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## Message from the 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 assemblies showcasing students' progress at IGBIS in the last week. It was wonderful to see such confident young musicians sharing their talent with the school at the Instrumental Music Academy performances.

With another school year over, 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 staff for their dedication and commitment to IGB International School over the last two to four years.

In particular, I would like to pay a personal tribute to Mrs Claire McLeod our Elementary School Principal.



Mrs McLeod joined IGBIS as our Elementary School Principal in 2013 after previously working in Australia, Indonesia and Vietnam. With many years of experience in elementary school education and the PYP, Mrs McLeod is highly respected across the Asia Pacific region. At IGBIS she was very involved

in deciding the classroom design and furnishings in the Elementary School and she has worked tirelessly to set up all of the programmes and resources that a top tier school should have. In addition, Mrs McLeod worked with me to recruit our wonderful Elementary School teachers and this year she has led our school accreditation journey. We will all miss Mrs McLeod, but we appreciate her decision to spend more time with her family in Melbourne, Australia and wish her the very best for the future.

Keep tuned for announcements on our website during the school holiday, as in early July we will be sharing our IB Diploma results.

The school year book with the theme 'The Mosaic', has been distributed to students today. Thanks are extended to the Year Book Editorial committee for their work in bringing together this celebration of all of the special moments at IGBIS in 2016-17.

Looking to the next school year, the Reception Day for returning students and Orientation for new students will take place on August 9. The first day of semester for the 2017-18 is on August 10. We look forward to seeing you all again then. In the meantime, have a safe and restful holiday.

*Mrs. Anne Fowles*  
Head of School

## News from Elementary School



The final Elementary School Assembly helped provide a snapshot of the life of Elementary students and teachers: the Grade 4 performance, the Grade 5 band, the Elementary Choir, reflections by our Student Council and Certificates of Recognition for the work of the Elementary Student Council throughout the year. Our Grade 5 students were so proud when they received their Certificates of Recognition and watched the video highlighting their final year in Elementary School. We bid them farewell and wish them luck as they prepare to enter Secondary School and Grade 6.

The final assembly was a lovely closure for those students and teachers leaving IGBIS. We all wish them well and hope they have very fond memories of their time here.

This was also my last assembly and as you may have noticed, or can imagine, it was quite emotional. I have been so grateful

to have had the opportunity to contribute to this amazing new school, during the startup phase when we were based nearby, to the welcoming of our first students and teachers and in the last few years achieving IB PYP authorisation and working towards full CIS and NEASC accreditation. My passionate and always dedicated colleagues and our focused and happy students have made every day a joy and although I am very excited to be returning home, I know there will be a huge gap in my life for a very long time. Thank you to everyone for your support and friendship.

*Mrs. Claire McLeod*  
Elementary School Principal



## News from Secondary School

It was an exciting last week of school in secondary; on Tuesday students participated in a variety of service activities or planning for projects (Community Project, Personal Project and Extended Essay) for next year. On Wednesday Student Council provided tremendous leadership and organisation for our Spirit Day, for students across the school to interact with each other and be entertained on the penultimate day of school. Finally, we recognized a wide range of achievements in the awards portion of our final assembly on Thursday, and celebrated the year as a whole, with some wonderful music performances! Thank you to all those parents who attended the assembly and celebrated with us.

This year we say goodbye to several secondary teachers, who have made a significant contribution to the growth of

IGBIS and the culture of our school. Pauline Davidson, Diane Douglas, Michael Hawkes, Ben Wylie, Megan Settle, Dianti Ranofla, Scott Cameron, Mick Smith, Chris Thompson, Gail Hall, Beth Mullin, and Glen and Rachel Fleury. We wish them the best in their journey!

I wish students and families a wonderful, restful vacation and look forward to seeing you again on Orientation Day on August 9th.

Sincerely yours,

*Michael Arcidiacono*  
Secondary School Principal



## Physics Olympiad

### Gareth Woo

Grade 8

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Last week, a group of Grade 8 and 9 students had the amazing opportunity to participate in the BSKL Physics Olympiad. It was wonderful for us to explore different aspects of physics through experiments, written tasks, and engineering activities. We were all mixed up into different groups filled with people from other schools. We learnt a lot from this experience and we all had fun. It was wonderful to make new friends while learning new things. We will never forget this day.

