



● EY & KG Splashdown ~ 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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### Happening.

#### + Monday 23rd January

Parent Teacher Conferences  
3:20 pm – 4:30 pm

#### + Tuesday 24th January

University Pathways (Grade 11)  
@ PVO Room - 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

#### + Wednesday 25th January

~ U11 Boys Football @ Nexus  
International School  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

~ U18 Basketball Friendly vs ISP

@ IGBIS - 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

#### + Thursday 26th January

~ MYP Community Project  
Exhibition @ L6 Learning  
Lounge - 8:00 am – 10:00 am

~ CNY Assembly @ Theatre  
10:30 am – 11:30 am

~ Parent Teacher Conferences  
12:30 pm – 7:00 pm



Congratulations to our PE team for organising two successful and highly enjoyable Splashdown events . Early Years and Kindergarten displayed their swimming skills as they moved through three activities on Thursday and Gr 1-12 students participated in school teams to show their skills and speed on Friday. School spirit was alive and evident as teams cheered wildly.

By now parents should have received their child's Semester 1 reports and access to their e-Portfolios. Please take time to read through these reports and discuss them with your child ahead of the Parent Teacher Conferences. Viewing and reflecting on the e-Portfolios with your child will help prepare parents for the conferences.

This week we have a few important events and an early dismissal.

- There are Parent Teachers Conferences this Monday 23rd from 3.20 - 4.30pm and Thursday 26th January from 12.30-7pm.

- Chinese New Year Assembly is on Thursday starting at 10.30am in the Theatre, all parents are welcome.
- Students will be dismissed at 12 o'clock on Thursday 26th January as there are conferences in the afternoon.
- Friday 27th January is a no school day for students and their Chinese New year holidays start on this day. Teachers will be at school working on our accreditation self study.
- School will resume after the holidays on Monday 6th February.

I hope everyone enjoys the Chinese New Year holidays and celebrations.

Until next time,

*Mrs. Claire McLeod*  
Elementary School Principal

**PYP Workshop**

**Simon Millward**  
IB PYP Coordinator

Regardless of whether your child is enrolled in the PYP, MYP or DP, all parents are welcome to attend an upcoming PYP Workshop.

**PYP Workshop**  
**Tuesday 7th February, 8:15am - 9:15am**  
**PVO room, Level 2**  
**Modelling and using the Learner profile at home and**

**outside of school**

This workshop will focus on the IB learner profile, what the attributes are and how they form the basis of cultural understanding and international mindedness. The attributes that the IB have chosen were devised so that they can 'help create a better, more peaceful world'. (Making the PYP Happen, IBO 2007)

The session will involve a presentation, discussion and sharing ideas as to how these can be modelled at home. It is designed to be a practical guide that can be taken and used outside of school.



## Elementary Art with Miss Elli and Miss Jade



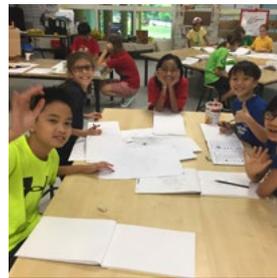
**Elli Lawson & Jade Saba**  
*Visual Arts Teachers*

Hello everyone from very busy, messy and creative Art Rooms!



With a long December break behind us and another celebratory week ahead of us for Chinese New Year, it is an exciting point during the Art curriculum to reflect on learning journeys carried out in Semester 1. Every grade level from Early Years to Grade 5 will be completing their current units, allowing for a new chapter to begin on February 6th. Parent-teacher conferences and reports on the horizon help make the important link between learning and reflection. Keep an eye out for some Artwork coming home!

We would like to share some of the images of the learning that was experienced during Semester 1.



## News from Secondary School

It was a pleasure to see many parents in attendance at our PVO meeting on Thursday and our Splashdown on Friday! The Splashdown was a particularly successful event, and it was clear to me that the overall approach we have taken to swimming at IGBIS (in lessons and as an activity) is bearing fruit. Such strong swimmers! There was some good (and friendly) competition as well, with everyone supporting those who took part.

