



• Teachers performance during The International Day @ IGBIS Theatre, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2016

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## Upcoming Events

### School

**Monday, April 18**

Grade 12 farewell assembly at 02:30pm - 03:00pm

**Tuesday, April 19**

Grade 12 farewell breakfast at 09:00am - 10:30am

**Wednesday, April 20**

Swim Gala at 08:00am - 11:15am

**Friday, April 22**

Eath Day assembly

### Athletics

**Monday, April 18**

U9/U11 Primary Swim Friendly @ NEXUS leaving school at 3:15pm

**Thursday, April 21**

U13 Boys Volleyball @ IGBIS starting at 3:30pm

**Thursday, April 21**

U13 Girls Volleyball @ ISP leaving school at 3:15pm

## Message from Head of School

Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

### International Day

International Day was a huge success on April 9. All of our community came together to take part in the parade of nations, contribute to the many stalls and activities along with entertainment in the theatre.

We had fantastic support from sponsors and embassies with setting up the booths and display areas, donations of items and food, but most of the things on display and the food was prepared by our own families.

A sincere thank you to the staff and parents on the International Day committee, the Parent Volunteer Organisation and Country representatives, ES Exhibition Services Sdn Bhd for the planning and set up of the country booths, the embassies and companies who contributed to the country displays and our school sports provider Sunarize. The performers from within the school and the wider community shared an amazing array of talent during the

concert in the theatre.

Students, staff and parents of IGBIS, thank you for your contributions and participation!

### Splash Down

On April 20th we will be holding the 'Phoenix Splash Down', our inter-house swim gala. This will involve all students from grades 1-12. Parents are most welcome to attend and support their children on the day.

### School fees

The school fees for 2016-17 will be published in the coming week along with a request for families to re-enrol for the 2016-17 school year. Please look out for this information.

*Mrs. Anne Fowles*  
Head of School



## News from Elementary School



**Mrs. Claire McLeod**  
Elementary School Principal

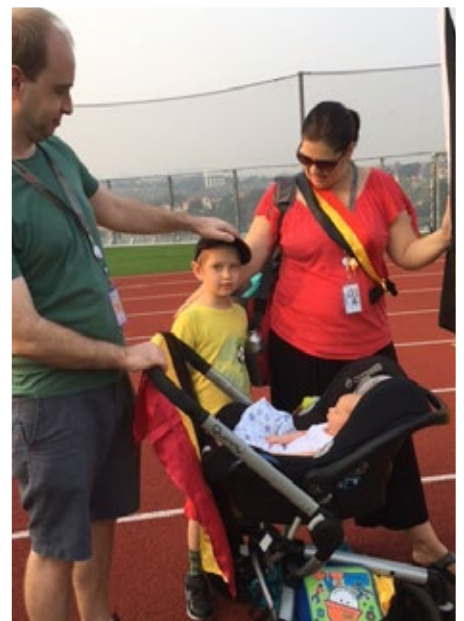
We are extremely fortunate to have a technology integration teacher supporting our teachers and students. Mr Geoff Derry works across the school helping teachers select an appropriate technology tool for their students needs and then with understanding and gentle reminders, he helps them become proficient. Teachers are then able to introduce these skills to their students who also become confident technology users. Mr Derry provides professional development for teachers in whole group settings, individual tutorials and he works alongside teachers as they introduce new tools for students to use.

Our second International Day was a wonderful day for our IGBIS community.



The Parade of Nations provided the opportunity to celebrate all countries represented at our school. Some countries had many representatives; however,

countries such as Belgium with only one family still had the chance to proudly show their love of their homeland. As I moved around the activities and country stalls there was a buzz of excitement and everyone was so happy that we have come so far in just one year. Thank you to the Japanese mothers who offered to dress me in a beautiful kimono, I loved the experience!



## News from Secondary School

### Mr. Lennox Meldrum

Secondary School Principal

This week we continued the momentum leading up to our holidays with further demonstrations of our strong school community. Our whole school photographs on Wednesday demonstrated how big we had grown since last year, but also that we still all think and operate with the same spirit of cooperation, communication, and friendliness. It was hard to stop smiling when the camera had finished clicking because I was so proud to be amongst the entire school body at one time.

