed their time away with family and friends. There are a lot of new students to secondary, so hopefully they can settle quickly and find areas which will excite them. We have new teachers as well and we will be featuring them in our newsletters and on our webpage over the coming weeks.

Please refer to our updated webpage for developments and news. We will be uploading an examination calendar, which will cover MOCK, mid year, end of year and assessment schedules for all subjects.

There will also be many changes to our Form classes which this year have been reduced so that they are now vertical classes based on each House. This will allow for greater unity and the chance for Houses to build a strong identity and mentor and support the younger students of the school. It also builds leadership depth and allows opportunities for every year level to take ownership of some areas.

On Wednesday our Cambridge examination results came out and there was an air of excitement and nervousness by students and staff. Twelve months prior there had been a real air of disillusionment and despair after these last exam results. However this year our students and teachers performed amazingly. Below is some feedback from Ms Stacey as to how we fared and how we rated against UK Educational standards.

A Level Results		
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Pass Rate	83%	77%
A*-C Pass	43%	39%
A*-A	18%	9%

IGCSE		
Pass Rate	99%	82%
A*-C Pass	70%	58%
A*-A	39%	14%
A*-C (Inc Eng/Math)	60%	37%

IGCSE	Art	Business	Science*	Economics	ESL	Eng Lang	French	Bahasa	Geo	History	ICT	Literature	Maths	Sociology
Pass Rate	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	75	100	100	100
A*-C Pass	100	100	80	50	50	75	100	100	50	100	50	75	67	67
A*-A	100	60	20	100	0	25	50	83	25	67	25	38	22	33

\* Double Award

A Level	Business	Chemistry	Computing	Economics	Eng Lang	AS General	History	Literature	AS Maths	Physics	Psych	Sociology
Pass Rate	100	100	100	100	72	50	100	75	83	75	100	100
A*-C Pass	50	0	0	100	29	50	100	75	33	0	75	0
A*-A	0	0	0	0	0	50	100	25	17	0	25	0

## Key points:

- Our results are significantly above the Cambridge results and UK averages
- Only one student failed to gain a passing grade at IGCSE
- The key figures we are judged on have all improved on the last comparable year group
- A\* and A grades are well above expected levels for schools of our type

There were some notable achievements from students who surpassed their predicted grades. Steve Howland – who was our cFBT moderating facilitator for accreditation in 2014, stated that for our students to achieve Cs in International Cambridge examinations is an amazing achievement. Our students compete against students where English language and culture is the norm so for many of our students they have challenges, which I feel will ultimately be very rewarding. Our students exceeded their expectations dramatically. Eunice Wangu, gained 2 As at A levels in History and English Literature. Pretty Samudringsih, gained an A in Psychology. Nاديم Abbas gained 97 in AS Mathematics and Frank Mizigi gained an A in the General Paper.

At IGCSE Level Anjanette Celine achieved 2 As and 6 A\*s, Danielle Pintacasi scored 3 As and 4 A\*s and Aishah Alhady acquired 6 As and 1 A\*. There were many other fantastic scores but these are just a few highlights from the outstanding results of our students.

Throughout all this, however, is the fact that our school and teachers deliver a professional and high quality brand of

education, in a learning environment, that is conducive to high achievement and gaining entry to any university course they wish to pursue.

We are now working hard at pinpointing key areas to improve and to ensure we are able to bring that high academic learning environment to our junior classes. They are now an important part of building this strong ethos and giving our curriculum more depth.

Combined with this, however, is the bigger picture of maintaining our close relationship with our students and families and ensuring there are cultural, musical, sporting, leadership and solidarity centered activities. This will allow our students to have a bigger understanding of being involved and committed to improving the quality of life for everyone.

I thank those families who stuck by the school and showed faith in the staff and our systems. It has not been easy at times and I feel that we have the staff and that we are building a culture of compassion and support that makes working in this school so enjoyable and rewarding.

Please also remember that students are being asked to purchase Cambridge workbooks, as we have found that they provide a good source of revision, note taking and homework.

Welcome everyone to a fantastic start to 2015.... and in the words of the late Karen Carpenter....we've only just begun....

**Inga Tamou**  
Head Secondary