

EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY CAMPUS:

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"The best teachers are those that show you where to look but don't tell you what to see"

Alexandra Taylor

With camps being completed on both the Primary and Secondary campus, it is always worth looking at the value of camps.

As a person who has always had responsibilities for organising, being in charge, supporting and running camps, I know very well the great value and wonderful experiences teachers and students can gain from them.

From a teacher perspective the organisation can be one of the hardest hurdles. These includes ensuring your camp comes into budget, making sure all parent consent forms are done, all medical information is taken care of in case of emergencies and ensuring parents are informed of the progress during camp. However, the benefits of seeing students working together, having fun when they are faced with challenges and knowing how to cope with their parents is a big adjustment for some.

I asked some students about the importance of camps. For various reasons these students have been unable to go to camp this year. All of them wished they were on camp because as many of them stated... *"You see people differently and I've gotten great friends because of what happened on camp"*. Another student said, *"It's good to be away from home ... its like a big sleepover"*, while another stated *"You do things that you would probably never get a chance to do"*.

The value of learning new skills, learning how to express yourself, problem solving, building solidarity and empathy for others, working to help others and just having fun are fundamental elements to learning. We see this in our Early Years program, Te Whaariki (meaning 'the mat' in Maori). It is a fluid student initiated learning system, where play, creativity and problem solving are the key elements to discovery. It is important that these same key skills and elements are replicated throughout a child's learning life in our school. Therefore, camps will always be a great avenue for us to be able to give these educational learning opportunities for our students.

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

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| 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 | - 08:15 am End of Term Performance
- Last Day of Term 1 |

END OF TERM PERFORMANCE

Next Friday is the last day of school for Term 1 for all NZIS students. In our EY and Primary campus we will celebrate this with a performance from each child (except pre-school) as a celebration of the learning that has happened throughout our first 2015 term. Letters have already been sent out to those who need to prepare costumes or props for this event (most have been done at school) and the children have been practising in order to polish their performance. A dress-rehearsal for 'students only' will be held on Wednesday so costumes should be at school by then. We ask that parents make their way to our assembly rooms next Friday at 8:15am where this performance will take place in lieu of our weekly assembly. Tea and Coffee will be available in the Early Years Foyer if you are here early and would like some refreshments while you wait!

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We have now completed our Term 1 ASAs except for a few 'make-up' sessions due to inclement weather or staff absence. Only the following ASAs will be held next week!

- **On Tuesday, 24th of March:** Young chef cooking class 2.10 PM & Swimkidz 2.10 PM & 3.15 PM
- **On Thursday, 26th of March:** Origami 2.10 PM & Guitar (Lunch Time)
- **On Friday, 27th of March:** School Band 2.10 PM & Vocal Lesson (lunch Time)

Today all Term 2 ASAs will be sent to you via email. There are 23 choices of primary ASAs throughout the week (not including music sessions during the day) with a minimum of 16 available to each Year level, so hopefully there is something for everyone. Please follow the procedures from last term. A hard copy will be sent home with students on Monday and confirmation will be provided in the first week back. A lottery system may be implemented for popular activities.

INTERIM REPORT EVENING

This Tuesday we will run our Interim Report Meetings between teachers and parents. These sessions are provided for all Early Years and Primary parents. Please contact the school on Monday if you have not yet made your appointment! Tea and coffee will be available in the Early Years foyer for parents who are waiting. Please ensure you are at the correct classroom on time. Seating outside each room will be available while you wait.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

There was lots of fun around NZIS on Tuesday March 17th as staff and some students wore green to acknowledge the Irish annual celebration of their patron Saint. Being a school that celebrates our multi-cultural diversity it was lovely to see many in our community acknowledging an Irish tradition by wearing GREEN! Ms Michelle's Irish origins were definitely obvious on the day.

Our Year 5's have also been busy Upcycling amazing products into new and innovative clothing and household products. It's great to see students 'being green' by finding an alternative use for items they already possess.