Our Secondary School Student Council had a fun week where they had teachers on the field each lunch time, volunteering to have soaked sponges thrown at them. This enabled our Student Council to raise money for their upcoming final social event of the year and thus subsidise the cost for students attending. I enjoyed being out in the hot sun with sponges and buckets of water being aimed in my direction, all in good fun. Thank you to all who joined

in the festivities.

On Friday we opened our 2nd annual EosMUN Conference, and the first to be solely run by an IGBIS organising committee. Last year was run by an experienced team of MUN veterans from schools across Kuala Lumpur and gave our students an opportunity to learn how an effective MUN should be organised. This year they have worked tirelessly and set an amazing programme for the 200+ visiting delegates to participate within. They will have a report on the event in next week's newsletter.

This is our final week before a break and also the final week of classes for our Grade 12 students. Come celebrate their time at IGBIS at our Grade 12 Farewell Assembly, starting at 2.30pm in the theatre on Monday. We also look forward to seeing you at the Swim Gala on Wednesday morning.



## MYP Personal Project

### Phil Clark

Middle Years Programme Coordinator

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*“MYP Projects help students to develop the attributes of the IB learner profile; provide students with an essential opportunity to demonstrate Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills developed through the MYP; and foster the development of independent, lifelong learners.”*

*(“MYP Projects Guide”, IBO, 2014)*  
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Our Grade 8 and Grade 10 students have been working on their IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) Projects throughout this year. The Grade 8 Community Project was completed during Semester 1 while the Grade 10 Personal Project spans both Semesters 1

and 2.

MYP Projects provide opportunities for students to identify areas of personal interest, to inquire more deeply into those areas, to learn more about them and to take some form of responsible action as a result of their inquiries. Students work on their MYP Projects in their own time and over an extended period. They are guided by teacher supervisors through a cycle of investigation, planning, taking action and reflecting. At the end of the MYP Projects, students present their projects to the community at an exhibition.

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GRADE 10 PERSONAL PROJECT					
AUG	SEPT	OCT - NOV	NOV - FEB	MAR-APR	MAY
Introduction	Investigating	Planning	Taking Action	Reflecting	Exhibition
Brainstorm	Decide goal etc Start research	Finish research Start product	Finish product	Evaluate Finish report	SLCs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus of Personal Project can be almost anything that is of interest to the student</li> <li>• Students must work individually</li> <li>• 9 months duration - approx 1-2 hrs each week of student's own time</li> <li>• Students create a product or outcome</li> <li>• Regularly document progress in a Process Journal</li> <li>• Regularly check-in with a teacher supervisor to monitor progress</li> <li>• Final report about the project is assessed</li> </ul>					

The Personal Project is an important culminating self-directed project in the MYP which connects student personal interests with school learning. This week our Grade 10 students completed and submitted their final reports for the MYP Personal Project. The Personal Project report is formally assessed and prepares students for the Extended Essay in the IB Diploma Programme

and for research papers at college or university.

The Grade 10 students will be exhibiting their Personal Projects during Student Led Conferences on Saturday 14 May, so you will have the opportunity to find out more about what they have been learning and doing. Please mark the date in your diary.

## Nobody's Perfect

**Andy Mullin**

*PYP & MYP Physical Education Teacher*



*Mr Andy: "What happens when you practise something?"*

*Student in EY: "You get better at it but you might not get perfect at it..."*

That was the answer last week when I was asking the class to persevere with a new task. It was a great response to a loaded question! Nobody's perfect but we won't get better at things unless we practise them and take that first step - being a risk taker.

We see a lot of students who come into our PSPE classes nervous to try new things at first as they are so concerned

that they won't do it right. Once they realise that we are all here to learn and nobody's perfect then they can become a risk-taker which opens the door to success and understanding. This applies to all areas of our students education at IGBIS and PSPE plays a key role in developing risk taking skills that lead to increased confidence across the curriculum.

While many of us may remember Physical Education at school as a difficult time that tested us and may ultimately have discouraged us from being as active as we could, today's PE classroom is very different. We encourage movement and challenge at a level that is appropriate to each student. We encourage debate and inquiry into tasks so that a deeper understanding of the concepts are

developed. We do challenge the students to go outside their comfort zones at times and take risks but ultimately this is done in a safe and secure way so that each student achieves success and confidence as a result.