"The Physics Olympiad was a great opportunity to bring schools together with interesting science challenges! Overall, it was very fun to get to work with new people and working together to solve the presented challenges!" - Sidnee G9

"The Physics Olympiad was an excellent way to showcase our ability to think in different situations and to collaborate with a

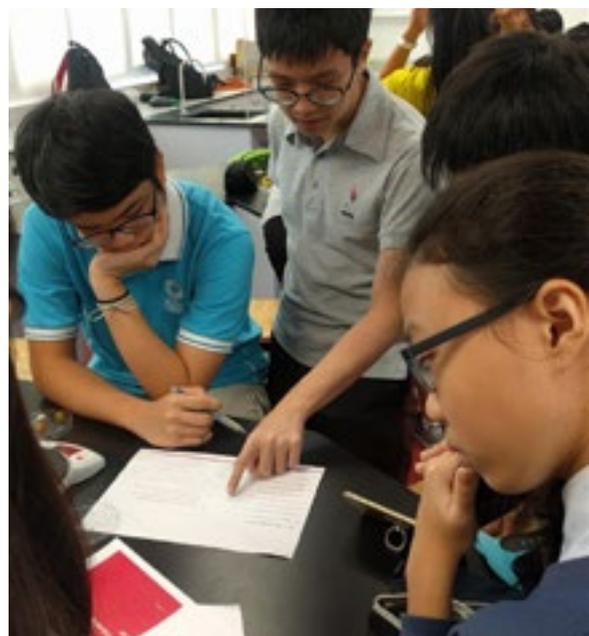
variety of people from different schools." - Marvin G8

"I feel that the Olympiad was a perfect way for different schools to come together and work as a team, I also felt that it was really fun because we met new people and tried new experiments collaboratively". - Kayi G8

"I thoroughly enjoyed working together with peers from different schools in carrying out several Physics investigations. It was a fun-filled day in which we were given the opportunity to collaborate, communicate and work with new peers in solving tasks of both familiar and unfamiliar situations." - Naveena G9

"It was fun to explore different aspects of Physics in different ways, learning new things, and making new friends in the process." - Gareth G8

"The best part was the chocolate." Clarissa G9



## Spirit Day

On Wednesday the whole school participated in Spirit Day, a now regular event organised by the Secondary Student Council. Students in Elementary School were paired up with students in Secondary School as they enjoyed a morning of activities and games including face painting, an obstacle course, drama activities, sporting events, and music making. The smiles on everyone's faces were contagious and both teachers and students had a morning full of noise and laughter. What a wonderful end to an exciting year.





## Technology News

### **Geoff Derry**

*Technology Integration Specialist*

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The holidays will soon be here and our children will have a lot more time for playing, reading, movies, visits to malls and of course more time on their electronic devices. At this time of year I always like to remind the kids one of my grandmother's sayings, "everything in moderation" which fits in nicely with the IB Learner Profile: Balanced. The IB defines being balanced as:

**Balanced:** *We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.*

It can often be hard to get children off computers, phones and iPads and get them doing other things (getting them to be balanced). It is important for kids to do many different things and it is important to remember that you are the parent and you are in control. You are the person who decides when (and if) your children should use electronic devices.

I believe there is benefit to children using electronic devices during their summer holidays — in moderation. Maybe though, we need to challenge our kids to use their devices wisely and show them ways to use them more productively.

Here are some of the things children like to do on their electronic devices and some alternatives that have a more

educational focus.

### **Kids love to play computer games**

Rather than playing computer games all summer, get your kids to use Scratch, GameMaker or go to code.org and encourage them to create their own computer games. There are heaps of websites with tutorials and how-to guides. The kids will have fun and will even learn some useful skills. Perhaps for every hour they play a game they have to spend an hour making a game.

### **Kids love watching movies**

Just like computer games, rather than just watching movies all holidays, get the kids to create their own feature length film. They can write a script, create special effects and even involve family and friends. Students can even recreate their favourite scenes from movies using Stop Motion. Think of all the skills they will learn including persistence and teamwork while physically doing something.

### **Kids love connecting and socialising**

Kids love chatting online, sending text messages etc. Rather than just randomly chatting perhaps the kids can do a project via chat with their friends (recreate a scene from their favourite book via a series of short videos). Best of all would be to have text free or tech free time for several hours during the day. Kids can then actually talk to their friends or siblings in person.

Most of all remember what my grandmother used to say, "Everything in moderation. Eat mostly healthy stuff. And be nice to people."

## From the Admissions Desk

As we come to the end of the school year I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the people who have helped to build the IGBIS community. In particular, I am indebted to two special groups of people.

The volunteers involved in the PVO organised many successful events throughout the year and helped to build a wonderful and ever growing IGBIS community. The work they have done has helped to make our school an exciting, caring and vibrant environment for our children.

I am also grateful to the group of Class Representatives. These parents served as a liaison between parents and teachers by

welcoming new families and passing on important reminders, as well as organising class events outside of school.

I wish all of the IGBIS community an enjoyable and safe summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in the coming school year.

