

**EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY CAMPUS:**

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*"If you want something in your life that you've never had  
You'll have to do something you've never done"*  
J.D Houston

Everyone wants to be someone, to have something or to have achieved something special. Many of these things are difficult to achieve because we see them as impossible dreams or goals. Last week I had the privilege of coaching at an international sports tournament. There was plenty of competition and players of all different shapes and sizes with varying degrees of skill. Our team was pretty small in comparison to many of the other teams in our grade. We were overawed at first by the opposition because they looked at them and said they look really big and fast. They were not beaten by the opposition but by themselves, however, as the tournament progressed they found that if they worked together and stayed positive and focused on small targets, they could feel better about themselves. They managed to overcome their early fears and reached the final. It was an exciting moment but the result wasn't as important as the collective belief in working hard for each other. They pushed themselves as players and as a team to be better than they ever thought possible and the result took care of itself.

I relate this story to the challenges that all of our students face. For our students they have to discover the joys of friendship and love. They must go through the struggle of learning new things and they must think about their future and what it is, they really want to do with their lives.

Its understanding that struggle and how best to support our students that makes our roles so rewarding.

I'm always grateful for the wonderful people I have had in my life who have helped support me. I try everyday to give that same support to our students and I love that everyday brings a chance to make a difference.

Its Albert Einstein's birthday tomorrow and the following quote from him reminds me of how we need at times to think about how we see others and if we really take the time to genuinely understand who they are...

*Everybody is a genius  
But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree  
It will live its life believing it is stupid....*

**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](http://www.nzis.school.nz)**

to stay up-to-date.

## UPCOMING DATES

- March, 19 - 08:00 am PSG Meeting
- March, 16-20 - Secondary Camps  
Yr 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 only
- March, 24 - Interim Report Evening  
for Primary Parents
- March, 25 - Interim Report Evening  
for Secondary Parents
- March, 26 - Swimming sports  
in Secondary  
- Yr 5/6 soccer  
match against AIS
- March, 27 - 08:00 am End of Term  
Performance  
- Last Day of Term 1

## INTERIM REPORTS - PRIMARY

Your child's Interim Report will be sent home on **Monday March 23rd**. This report focuses on behaviours and attitudes which we consider important for the broader education of your child. These are identified through the Key Competencies of the New Zealand Curriculum. One of the aims of this report is to raise awareness of and encourage these behaviours and attitudes. You are invited to discuss the report with your child's teachers at the report evening.

On **Tuesday March 24th** you are invited to meet with the classroom teacher to discuss the report. 10 minute time-slots have been allocated. If further discussion is required beyond this timeframe then feel free to make an appointment to see the teacher at a later date. Timeslots are available between 7:20am – 7:50am or between 2:20 – 6:00pm next Tuesday. Please ring or visit the front office from this Monday March 16th to make your appointment. This is arranged on a 'first in basis'.

Full reports, which include academic achievement grades, will be issued at the end of Term Two, and the end of Term Four.

## INTERIM REPORTING EARLY YEARS

There is no formal Interim report for our Early Years students this term, however, interviews are also available on **Tuesday March 24th** for all our Pre-school and Kindy parents. A student's progress will be discussed and Learning Stories presented. Please follow the same procedures as Primary Parents to make these appointments from this Monday morning via telephone or in person.

## EAL/ESL PROGRESS REPORT

All parents of our primary EAL students are also invited to make an appointment with Ms Laila on Tuesday March 24th. Her availability is the same as the class teachers, so it should be easy to co-ordinate both sessions around a similar timeslot. Please ring or visit to make an appointment where Ms Laila can explain the EAL program to you.

## LEARNING STYLES

At NZIS we try to enable our students to learn through a myriad of teaching and learning approaches, strategies and styles. As teachers we are aware that some students are kinesthetic learners, while others primarily use visual or auditory cues. There are also those students who may experience the world differently to us and therefore display behaviours that might be considered 'inappropriate' to the general public. Please make the time to follow the link below to read one mum's experience of living with a child who is 'different'. Her message certainly suggests we should be much more informed about the issues that children may be dealing with before judging their actions or those of their caregivers. At NZIS it is important to celebrate and encompass diversity in all its forms.