Reports came out on Friday in PDF form to parent email accounts. Please check that you have received the report; they are also available at any time via Managebac (historical reports are also always available). As students (and parents!) review their reports, I encourage you to celebrate the hard work and achievement that is reflected in this document. Often as parents, we may focus on initially identifying areas to improve. However, it is essential that we help students to start with their successes first and to be proud of their effort. They

can then go onto reading the narrative feedback of teachers and strategize as to how they can make further progress.

A new parent calendar has been launched; the link can be found through the Parent Splash page. Our aim is to make access to school events easier for parents, so that they can keep abreast of all events and attend sporting fixtures, assemblies, and so on. Next week is a good example - a very busy week, with the Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences, Grade 8 Community Project exhibition, Grade 11 University Pathways presentation (for students and parents), Chinese New Year assembly, and numerous sporting fixtures all occurring!

See you next week,

*Michael Arcidiacono*  
Secondary School Principal



## MYP Community Project Exhibition

**Phil Clark**  
MYP Coordinator

In our Secondary School assembly this week we spent some time thinking about our school motto:

### igniting minds \* impacting lives

and posed the questions:

*ignited any minds yet?  
have you impacted any lives today?*

We considered some of the small ways that each and every one of us can make a difference on a daily basis and set the challenge that, if your answer to these questions is not an emphatic "YES!", then

### **do something!!!**

One group of students who can answer "YES!" to both questions, and can proudly claim that they did is our Grade 8 students who will complete their MYP Community Projects next week.

The MYP Community Project focuses on community action and service. Students inquire into needs within communities and take action to address those needs through service learning. Their projects are wide ranging and reflect the varied interests of the Grade 8 students at IGBIS. Projects include working with a local aged-care facility and with a school for refugee children, volunteering at an animal shelter, preparing and distributing food for the homeless at local "soup-kitchens", helping sort food that has been donated by local shops (which

is close to the date of expiry for sale) and donating it to a local organisation to feed the hungry in KL, and raising awareness about common mental health issues among teenagers.

Next Thursday morning, Grade 8 students will share their Community Project Exhibition with our school community. These projects have ignited the minds of the students and have impacted not only their own lives, but also the lives of the community members they worked with. Our Grade 8 students took action and really did something!

IGBIS community members are warmly invited to join Grade 8 students for their:

**Community Project Exhibition**  
on **Thursday 26 January** from **8:00am - 10:00am**  
in the **Secondary School Library** on **Level 6.**

Come along and allow our students to ignite your minds, to impact your lives and maybe even challenge you to **do something** too!

After visiting the Community Project Exhibition, we invite you to stay for the Chinese New Year Assembly in the theatre at 10:30am and to meet with your child and teachers for 3-Way conferences in the afternoon (please remember to book your conference appointments online).





## IGBIS Instrumental Music Academy

### Jon Suffolk

MYP Performing Arts / DP Theatre Teacher

#### SEMESTER 2 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

Thank you to the parents who have sent me emails or registered online for their children to join or continue learning a musical instrument as part of the Instrumental Music Academy programme. New students are always welcome. In Semester 2 we will offer lessons in piano, voice, violin, guitar and drums. Please go to the Parent Splash page to complete an application. Semester 2 lessons will commence the week beginning 6th February.

### Changing Faces - Mask Workshops

On Monday 16th January students in grades 6, 7 and 8 were treated to mask workshops by visiting artist, Mr. Simone Tani. Simone Tani, an Italian by birth, trained at L'École Internationale de Théâtre Jacques Lecoq in Paris, one of the world's leading actor training centres. He and his wife now reside in the UK and are part of Teatre Pomodoro Theatre Company in Liverpool. He frequently travels to Asia as a guest workshop presenter and performer.

