



● IB Asia Pacific Regional Workshops @ IGBIS ~ June 10 - 12, 2016.

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### Upcoming Events

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**June 16 ~ 8:15 am**

- ES Final Assembly

**June 16 ~ 10:30 am**

- SS Final Assembly

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**Saturday, June 11 ~ 9:00 am**

- Primary Badminton Championships @ IGBIS

## Message from Head of School

Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

I hope that members of our community were able to attend at least one of the two assemblies showcasing students' progress in the IGBIS instrumental music academy. I was wonderful to see such confident young musicians sharing their talent with the school.

Over twenty members of our staff, students, parents, leadership and board members took part in a symposium to inquire into Positive Education and how this may be integrated into IGB International School for the benefit of students, staff and the wider school community. We look forward to integrating aspects of this into the school programme in the coming year.

With only one week of school to go, it is time to farewell members of staff who are moving to other places next school year. More will be said in the Elementary and Secondary sections of this newsletter, however I would personally like to thank the following staff for their dedication and commitment to IGB International School over the last one to three years:



**Lennox Meldrum**

Mr Meldrum joined IGBIS in July 2013 as Secondary School Principal. He has worked tirelessly to set up all of the programmes and resources for the secondary school as well as led the technology initiatives across the school. His prior experience working

the IB Global Centre in The Hague assisted IGBIS to be at the cutting edge of curriculum changes in the MYP and DP. Mr Meldrum and his wife Ms Ostiguy are moving to Shanghai, PR China.



**Michelle Ostiguy**

Ms Ostiguy joined IGBIS in August 2014 as the Admissions Manager and continued in this position until the school began and she could resume her passion as a teacher. Over 100 of the founding students of IGBIS were enrolled in the school by Ms Ostiguy. Her caring nature and enthusiasm for the PYP has been one of her shining attributes throughout this time.



**Jasmine Brawn**



**Nan Parker**



**Lara Skadsen**



**Kath Kummerow**



**Paul Skadsen**



**Natalie Fabian**

We hope to see many of our parent community at the instrumental music and end of year assemblies.

*Mrs. Anne Fowles*  
Head of School

## News from Primary School

### **Mrs. Claire McLeod**

*Primary School Principal*

#### **Farewell**

There are some of our colleagues who are preparing to say goodbye next week to IGBIS and their life in Malaysia and move on.

**Ms Michelle Ostiguy** and her husband **Mr Meldrum** will return to China and teach in Shanghai. I have been fortunate to have worked alongside Michelle and Lennox for the last three years, with the first year in the office above Jaya Grocer. Michelle was responsible for Admissions and she used all her knowledge of teaching and her commitment to the IB to help parents understand why selecting IGBIS was the best decision they could make for their children. Michelle then returned to the classroom and thrived in the environment, where she really loves working with students. Lennox thrived in the planning and sharing of information about the IBMYP and IBDP. He used his amazing skills and love of technology to set up systems that support the whole school. It is sad to say goodbye but they leave us with the knowledge that they have been instrumental to the development of IGBIS and we will miss their dedication and passion for teaching.

**Ms Kath Kummerow** has chosen to return to Australia to resume teaching and to spend more time with her family. Kath has enjoyed teaching in Beijing, Prague and now Kuala Lumpur and I know she take her expertise and flair for inquiry to her students in Adelaide. We have been fortunate to have Kath as she is a skilled educator and a caring and thoughtful colleague.

**Ms Nan Parker** has decided that after six years of working overseas in Suzhou, China and Kuala Lumpur, she would like to continue her love of teaching art to children and adults at home in New Zealand where she can also enjoy her time as a mother and grandmother. Nan has provided our students with a strong foundation in art skills and creativity.

**Jasmine Brawn** has helped inspire our Grade 4 PE students over the last 2 years. Jasmine has also organised and managed our Activities and Athletics Programme and it is the breadth of these programs that is something that I know Jasmine is very proud of. Jasmine will leave us this year and she will be missed.

**Mrs Lara Skadsen** will return to America to help provide support for her daughter who is currently living and attending school there. Ms Lara is a passionate and skilled art educator and she is looking forward to continue her teaching in America.

**Ms Natalie Fabian** our Elementary -Grade 8 School Counselor and Educational Psychologist will also leave us this year. Natalie has provided caring and considered support for our students, teachers and parents. We wish her well with this move.

The Music Academy performances on Tuesday and Thursday were enchanting and inspiring to watch and enjoy. The audience admired our students' risk-taking skills when they performed individually or in an ensemble. Thank you to our Music Academy coaches and to Mr Jon Suffolk.



Congratulations to Ms Nan Parker and Ms Lara Skadsen on their recent Art Exhibition with local artist Jake Goh, held at the Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre. Point of Departure signified their engagements with the past, present and future and they were thrilled to have their teaching colleagues, friends, students and their parents attend this exhibition.



## An Inspiring Gymnast

### Interview by Eesha

*Elementary Student*

Alicia, a student in Grade 4 has recently been in Jakarta, Indonesia for a gymnastic competition. The competition took place on Saturday, June 4 at the British School of Jakarta. Alicia has been taking gymnastics classes since the age of 6. Her team included four people and they trained at Scope Gymnastics Centre here in Kuala Lumpur.

Alicia says that when she competes, her main goal is to get a ranking above 8.5.

