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***Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years.
We grow old by deserting our ideals.
Years may wrinkle the skin
But to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul....***

Samuel Ullman, poet

Several weeks ago we had some messages of support for a former Early Years teacher Ms Greta who began teaching here in 2013. In August of 2014 after several months of being sick and not understanding what was happening with her health she sought medical advice in Singapore. There she was diagnosed with cancer and immediately decided to return to New Zealand to be with her family and friends. Her goal and desire was to possibly return to NZIS to teach and to be here at the start of term one this year or maybe term two if she could. Her condition deteriorated rapidly and she decided instead that she needed to be close to her immediate family.

On Wednesday evening I found out that Ms Greta had lost her battle with cancer and that she died peacefully, surrounded by her family and friends. We are deeply saddened by her loss and this reminds us of how brief and fragile our lives are.

She was a beautiful person who lived life with enthusiasm and love and we are so glad that we were able to have her as part of our lives albeit so briefly, here at NZIS. She has very close friends on the staff that will miss her dearly but we hope that we will be able to commemorate her memory at the school during the coming months.

The school has sent messages of support to the family and a bouquet of flowers have been sent on behalf of the entire NZIS community.

Please think of Ms Greta in your prayers and the special memories you may have had with her. Remember to always be positive no matter what life throws at you and be thankful for the small things that we take for granted.

Inga Tamou
Principal

2015 SCHOOL TERM DATES

As below these are our term dates for next term.

2015

Term 2: Apr 13 - June 26

Term 3: Jul 28 - Sep 23

A full 2015 Academic calendar is on our website so visit

www.nzis.school.nz

to stay up-to-date.

UPCOMING DATES

June, 23

**Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Student Free Day!**

June, 24

**Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Student Free Day**

June 25

**Last Day of Term 2
for Early Years**

June, 26

**Last Day of Term 2
(Primary & Secondary)**

July, 28

Start of Term 3

August, 5

**Pot Luck Dinner
for Parents and Staff**

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AROUND THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK!



This week we welcomed **Ms Tiara** to NZIS as our music and Bahasa teacher for all Early Years (music) and Primary (music & Bahasa). Ms Tiara has been providing piano lessons to some of our students for the last few years and has worked with Oscar in the past, which has made the transition to our NZIS music and Bahasa programmes relatively smooth.

Thanks to all who came to our NZIS Bazaar last Sunday. It was a lovely morning with lots of visitors making the most of the many bargains to be purchased, as well as tasty foods and gorgeous souvenirs and recycled products. A big thanks to Ms Carragh for her coordination of this community event. Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Sunday November 29th. We hope to have even more stalls available with yummy treats and lots of gift ideas!



On Thursday our Year 4,5, & 6's participated in Interschool soccer and basketball matches against AIS teams.



The soccer matches were played on the fields at AIS Pejaten and the basketball games were held on our own NZIS primary courts.

PRIMARY POST!



Two of our classes headed off on excursions to the Ragunan Zoo this week. Year 3 went on Tuesday and Year 4 on Wednesday. Both groups enjoyed their day! Our Early Years classes had a great morning on Wednesday with a visit from a Petting Zoo. There were lots of squeals and giggles as they got to handle or touch each animal and feel their different textures.



We had our June PSG meeting yesterday and despite having many parents away, we managed to cover a number of issues. Please look at the PSG report in next week's newsletter.

A big thank you to our Year 2 Uenuku Class who led our assembly today. They did a great job of sharing and celebrating their interesting learnings around food and their excursion! Their mosaic of an NZIS student was a collaborative masterpiece! I'm still humming their 'States of Matter' song! Next week our Year 5 Manaia class will lead our final assembly for Term 2, with a performance from the Drama Club! Hope to see lots of parents there!



Reports! Today, all students should have received their reports to take home. Please make an opportunity to read these through as you may wish to follow-up at your Parent/Teacher Interview this Tuesday June 23rd if you have any questions. Please contact the school Monday morning if you have not already made a time to meet with your child's teacher. Interviews run from 7am – 3pm.
The Week Ahead!

A few reminders for the last week:

- All library books/school readers should now be returned to school.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews to be held next Tuesday June 23rd, which is a student free day for all Early Years and Primary students
- ASAs are finished for Term 2 – with the exception of Drama club who are holding their 'Dress Rehearsal' on Wednesday afternoon at 2:10pm, before their performance at assembly on Friday.
- Portfolios will be distributed at Parent/Teacher Interviews but should be returned by the end of the week.
- All families leaving at the end of this term should now have completed a Withdrawal Form for their child/ren and submitted it to the Primary office.
- Thursday June 25th is the last school day for all Early Years students in Kindy and Pre-school
- Friday June 26th is the last half-day of school for all Primary students. Assembly will be held at 8am as normal. Students should be collected promptly at 12pm.

Denise Roache
Head of Primary

SECONDARY PARENTS

Can I please ask that if you are going away for the holidays or away for extended periods that you please contact the school. There are several families, which we have found, have withdrawn their children to go on holidays earlier than the scheduled holiday period but have not communicated this to the school.