If any parents have questions about the Instrumental Music Academy Programme please email me at [jon.suffolk@igbis.edu.my](mailto:jon.suffolk@igbis.edu.my)

#### End of Semester 1 concerts

The concerts this week showcased the continued development of the students who are members of the Instrumental Music Academy. It is so encouraging to see students who have been with the programme making steady improvement and advancement in the learning of their chosen instrument. For some of the new students it was their first time on the stage. I look forward to seeing their development at the concert at the end of Semester 2.

Simone introduced the students to performance techniques using neutral masks, Basel masks and his own original character masks in 3 different sessions. The students learned that when performing with a mask physical skills, an awareness of the audience, the importance of stillness and control to create comic and intense theatrical moments is challenging. Through a range of different improvisation and technique exercises the students gain new skills and an understanding of how to use different masks to create meaning.



## The IB Career-Related Programme now at IGBIS

### Mary Boyd

DP Coordinator

We are thrilled to announce that IGB International School is a candidate school\* for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Career-related Programme (CP). This is the fourth programme within the IB framework, after the Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme and Diploma Programme, for which the school has already received full authorisation.

The CP aims to provide students with an excellent foundation to support their further studies and specialised training, as well as ensuring their success in the workforce. The CP combines highly regarded and internationally recognised IB Diploma Programme courses with an approved career-related study and a unique CP score.

CP students engage with a rigorous study programme that genuinely interests them while gaining transferable and lifelong skills in applied knowledge, critical thinking, communication,

and cross-cultural engagement. They are well prepared to succeed at institutions of higher learning.

For further information, please contact our DP Coordinator, Mary Boyd, at [mary.boyd@igbis.edu.my](mailto:mary.boyd@igbis.edu.my)

*\*Only schools authorised by the International Baccalaureate can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme or the IB Career-related Programme (IBCP). Candidate status gives no guarantee that authorisation will be granted.*



## Literacy Workshop for Parents

### Yolaine Johanson

Elementary School Language Coordinator

Teachers are always reflecting on their teaching practice and upskilling themselves through professional development. This comes in many forms with teachers heading off to workshops, learning from the wealth of knowledge we have within IGBIS itself, or getting experts to come to us and provide workshops. This year we are lucky enough to have Sheena Cameron, a literacy expert, come to IGBIS for three days to work with our staff.

Sheena will be providing a variety of different workshops for teachers over the three days. She will hold whole-staff training, year group workshops, and individual workshops for our teachers to learn and reinforce best practice when teaching literacy.

In addition to this we have asked Sheena to run a **Literacy Workshop for Parents** and she has kindly agreed to this. Sheena will help you to understand the reading process and give you ideas to support your children to become more successful readers. This workshop is appropriate for parents with readers of any age, be that just beginning to read right through to proficient readers.

The Literacy Workshop for Parents will be held on Wednesday **22 February** from 8:00am til 8:45am in the PVO Room.

### About Sheena Cameron

Sheena Cameron is an experienced primary/elementary teacher who has taught in New Zealand, England and the United States. She has lectured at the Faculty of Education at the University of Auckland and was also Director of Kohia Education Centre at the University of Auckland. Her current work includes facilitating workshops and providing in-school support in literacy in New Zealand and internationally. Sheena regularly works in classrooms to keep in touch with the real world of teaching.

Her interest in literacy led to the publication of *The Reading Activity Handbook*. She has also written *The Publishing and Display Handbook*, which contains ideas for setting up creative classrooms and contains 74 different ways to publish student work. *Teaching Reading Comprehension Strategies – A Practical Classroom Guide*, is based on current research in reading comprehension and outlines how to translate this into realistic classroom practice.

Her latest book, co-authored by Louise Dempsey, *The Writing Book* provides practical support in teaching writing.

Most recently, Sheena has co-authored two books with Louise Dempsey, *The Writing Book* and *The Oral Language Book*.

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