<https://dirtynakedandhappy.wordpress.com/2015/03/03/i-stand-quietly-istandquietly/>

**Ms Denise Roache**

Head of Primary



## SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to all our 10 NZIS participants who competed in the annual competition last week. We had some great results with:

Seo Jun - 2nd - Primary 1  
 Dafri - 2nd - Primary 2  
 Tiara - 3rd - Primary 3  
 Jake - 4th - Primary 4  
 Eunhoo - 2nd - Primary 6

## LOST BOOKS

In week 10 Invoices will be going out for all Term 1 missing readers and library books. Please make an effort to ensure your children return their nightly readers and their weekly library books so you do not receive an invoice to replace them.



Our March Parent Support Group Meeting will be held in the meeting room this Thursday March 19th at 8am. All Welcome!

# Mana Class

After camp Mana (Year 4) wrote about their experiences and discussed what they enjoyed doing the most. The following are extracts from their camp writing.



At camp first we went to our cabins our cabin was Sisak number 2. The first activity was to pick the fruit rambutan using long sticks. After that we went to see how to graft. You need yo cut the bad tree skin then dry the water off the tree and put the coconut husk inside a plastic bag wrap it tightly and cut a good plant branch and put the husk in the middle and use it as sticky tape. After lunch we went for a ride on a plough then we played mud games.

By **Arcin**.



Then we played soccer we needed to score a goal to win so we lost. At last we ate dinner we played board games and then I caught two eels. By **Ryan**



Then we had a bonfire , I drank three cups of hot chocolate and ate marshmallows. By **Alisha**.



I liked the flying fox it was scary but exciting I liked going fast then drinking lemonade and eating brownies. By **Milla**



Mana had an authentic Indonesian experience at camp and learnt about how local food is grown and harvested. We also experienced local crafts such as wearing and decorating hats. On Friday both Milla and Dafri went to the Spelling Bee. They both tried very hard and Dafri came second. This week we are getting ready for our chocolate themed assembly next week. We can't wait.

King regards  
**Mana**

I N V I T A T I O N

End of Term  
Primary  
Performance

8am Friday March 27th  
in Assembly rooms



## SECONDARY STANDARDS!



### Table Tennis

This week has seen the culmination of our Interhouse Table tennis competition, which has been run by our senior students. It was an excellent tournament and we want to make a special mention to Primary for allowing us to use their 2 tables. Thanks so much Primary for giving us these tables. The tournament was excellent with great participation and the level of sportsmanship and enthusiasm was fantastic. Congratulations, to all the students who practised every morning and even at times til nearly 5pm after school. The break periods were always a hive of competition and fun and the level of table tennis definitely improved over the last 3 weeks. The winners were Michael (Year 9) from Maia House who defeated Aribal (Year 9) from Kaitiaki in the singles final. In the doubles Kaitiaki triumphed over Maia with **Natalie** and **Toby** (Year 11) defeating Maria (Year 11) and Wallace (Year 8)

Maia house took overall points and now leads the House competition with 20 points. Kaitiaki, Kia Kaha and Manawanui are all together on 12 points close behind.

The final match was the staff versus students' battle. We have the Challenge trophy; it is competed for throughout the year in all the various House events. The students due to unbelievable luck managed to sneak a fortuitous win over the staff team of Mr. Stephane and Ms Bianca. Rusley and Leilani who were representing the students fought back from 16 – 19 to steal the win 21 – 19. Congratulations to the students and for the fun and sportsmanship that was displayed throughout the whole 2-week period. Ms Bianca and Mr. Stephane have been reprimanded for their efforts.

### International Sport

The following is a report from our Head boy Frank Mizigi, who took part in the schools first international sports competition. The six boys were part of the Jakarta Komodo Dragons Rugby club, who participated in the KL Saracens South East Asia Rugby tournament.



Last weekend, a few of my school mates and I flew to Malaysia to participate in the Kuala Lumpur Saracens Rugby 10s competition. We came together with other students from various schools to play under the Jakarta Komodos rugby club. The competition was really big, well organised and very tough. This was a good experience for me as it was my first time to travel internationally for sports, and I enjoyed being exposed to different types of food, a new environment and a new level of rugby. It was great to go and experience the different levels of rugby by different clubs representing different countries like Singapore, Hong Kong, China, Thailand and Philippines. Travelling together, living together in a hotel and playing together as a team was good, it definitely brought us all closer together. From this tournament we established the need to work and train harder together in order to progress as a successful team in the future.... **Frank Mizigi** Year 13



Secondary Camps depart this weekend with the Year 7 – 8s going to Pangandaran for their surf camp and the Year 9 – 10s off to Bali. We look forward to their reports next week on their progress and activities. Mr. Rocky, Ms Martina, Ms Ana and Mr. Lehan will be accompanying the Year 7 and Year 8 students. The focus is on water and surf based activities like surfing and boogie board riding but will also look at water safety, how to read rips and currents and the dangers which make being around water at times dangerous. Mr. Rocky has been to this camp before in 2013 and the camp owners are a wonderful New Zealand couple, who have made their home here in Pangandaran.