Congratulations to our Yr 4's who provided a very informative assembly about 'chocolate' and celebrated their learning with us through drama and ICT.

On Thursday morning we had a great Parent Support Group Meeting with a visit from Mr Inga. Please read the simple report in the PSG section of the newsletter and 'look out' for this section of the newsletter each week for Parent news. Next week we hope to include some great ideas on what and where you can go with your children if you are staying in Jakarta for the holidays.



LISCA was awesome. On 14th March we drove to UPH that is where it was held. Everyone got to swim as a team. We were all excited and enthusiastic. Our swim team got to cheer on our team mates. LISCA was a great opportunity for us students who were Jakob, Elisa, Mena, Max, and myself Jake. There were lots of different schools, some of them were AIS, ACG, JIS and Bogor International School. The competition was really fun and we came 2nd overall.

By **Jake** Y6 representing NZIS – **Piranha Swim Team**

BOOK CLUB

All Term 1 Scholastic Book Club orders have been delivered to NZIS and distributed today. There were a few books that were unavailable and refunds are being organised for these. There are also two orders that are being corrected. A big Thankyou to Ms Feny for taking on this new initiative. It is a great opportunity for our students to source new books at a reasonable rate as well as gain some new books for our NZIS library.

Ms Denise Roache
Head of Primary



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

At yesterday's meeting we had a great turnout, with a good number of CPR's attending and many topics discussed.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, March 24 - Reports evening/feedback. Ensure you have made your time slot.
Friday, March 27 - End of term performance at 8am. The last day of term.

NEXT TERM

Monday, 6 April - ASA registration begins on Mon April 6
Friday, 10 April - Activities of your child are sent out
Friday, 12 June - celebrate world Teachers Day
Sunday, 14 June - NZIS bazaar

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Mr Inga discussed the introduction of a uniform room and promotion of the school
- First aid room/sickbay explained as used by both primary and secondary...a transit station for students for treatment and back to class, or await pickup if too sick to attend class. Located in Early Years area.
- Before school Procedures...looking at different ways of managing.
- SWIMKIDZ... discussed the confusion of what clarifies NZIS swimmers in out of school competitions and NZIS swimsuit and cap.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday April 23rd. All parents welcome to attend.

Y5 Manaia Class

NEW BEGINNINGS IN 5 MANAIA!

In year 5 Manaia, we have been busy upcycling old unwanted clothing and items from home. The aim is to give them a 'new beginning' and a new look. After completing the planning and designing process, the students have been busy this week 'creating'.



As you can see t-shirts, skirts and even jeans have been transformed into very fashionable handbags and purses. A garbage bag into a dress. Two plant pots have been given a make over and a fresh new funky look. This is work in progress and there are still many more fabulous pieces on their way so keep an eye out on 2015 catwalks for these creations :)



Ms. Michelle & The Y5 Manaia students

TERRIFYING HIGH ROPES

As I excitedly approached the first rickety wooden log activity, I walked carefully. The wooden log was very wobbly. I felt flabbergasted as I stepped onto each wooden log. Finally, I arrived safely at the second platform. It was very fun and I wanted to do more. So I moved on to the next activity. It was exactly the same as the first activity so I did it quickly, without stopping. The next activity involved standing on a thin rope. Could I do it?

I cautiously moved along the thin rope while holding the ribbons above me. I felt very scared. My heart was pounding rapidly in my chest. I slowly and carefully walked across the rickety rope. I had made it! The next activity was very difficult but I conquered it. We had to cross a web made of ropes, like a spiders web. It was very difficult because we had to climb upside down and my hands were very sweaty. I felt like I was going to plummet down to the ground below. I made it to the next platform safely.