*Wayne Demnar*  
Admissions and Marketing Director



## Summer School

IGBIS is excited to offer a limited Summer School programme during the 2017 summer break. The week-long courses will run from 24-28 July, from 8:30am until 12:30pm. The cost of each course is RM800. Vacancies still exist in the following courses:

**Robotics** - Want to build a robot that plays soccer? Or a robot that can sort balls according to colour? Using Lego EV3 robotic kits, students will explore what robots are, how to create them and how to programme them. The week will be made up of robotic challenges and games, and will include lots of time to explore and play with the robots and the software.

**Open to Grade 4 to Grade 10, 8:30pm-12:30pm**



**Soccer** - Sunarize is offering two soccer clinics to students that will focus on fitness, ball mastering, skills introduction and correction, fun and tactical soccer games, and short, friendly games. As well as the team of Sunarize Soccer Academy coaches, guest FIFA certified elite coaches will include former National Youth Development Program Director Aminuddin Hussin (one-day appearance), Coach Andy and Coach FAFA.

**Juniors (Grade 2 to Grade 6) 8:30am-11:00am**

**Seniors (Grade 7 to Grade 10) 8:30am- 11:30am**



**Swimming** - Sunarize brings Chui Lan Kwan, Malaysian 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke record holder, and his team of instructors for this exciting course, and enjoy cameo appearances by Malaysian Olympic swimmer Daniel Bego. The Junior Programme will highlight learning to swim, fun water games, stroke correction for smooth swim strokes and water safety. The Senior programme will introduce students to water safety, competitive swimming and introduce students to water safety sports.

**Juniors (Grade 2 to Grade 6) 8:30am-11:00am**

**Seniors (Grade 7 to Grade 10) 8:30am- 11:30am**



**Wonderful Science** - Join Science Bridge Academy on this exciting programme that will cover all the core sciences of Physics, Chemistry and Biology, plus a fun introduction to Forensic science.

**Open to Grade 4 to Grade 9, 8:30pm-12:30pm**



\*\* Image from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKFKbqllqBc>

**REGISTRATION CLOSES 16 JUNE 2017**

For further information or to reserve your place in any of the above courses, please contact IGBIS on +60 3 6145 4688 or email [rani.punnusamy@igbis.edu.my](mailto:rani.punnusamy@igbis.edu.my)

# SUMMER SCHOOL

24-28 July, 2017

8:30am — 12:30pm

RM800

## Robotics

Using Lego EV3 robotic kits, students will explore what robots are, how to create them and how to programme them.

Open to kids aged 9-16

## Swimming

Sunarize brings national swim stars Chui Lan Kwan and Daniel Bego to help students with everything from water games and water safety to competitive swimming.

Open to kids aged 7-11 (8:30am-11:00am) and 12-16 (8:30am-11:30am)

## Soccer

Join Sunarize coaches as well as Aminuddin Hussin as they teach ball mastering, skill introduction and correction, tactical games and more.

Open to kids aged 7-11 (8:30am-11:00am) and 12-16 (8:30am-11:30am)

## Wonderful Science

Science Bridge Academy will introduce students to Physics, Chemistry, Biology and take a fun look at Forensic science.

Open to kids aged 9-15 (Min. 10 participants)

**Registration closes 16 June, 2017**

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## Sunarize Sports Academy Special Programme Offer

### **\*FREE ACTIVITIES\***

In conjunction with the Sunarize Sports Academy promotional season, Sunarize has generously offered IGBIS students a complimentary sports programme running over 10 weekends from June to August. This offer comes as a token of Sunarize's appreciation of the partnership and support that has been established between Sunarize and IGBIS. Students that are involved in school swimming and soccer teams that compete in FOBISIA or inter-school tournaments are encouraged to attend. The programmes are limited to 15 students per category, with a total limit of 60 students from IGBIS.

#### Dates:

- 17 June, 18 June
- 1 July, 2 July, 8 July, 9 July, 15 July, 16 July, 22 July, 23 July, 29 July 30 July
- 5 August, 6 August, 12 August, 13 August, 19 August, 20 August, 26 August, 27 August

#### Time:

- Soccer: Saturdays 4.00pm-6.00pm, Sundays 8.30am-10.00am,
- Swimming: Saturdays and Sundays 9.00am-11.00am

#### Location:

IGB International School Field. Parking will be available beside the field and at the school's undercover carpark.

Teams will be divided into four age groups: Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14. All participants will be guided by two specialist coaches and will be observed by Sunarize coaching panels.

For more information on the programme schedules and enrolment, please contact Sunarize Sports Academy programme director, Vivegan Danapalan, on 012 258 4658.

