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## *"Nothing is more dangerous than an idea, when it is the only one you have".... E Chartier*

This is a quote that is on our ideas board at the moment. It is a place where teachers place ideas, which they think will help improve our support either for classroom learning or in our school environment. At meetings we will discuss these ideas and see whether they are ideas we collectively feel are worthy of pursuing. I am constantly told "what about this idea....or do you think this is possible"... and staff have suggested that we have a space, wall for such ideas for brainstorming.

Everything that is reality was once an idea. There will be a suggestion box in the Early Years reception next to Ms Carragh's new office for anyone with an idea about ....what if....

Ms Carragh, who is responsible for promoting our school, is now stationed at the entrance to Early Years. Her role is to help promote our school and to help with organizing events and school functions. At the moment she is designing and developing 3 - 4 items every month, which will be for sale, which will help promote our school. A display area for these will be near her new space.



I have included a picture from the rugby tournament at JIS on the weekend where the NZIS boys performed superbly. However, it was not the results that were so pleasing but the sportsmanship and goodwill between players and coaches from JIS and the British School, which was so rewarding. This is the best aspect of team sports like rugby and even though the competition and passion was fierce on the field, there

was always respect and humility. A huge congratulations to all the players and especially Frank, our captain who lead the team superbly.

Lastly I want to extend an invitation to all parents to next Thursday evenings, Waitangi Day BBQ celebrations. It is a chance to have an informal and relaxed catch up between teachers and parents and share some refreshments. Please return your forms so that we are able to know the numbers for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible to help us celebrate our national day.

**Inga Tamou**  
Principal



## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

This week our ASA's started in Primary with some twenty-nine opportunities for students to participate. There have been lovely smells coming from the Staffroom with two separate cooking classes as well as games, exercise, crafts, technology and much more. Thanks to those parents who managed to get their preferences in within the first-week deadline. We have tried to improve the system of enrolment and make the availability of enrolment fairer for all. We are open to suggestions on how we can improve.



## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING



We are very excited about our Parent Information Evening to be held this Thursday February 5th from 5pm. There will be two information sessions run by each teacher, so that parents with more than one child in Early Years and Primary can attend at least two sessions. We ask that all our children have a representative parent. This is an important opportunity to develop an understanding of how our Early Years and Primary programmes run. Unless stated otherwise, the information sessions will be held in your child's classroom. At 6pm all parents are invited to join the staff in the Early Years playground for a meal and social gathering. Parents are requested to bring along nibbles, salad or dessert. The school will supply soft drinks and meat.



## POSITIVE COMMUNICATION

At all times at NZIS we encourage our students to treat each other with respect. Our staff endeavour to promote and model positive communication techniques, beginning with our little Kea students right up to our Year 6 leaders. We recognize that the best way to do this is through modelling positive forms of communication that serve to strengthen relationships and overcome conflict.

Respect is one of our NZIS core values and we hope that parents also model these respectful behaviours when communicating with our teaching, administrative and finance staff. If there is an issue of concern that you feel cannot be resolved, then I request that you make an appointment with myself or Inga to discuss. I would like to reinforce that the policies, procedures and guidelines are made by the leadership or management teams at NZIS and not by the office staff, who often have to reinforce them. We are privileged to have very diligent, competent and skilled office staff that deserve the utmost respect throughout all communications.

In the Early Years lobby there is also a Suggestion Box where any parent is welcome to place ideas on how we can improve an aspect of our school life at NZIS. These ideas might be relevant to our Parent Support Group or for the school administration to address. Please don't hesitate to share your ideas with us.

## UNIFORM

At assembly this morning I spoke to students and parents about our NZIS school uniform, with a focus next week on correct footwear! Every communication book and enrolment pack clearly sets out the uniform requirements for parents – who are responsible for purchasing the correct uniform. When wearing the formal batik uniform the students should wear black shoes or black, brown or white sandals. The shoes are to be worn with white socks. Sports shoes are to be black, brown or predominantly white. From next week our teachers will be sending home a standard note to identify any non-uniform items of clothing your child is wearing. I ask all parents to ensure they read the uniform policy in the front of their child's communication book or on our website, to ensure your children are not in breach of it. Students are permitted to change into their sports shoes at play times if they wish, however, their uniform black shoes or sandals must be worn throughout the day. Socks should have no logos or stripes.....just white. Formal black shoes should be black only, without ANY other color. I hope that parents demonstrate their respect for our beautiful school by complying with the uniform policy and fostering a pride that all our children should feel in coming to school in full uniform every day. (These footwear rules do not apply to Early Years).

I look forward to the opportunity to socialise with our parents next Thursday night following our Information Evening.