Almost all the elementary students have had a unit on gymnastics or movements that relate to gymnastics over the past couple of months and it is pleasing to see the progress being made by all. Gymnastics is a challenging but rewarding activity for our students and we encourage parents to ask the children to show them what they have been learning in class.

## Phoenix Splashdown 2016 - Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

The culminating event for our new house team system will be held on Wednesday, April 20th between 8am and 11:15am. The introduction of the house system has been well received by the students at the school and has added an element of friendly competition and comradery amongst the student body. The success of the sports day and duathlon has fostered a 'one school' feeling and many of our students feel a strong sense of community as a result. The Swim Gala will also be a fantastic way for our Grade 12 students to sign off as IGBIS students by being part of the community and their house team one

last time.

While mass participation is the goal for the event, with all students in Grade 1-12 involved in at least three races, there will also be finals for the fastest swimmer in each house for each stroke; freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke - boys and girls finals for G7-12. Firstly the students will compete in their houses to find the fastest swimmer for each house, with that swimmer making the final to compete against the other fastest swimmers.

We will finish the day with relays. The

relays will be comprised of one boy and one girl from each grade as decided by the House Leaders. This will make a team of four and there will be five races.

EY and KG will have an event at a later date to showcase their swimming to their parents.

We hope to see as many parents as possible at the pool watching the races from the Level 3 mezzanine.

### The PE Team

## Care of Library Books

### Amanda Clark

*Whole School Teacher Librarian*

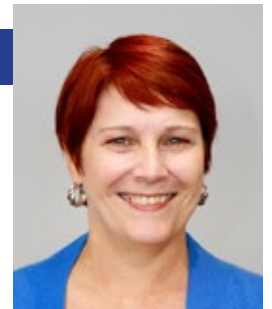
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Please remind your children every week to bring their library books back on their class library days and to make sure that each week, they are bringing their books in a book-bag. Book bags help protect books from accidental damage and help our students to understand and learn about their personal responsibility to take care of the resources that we share at school. The book bags should be big

enough to hold the library books and can be made of plastic or fabric.

### Returning Library Books

As we head towards the end of this academic year, all of the books that your children have borrowed will need to be returned to the library. Any books that are not returned at the end of the academic year will need to be paid for by parents, at replacement cost. Replacement cost includes shipping, cataloguing and

processing costs paid by the school to our library supplier, in addition to the actual cost of the physical book. If you are having some trouble locating the books, now would be a great time to have a search at home to find them.



## Secondary School Student Council

Last week (April 11 - 15), Secondary Student Council held their annual 'Sponge the Teacher' event. Teachers volunteered to have wet sponges thrown at them by students, costing 5MYR

for three throws. Teachers could also throw sponges at other teachers. It was a lot of fun and helped raise money towards the Student Council Social Evening.



Secondary Student Council is holding the Annual Social Evening for the Secondary students next Friday (April 22). Tickets for the Social Evening will be sold next week (April 18-April 22), costing 20MYR which includes a dance and three

slices of pizza and two drinks. The Social Evening is from 7:15 - 9:45, so students will have enough time to go home and get changed to make it back in time for all the fun!





## Embracing our Diversity in Style

### Mr. Wayne Demnar

*Admission and Marketing Director*

Last Saturday's International Day celebrations were a wonderful example of a school community working together and we can all be proud of the result.

From the parade at the beginning, where we walked together behind our flags, to the musical magic at the end of the day, we achieved our goal of embracing our diversity and sharing our humanity. It was so good to see both children and adults

having fun together enjoying a multitude of colourful activities and delicious treats.

Thank you to the Committee who coordinated the day, to all the staff and parents who created the displays and activities, the students who participated so enthusiastically, the talented performers and to all the wonderful supporters whose contributions enhanced everyone's enjoyment of the day. Special thanks must go Datin Jercy who kindly sponsored the setup of display booths in the sports hall and foyer, Sunarize for the field activities and

Fonterra for their donations of dairy products.

I would really appreciate it if you would take the time to fill in the 'short' feedback form about International Day.

<http://goo.gl/forms/8tuDOOQz4t>

Well done IGBIS!