What this means is that when classes are missed for various lengths of time, students miss a lot of schoolwork and the interaction between what is taught and what is understood and verified by the class teacher is crucial. Attendance in classes has a direct bearing on academic achievement and the attached form highlights the serious amount of learning which is lost through sustained absenteeism.

With holidays just around the corner it is important that the school is informed because after the parent/ teacher interviews the main focus shifts to house activities and teamwork for the last two days of school. This time is important for students to help each other and to understand that these learning experiences are what makes our school richer in terms of building closer relationships with our students. The objective for this period is to listen to what went well in classes, discuss how students are in terms of the goals they have set. What do they need to clarify and what understanding along with their parents do they need to ensure is put in place for Term three and four.

These first two terms have been all about getting ready for the examinations in the second part of the year. For our Year 11- 12 – 13s, it is about clarifying their positions about what university, what career path and what direction they want their lives to proceed down. For our junior students, our Year 7 and Year 9 students will have October International Cambridge checkpoint examinations. These are markers for progress and to indicate what is needed and what is being done well. For our Year 8s and 10s it is about consolidation and ensuring they have understood the basic concepts and are now able to make vital links and connections.

The set up for Parent/ teacher interviews will be similar to our previous years with all interviews being held in our two Science labs A4 and A5. There will be a parent's waiting room in A3 and there will be coffee/tea and refreshments available. Senior students will also be helping as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award with the ushering of parents and keeping interviews on time. There will also be language interpreters' available for Bahasa and English. Please ensure that we adhere to the timetabled schedule for teachers. They will start at 8.00am with a 30-minute break between 10.00 – 10.30am to allow me to meet with parents as a collective.

At 10.00, I will be making myself available to talk about the plans for 2016 for the secondary campus and what the secondary is aiming to do. This will be held in A2 and all parents are welcome to attend.

INTER HOUSE BADMINTON COMPETITION

This week has seen the finals of our Inter House badminton competition. Our singles final was a titanic tussle between Kia Kaha's Sion and Manawanui's Esma. There was little finesse throughout the final with both players slugging it out but the effort and gamesmanship from both boys was excellent. In the end, Esma held on to win 21 – 18. Maren beat Avi in the 3rd and 4th place ensuring Maia took an equal amount of points.



The pair's final was again between Manawanui and Kia Kaha, with Danny and Himeko (Kia Kaha) defeating Harun and Arisa (Manawanui) 21- 9. It was hard work for Harun and Arisa but they did great beating Maia's pairing of Danielle and Gabriel in the semi. Maia finished third beating Kaitiaki's young pairing of Abiral and Kyla. Congratulations to Danny and Himeko for their comprehensive performance in the final.

Thanks to Danielle for her great organisation of the event and the many students who supported with keeping score, putting up nets and refereeing. Well done everyone and we look forward with eager anticipation to our JUMP JAM performances next Thursday. **Parents are invited to watch and join in next Thursday June 25th between 1.30 and 3.00pm.**

SECONDARY STANDARDS!

TWO STUDENTS LEAVING

YEAR 7 MENA

Is returning to Norway with her family and has made a great transition to the secondary campus. She would like to stay at NZIS because she enjoys her school as she loved camp this year with Mr. Rocky and Ms Martina and she has fun in all her classes with her classmates. She has felt that there is a really big change from Primary to Secondary as there is more homework but also more activities (especially house activities), which she has really enjoyed. If there was one thing she feels the school needs then that is better Wi-Fi, as she feels our current one is very slow and often doesn't work. She has been an integral member of her Year 7 class and along with Hyokyeong, Yoko and Soyeon they will be a big loss to our Year 7 cohort. However, we wish them every success in their new homes and schools.



YEAR 9 SOYEON

Has loved her school since she began half way through Year 5. She will be very sad to leave NZIS and is not very happy about going home to Korea. She has loved learning English and Mandarin and has loved being with her classmates. What she hopes will improve at the school is that the walls in B Block are made more soundproof and that the Wi-Fi improves. She loves the House activities but gets tired pretty quickly by all the running around. Her small and very close year 9 classmates will miss her at the school. The teachers have loved Soyeon's attitude and warm personality and wish her and her family all the very best with their move back to Korea.



SECONDARY SCHOOL DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS TERM

WEEK 11

June 24

- No classes – Parent teacher interviews all day 8.00am – 5.00pm
- 10.00 - 10.30 Coffee and chat meeting

June 25

- House Presentations period 5 – 6 Jump Jam competition - parents are invited
- Staff vs Students after school - badminton

June 26

- School finishes at 12.00



ART EXAMINATIONS

Art examinations are always pretty interesting and this year, to further prepare our IGCSE students – they also have been taking MOCK Art examination,s which means that they have an 8 hour exam where they have to complete a piece of Artwork within this time frame. These pictures show the students working on their compositions, which are a variety of mixed media. The subjects and artist models vary greatly but they are a very conscientious group, who have some excellent young artists amongst them. Congratulations also to Ms Martina for her commitment and passion.

Next week the focus shifts towards keeping the senior students goal orientated and ensuring that they are well placed for term 3 MOCK exams. For the juniors, it is also about continuity of learning but the emphasis will also be on finishing the house competitions positively.

Enjoy your weekend

Inga Tamou
Head of Secondary