The highest she managed to get was a 9.1 out of ten. During the competition, Alicia thought that the facilities there were good. "The bar was good but it was quite slippery so I had to use lots of chalk. Other than that, the beam was pretty good too but it was wider and higher than the one I usually use," said the talented gymnast. The handstand competition was her favourite. Overall, she won seven medals. She won two gold medals for the handstand event and for participation, one silver medal for floor, and three bronze medals in the beam, vault and bars. Her other achievement was an overall ranking of fourth place in her age group.



## News from Secondary School

### Mr. Lennox Meldrum

*Secondary School Principal*

It might seem a tad obvious to say that teaching and learning is at the centre of what we do at IGBIS, but please let me explain. As I finish my penultimate week at this school that I love so dearly, I have been reflecting on the three years of experiences and in the end it all distills into these core components of education.

Celebrating at the final PVO meeting this week, I had a chance to reminisce about our times in the office above Jaya Grocer. Michelle, in her role of Admissions Manager, would tour families around the model of the school as they learned about our plans to provide facilities for sports and arts along with our academic streams. Mrs McLeod or I would sit with parents and talk through the IB programmes, teaching them about components such as transdisciplinary themes, approaches to learning, or action and service. All of us in the office learned a LOT about how to read building plans and what goes into constructing a school. It was a vibrant place where teaching and learning was happening all of the time - even without our facilities, teachers, or students - as we lived the IB mission of being lifelong learners.

Watching the Grade 5/6 and Grade 10/11 transition days this week made me proud of how far our students have become as IB students. This week they were risk-takers, communicators, caring and principled as they asked great questions, participated in new experiences, and looked out for and after each other. I love seeing students learn not only within our IB programmes, but to be able to transfer that knowledge across the continuum between programmes. I think the IB should be pretty proud of how far we have come in two years.

This week ended with 150 teachers and educators from across the globe coming onto our campus to

begin three days of MYP Workshops. IB regional workshops are classified by categories and we are hosting nine category 1 workshops (in each of the eight MYP subject areas plus one for school heads and MYP coordinators), which are designed for teachers and educators who are new to IB programmes (including some who are being exposed to the IB for the very first time). As you are aware, there are a number of staff at IGBIS that are IB educators and able to deliver workshops, so we are extremely proud to be able to host workshops here and have some of our teachers leading workshops in their subject areas (Mr Fleury is pictured here leading new MYP Arts teachers through concept-based learning). I feel this is where we have come full circle - from an idea to set up an IB school based on the philosophy behind the programmes, to teaching our community about the programmes and stimulating our students to become IB learners, to finally being able to reach out to our global IB community and share our knowledge, understanding, and passion in what we proudly do each day.

It is now close (but not quite yet!) to when I will need to say my final farewell to everyone who has made my journey in this school such an amazing experience. I know when I do, I will be able to hold my head high and be proud of what we have achieved together. Along with the other teachers leaving the Secondary School this year - Mr Paul Skadsen, Mrs Lara Skadsen, Mrs Jasmine Brawn, and Ms Natalie Fabian - we thank you for all of your support.





### Ms. Jasmine Brawn

*Athletics and Activities Director*

#### Activities

This is the last week of scheduled activities for the 2015 - 2016 school year. Activities officially end June 10th.

Please see the finance counter if you have yet to pay for Season 3 activities. Accounts will be finalised at the end of this week.

#### Athletics

This is our final week of scheduled athletics competitions and events. Last week saw our U18 Volleyball Teams go head to head with other KLISS schools at invitationals hosted at IGBIS and Tenby International Schools.

For more news and highlights on Phoenix Athletics and Activities go to the blog at

<https://sites.google.com/a/igbis.edu.my/igbis-activities/home>

#### Coming Up in Sport...

- Thursday, June 2 - KLISS U18 Girls Volleyball @ ISP
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- Wednesday, June 8 - KLISS U15 Badminton Championship Makeup Tournament @ Taylors
- Thursday, June 9 - KLISS U15 Boys Volleyball Plate Finals @ Taylors
- Thursday, June 9 - KLISS U15 Girls Volleyball Plate Finals @ IGBIS
- Saturday, June 11 - KLISS Primary Badminton Championships @ IGBIS



## Community Corner

### Mr. Wayne Demnar

Admission & Marketing Director

#### Open Invitation to New Families

The end of the 2015-2016 academic year is fast approaching and many of you will be venturing off to all sorts of interesting places across our planet. The Admissions Department will be busy preparing for your return and the arrival of all our new students and their families. Please keep us in mind if you meet new families to KL that might be working with you or living in the same area, as we would love to show them around IGBIS and share our programme with them.

#### Update of Contact Information

Please remember to share with us any changes to your contact details during and after the break. We will email out any necessary updates and information during June and July.

#### Community Clogs

On Wednesday morning, a group of Grade 10 Mums who had worked together on the International Day display for , presented Mrs Fowles with the pair of creatively decorated clogs that they had worked on with the Grade 10 students. Yayoi Uenishi was the creative force behind the project and thank you to the grade 10 Mums who offered great support.

#### PVO Appreciation

On Thursday morning we thanked the members of the Parent Volunteer Organisation for their hard work and dedication during the year. They have done a splendid job of representing all parents and coordinating activities like International Day and Staff Appreciation day which were enjoyed by all. Our motto in the PVO is 'strengthening community' and on behalf of the entire IGBIS community we thank them for doing just that!

#### SOS (Sharing our Strengths)

In August we will be inviting all parents to reflect on their own 'special skill set' - that is the professional and personal skills that you would be willing to share with our students. We would then like as many of you as possible, to make yourselves available to share your strengths at our Careers Fair in February.