The next platform looked very easy but when I did it, it was extremely hard. We had to walk on a rope while balancing and holding a string in front of us. If you went too far backwards it would be very hard to go forwards again. Could I do it? By **Toby**



HIGH ROPES AT CAMP HULU CAI

1. Beginning
2. Balancing of the rope
3. Finishing safety

I nervously climbed up the ladder to begin the scary high ropes activity. As I started walking on the rickety wooden plank, I was filled with trepidation about maybe doing the spits while walking across the rope. But it didn't happen.

I then moved on to an obstacle where you had to carefully balance while walking across a rope and hold on tightly to the rope above. I nervously started. I balanced on a really thin, rickety rope. Was I crazy?

My shaking arms grasped on tightly to the rope. When I was half way across I released my grip and unclenched my sweaty hands. As I was finishing I felt extremely happy and proud. I had conquered my fear! By **Jakob**



HORRIFYING HIGH ROPES

1. Starting off
2. Slow walking
3. Relief and safety

Carefully, I put on my harness and a helmet. I nervously climbed up the ladder to the platform. I slowly held on to the rope with shaking hands. My heart was beating as loudly as a lion's roar. Everybody was waiting for me to move through.

After taking a nervous hesitant step, I soon found myself moving through all the platforms carefully. Then I came to the 5th platform. This was a tight rope with red ribbons hanging down above me. I stepped forward nervously, the whole time dreading to cross it. I took one step, then another and so on. But it all went wrong when I lost my balance and nearly slipped. Was it possible for me to succeed?

I balanced myself and continued to walk and then suddenly...thump! My foot landed safely on the next platform. I was breathing heavily after the gruesome experience. Happily I sighed realizing that I had conquered my fear of heights. I was so proud of myself. I smiled. I was safe! By **Tiara** - Star writer of the day for this recount!



I N V I T A T I O N

End of Term
Primary
Performance

8.15am Friday March 27th
in Assembly rooms



SECONDARY STANDARDS!



The Secondary campus this week has had all our year 7 – 8 – 9 and 10 students away at camp. Our Year 7 – 8 camp to Pangandaran, returned safely this morning and are full of stories and tales of what they did. Report from Mr. Rocky

The students have found the challenge of surfing an exciting and fun prospect and the easier option of boogie boarding rewarding but tiring. Their energy has been surging to peak efforts and then needing to recharge their batteries as the time of the programs has been full of activity. The surf conditions have been ideal for learners and the sun has shone each day. Wave size was a little small at Batu Karas yesterday, but it was still easy pickings for some who are standing regularly and able to ride right to the beach sometimes.

Our food has been a highlight also as Mama Chrissy personally makes many of the dishes we eat with her team of helpers. Fresh fish, burgers, satay, lasagne and banana cake and Anzac biscuits have been devoured leaving crumbs...ok the vegetables not so much. We have one last day to refine our skills and savour the fresh sea air of our camp home Pangandaran...

Many people criticise the value of camps but after talking with Ms Martina and Mr. Rocky, both have stated about the fantastic learning that many of these children may not have otherwise experienced. They have had to problem solve, fit in and learn to understand how to tolerate and understand others. It puts students outside their comfort zone and that is always invaluable as a learning experience. As a group of teachers we will always be looking for the best and safest forms of activities we can offer for our students.

Our Bali camp for the Year 9 – 10s has included plenty of highlights and pictures, which can be viewed from the attached Blog site:

<http://nzisbali2015.blogspot.com/2015/03/day-1.html>

The following information is taken directly from the Blog site, which was designed by Mr. Jonathan

DAY 1



A little bleary eyed we all arrived at NZIS at 0430 to begin our fantastic adventure to Bali. We successfully navigated the nightmare that can be check-in with everyone just about remembering their luggage. The flight was a doddle, the speed at which some students dropped off to sleep a sight to behold.

A swift pizza for lunch prepared us for the haggling in Ubud's markets. Hats, spiders and all sorts were bought but Miss Bianca could not be beaten in the haggling department! A game of Head's-Up before dinner saw the girls trounce the boys - hopefully they will do better tomorrow! A fabulous end to a fabulous day.