## BOOKCLUB

On Monday, the first of our Book Club catalogs will be distributed for parents to choose books to purchase. So we can have all the books delivered before the Easter holidays we are asking for all orders to be submitted by next Friday afternoon AT THE LATEST. All orders should be submitted to the classroom or front office in a sealed envelope, with exact money, along with BOOK CLUB and student's name written on the front. No late orders will be considered and no change given. We hope you and your children enjoy using this service.



# Waitangi / NZ Day 2015

# Parent & Staff BBQ!

We would like you to join us for our NZIS Waitangi/NZ Day Parent & Staff BBQ celebration.  
**Thursday, February 5th, 2015**

**BBQ:**  
 The school will provide meat and breads but would appreciate a **shared plate for either nibbles, salad or dessert from parents**. Refreshments of juice, water, tea and coffee will be provided. Parents are welcome to bring your own refreshments with you.

To assist with catering numbers for the BBQ we would like you to fill out the tear off form and return to us **no later than** Tuesday 3rd February, 2015.

Warm regards  
**Inga Tamou**  
 Principal

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PARENT AND STAFFS NZIS WAITANGI DAY BBQ

I will be attending the BBQ     
  I will not be able to attend the BBQ

\*\*\* A reminder this is an adults only occasion \*\*\*

Parent/s Name : .....      Child/ren's Class/es : .....

No. Attending : .....

You are invited to our Parent & Staff BBQ 2015  
 Please reply with numbers attending by 3rd February 2015

## WAITANGI DAY/ NEW ZEALAND DAY

Waitangi Day (named after Waitangi, where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed) commemorates a significant day in the history of New Zealand. It is a public holiday held each year on February 6 to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi (New Zealand's founding document) on that date in 1840. The Treaty made New Zealand a part of the British Empire, guaranteed indigenous Māori rights to their land and gave Māori the rights of British subjects.

At NZIS we are going to celebrate Waitangi Day with a range of events. These will include rotational activities in team groups, a whole-school assembly with primary and secondary, a singing competition and a Sausage Sizzle. It promises to be a great day for our students and parents who get to join our Parent Information Evening and Parent/Staff barbeque in the evening.

**Ms Denise Roache**  
 Head of Primary



## Hoiho Year 1

We have had a fabulous and very busy start to the term. Hoiho learners are a very bright bunch of inquisitive thinkers and we are ready to keep stretching our minds. We love vocabulary blast, writing, creative thinking and dance and we are encouraged to share our ideas which helps us improve our oral language. We have had an interesting learning session with Mr Jon the Computer Science teacher from Secondary who worked with us on integrating ICT into our Inquiry unit. Keep up the fantastic effort and let us continue to learn together Hoiho.





During the December holidays, one of our new students **Raffin Blackadder** auditioned for roles in various TV and film projects and was successful in securing a supporting role in a Telemovie "Jakarta I'm in Love" which aired in December. Two weeks ago, before school started, he auditioned for a newly created role in the long running SCTV sinetron serial "Ganteng Ganteng Serigala" and was told to standby for a casting shoot. Last Saturday he was called to the studio and was successful in gaining a supporting role as a vampire. We look forward with real interest to see if this small taste of acting will maybe lead to new challenges but look forward also to his return to school.

Raffin is just one of the many new students to secondary and along with all our new Year 7s, they seem to have adjusted really well and settled into the everyday routines of student life.



Our **Year 7s** are getting a taste of Science with laboratory sessions with their teacher Mr. Rocky. At this stage they are finding out about lab safety and understanding the different apparatus and their functions. They have settled into secondary very well as a group and their teachers speak really highly of them as engaging young students who work seamlessly together, which is brilliant.

Last weekend our **Taniwha Rugby 7s** team played a triangular tournament with The British School and JIS. The teams played each other twice and the team did amazingly well considering they only had 4 days to prepare. They won all 4 games but in the process made great friends and the tournament was great for all teams as the picture on the front-page shows. Our team consisted not only of NZIS boys but also of players from LIF(The French School), SPH and ACG. Thanks to Guilem, Manocha and Reman for their support. This whole team is also part of the Under 18 Jakarta Komodo Rugby team, which will be playing in Kuala Lumpur in early March. Thanks to the boys, Eryn and Fox for a great day and to Mr. Rocky who was fantastic support.



Finally, thanks to those parents who attended last night's Parents Evening and I hope there was something of benefit for you and that it is clear what role parents and teachers play in our strategic direction for 2015.

**Mr 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

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| February, 5  | - Parent Information Evening Primary |
|              | - NZ Day/Waitangi Day                |
| 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                          |