The Year 9 – 10s are off to Bali with Ms Veronica, Ms Bianca and Mr. Jonathan and the focus is on learning about the beauty and culture of the Balinese people and country. A tour company who have many years of experience leading school-based excursions around Bali will support the group. We wish them safe travels and know that our students are in capable hands as all three staff are experienced in international travel and in Ms Bianca, they have a Bahasa Indonesian native speaker.

## Parent Interviews

**Parent Interviews are being held on Wednesday March 25th starting at 3.20PM and finishing around 6.30pm.**

For the last three weeks teachers have been trialling an online student reporting system called **Class Dojo**... [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com). All parents have been invited by class teachers to be part of this process. They should have all received their personal code, which will allow them to access directly our new reporting system.

What happens is that teachers have a list of rewards (positive behaviors), which range from participating in class, helping others to excellent work.... there are around 15 rewards which are common to all teachers and then there are specialized rewards which are specific to subjects like Art, Science and ICT. The idea is to identify students making good choices and doing well. Our focus is on the positive side of learning, however, there are still times when we have to give sanctions (negative behavior). These are designed to pinpoint what students need more support with and if there are in fact common traits to help us look at what we are doing.

The invitations to parents is the key, as we are looking for ways to bridge this gap and make the feedback more immediate; more frequent and where applicable, more specific. What happens is that when a teacher sends a reward or a sanction, both parents and students are notified automatically of what has been sent.

This information is accumulated and at the end of the week a report is sent to parents also with a summary of what has been happening. It includes attendance to classes and all reports from all teachers.

It is still in its infancy for us but I feel that it will change how we see reports and in fact, how we both send and report on our students. The result is always to ensure that, what we say we are doing is happening and to show the progress of how your child is working within this classroom and the contribution and effort they are making.

If any parent needs more information, then please look at the website and discuss with your child and you can always contact me at [secondary1@nzis.school](mailto:secondary1@nzis.school) and I will reply to any concerns.

To summarise, an invitation will be sent to all parents to meet their form teacher. There will be a time schedule at reception for each teacher so please call our front desk and make an appointment at [frontdesksec@nzis.school.nz](mailto:frontdesksec@nzis.school.nz). I sincerely hope that we see as many parents as possible because there is so much happening both academically and socially, that it is important that parents are a part of it. I see it as an exciting time for the school and we also have a great student culture, which is being supported by strong senior student leaders.

## Swimming Sports

We also have our annual **Interhouse Swimming Sports on Thursday March 26th from 1.15 – 3.00pm**. Like last year, we want to invite parents to view our sports events, so we have again set up the Art-room, which overlooks the pool. Can I ask that parents keep themselves in this area as downstairs will be chaos as houses work to get their swimmers into races to gain crucial house points. There will be refreshments and students to help answer any enquiries and you will have the best view of the unfolding drama of our swimming sports. Houses have been working frantically to see who is going to do the butterfly event and to ensure that their relay teams are prepared and ready. It's always a great way to finish the term and the competition is pretty, which usually brings out the very best in students.



**Last is International Pi Day**... below is a report from Ezar, our Year 11 student

## International $\pi$ Day in NZIS

On 13th of March 2015, our secondary math students celebrated "International Pi Day", a tribute to appreciate the math constant  $\pi$  (reads Pi) seen in circles.  $\pi$  is significantly available everywhere in the universe around us, but it's existence is not noticed by most of us. As trillions of this irrational number's digits are found using technology now, this day is celebrated around the world on March 14th every year, to read the first three digits of this irrational number  $\pi$ . This number is useful in all disciplines of study crossing the borders of Maths to other areas of study such as science, drawings, electronics, business, probability, engineering etc.  $\pi$  has vast application in real life reading signals (radio, television, radar, telephones...), defining distributions in probability (estimation, testing & simulation...) and in reading arcs of circles in navigation (global paths, global positioning...).

Wherever you see the circles,  $\pi$  measures the constant number, the division of the measurement around the circle by its measurement across the circle. As some of us had a Pie lunch today, go and celebrate this day with your pizzas, Oreos, doughnuts, a whole cake, tortilla wrap, cupcakes, and macaroons watching the movie "Life of Pi".....(Ezar Year 11)

**Inga Tamou**  
Head Secondary



**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.