DAY 2

Of camp was a muddy experience. We traipsed through jungle, squelched through mud and forded streams. Resilience and enthusiasm was high and everyone completed the trek, a little weary and definitely a little muddy. After lunch a visit to a local village and a wall carving that has been around since the 14th century. Also an excellent opportunity for Miss Veronica, Miss Bianca and Mr Jon to get some peace and quiet during the 15 minute meditation session. To finish off what had already been a pretty active day, was swimming in the rain with the monkeys looking on.



"Today was a blast as we had to walk to a rice field through the dangerous and muddy Jungle. We walked through lots of mud, braved biting ants and jumped streams. Despite this I managed to bond with my peers, which made this a worthwhile experience"...
Elbert

SECONDARY STANDARDS!



DAY 3

Today was an easier start, with a morning drive to a strawberry farm. A wander around the farm and an explanation of the innovative rabbit biogas system made for a great morning, perfectly finished off with fresh strawberry juice.

DAY 4

An early breakfast for the penultimate day of camp meant we could leave for our volcano trek at 0730 with Mt. Batur our goal!

With a tough trek in front of us no one was sure if we would make it. But make it we did with everyone showing true grit and determination to conquer the peak.





The scramble down was also tough and it was a well-deserved lunch we found close to a local temple. All of us would like to say a big thanks to all the local guides who made the trek up the volcano such a rewarding experience.

Having not quite tired ourselves out enough we joined local farmers to plant onions in the afternoon. Armed with forks we dug, turned over and leveled the fields. We planted and watered and even found time for some fishing in the shallows of the lake.

Tomorrow we have another early start as we cycle through local villages. Then we return home, with mixed emotions; happy to be going back to see friends and family but sad to be leaving Bali and the end of a spectacular camp.

Thanks to Ms Veronica for her organisation of the camp activities and the support of Ms Bianca and Mr. Jonathan. They will be leaving Bali at roughly 8.30pm tonight and arriving back at NZIS at approximately 11.00pm tonight via an organized bluebird bus.

While camp students have been away, it has allowed us to focus on the learning and establishment of routines for our examination based students. All the year 11 – 12 – 13 students have been given information about setting targets, taking responsibility and being proactive with their learning.

SECONDARY STANDARDS!

During the week the seniors were invited to attend a careers talk by Dr Kumar Rajagopal. The talk was about the pathways towards becoming a qualified commercial pilot or aviation engineer. The seniors were full of questions for Dr Kumar who explained the importance of hard work in school and how this would pay off in the future. By the end of the seminar the students had a lot to think about, many now considering a future in the skies.



It is very important that for parents to keep abreast of what their child is doing at school, that they log into 'Class Dojo'. Please check the website or ask your child or look at last weeks newsletter to understand what this is.

All parents have been sent a log-in number to your mail so please check and log in. This is vitally important as all teachers at secondary are using this to give feedback to parents and students directly. At our parent / teacher interviews this Wednesday all parents will need to have seen their child's class dojo progress report which they will receive once a week, so they can be aware of their child's work and attitude.

These comments from Class Dojo, will supplement the new interim reports which students are being asked to be part of.

The idea is for both parents and students to be involved in the reporting process and therefore understand our assessment system and how this correlates for all levels towards their IGCSE, AS and A Levels.

I strongly encourage all secondary parents to ensure they log into class dojo and make an appointment to see their child's form teacher by next Wednesday please.

Our new vertical form teacher system allows teachers to give more feedback and form closer personal relationships with students, which enables them to give good positive support and identify areas they should be congratulated for and to work on.

Please log into Class Dojo and make an appointment for next Wednesday's parent/ teacher interviews

Thank you
Inga Tamou



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

1st Winner Rp 1.000.000, 2nd & 3rd Winner Rp 500.000 cash prize

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A CHANCE
TO WIN
Rp. 1.000.000**

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.