



Austrade visits IGBIS

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Upcoming Events

29th September - 2nd October 2015
Secondary School Camps

10th - 18th October 2015
School Holiday

Wednesday, 14th October 2015
Public Holiday - Awal Muharram

21st - 22nd October 2015
Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, 5th November 2015
Deepavali Assembly

7th - 8th November 2015
Private and International School Fair,
Mid Valley Convention Centre

21st November 2015
Open Day

Message from Head of School

Mrs. Anne Fowles
Head of School

Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

There is a lot of excitement in the air as Secondary School students prepare for going on their camps next week. These camps all have elements of skill building, outdoor education, learning in a new context, building relationships with peers and service to the community. The contexts this year are the beaches, rivers and mountains of Malaysia.

Another important event next week is the membership visit to be conducted by a representative of the Council of International Schools (CIS). This will be the first step in our path to accreditation with CIS that will ensure that we are following internationally approved standards and a highly valued cycle of school improvement.



News from Elementary School

Mrs. Claire McLeod
Elementary School Principal



After presentations to their class peers on how they could be a valuable Elementary School Student Council member and voting in each class, the following students have been announced as our new Elementary School Student Council.

Grade 2: Tilly; Grade 3: Sophie, Mathilda, Ariel and Zi Xuan; Grade 4: Zi Ying, Ella, Will and Hiba; Grade 5: Reza, Hani, Reeti and Anna. Mr Steven Harvey and Ms Kari Twedt will support and guide our ES Student Council and I look forward to meeting with them regularly and hearing their thoughts and suggestions.



On Wednesday all students and staff participated in an announced evacuation drill. I was very impressed with the way students took this drill so seriously. They understood that preparation and experience will help them in an emergency and they remained quiet and focused while they waited for the all clear. Unannounced emergency drills will be scheduled throughout the year.

Elementary School Assembly today was presented by our Kindergarten students who chose to share how different people at our school help students and teachers. They also focused on what responsibilities they had at school, such as clearing away their lunch plate, picking up games and books and caring for classroom resources. I wonder what responsibilities our students have at home? Do they make their bed, put dirty clothes in the basket, clear the table, wash or dry the dishes, stack the dishwasher and similar? At times we are lucky to have someone to help at home; however, providing children with small jobs at an early age helps them feel they have a sense of responsibility.

Whats coming up?

9th October: Last day before our week's holiday

19th October: First day back after the holidays

21 & 22nd October: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Library

Welcome to the Library at IGB International School! The Library has 2 staff members, Ms. Nazirah and Mrs. Amanda, both of whom are excited to be working with our learners. Each week every Elementary School class has a library lesson, where students work with Mrs. Amanda to learn about how the library works and how to find materials/information in it. Students have the chance to borrow books to take home, have stories read to them and can read and enjoy the lovely books in our collection. Our books are very special and we want to protect them; thank-you to all families who have helped us to do this by providing a library bag for your children!

Mrs. Amanda Clark,
Librarian



News from Secondary School

Mr. Lennox Meldrum

Secondary School Principal

Camp

Another week with a break within it and hopefully it has provided everyone with some extra rest before the camps next week. Camp week is an exciting time for everyone involved, not only because of the great activities but also because of the strengthening of relationships between students and teachers. Camp is a great time for participants to see each other outside of a classroom setting, to develop leadership and teamwork skills, and to be challenged as well as supportive in a safe and fun environment. The camp supervisors have created a great website with information, packing lists, and itineraries, and on this website you will also be able to see live updates of photos throughout the camp (when wifi permits). Please check your email or ask your child for the website address.

Higher Education

This week students in Grades 9 - 11 continued to examine global options available to them for higher education. With no perfect university for every student, it can take time to research and consider all options that best fit a student's profile. To help with the research process, we have a calendar of events that give students opportunities to meet with university representatives. Austrade visited our school on Wednesday



this week to talk with students who are interested in studying in Australia. We had representatives from the University of Queensland, Monash University, the University of Melbourne, the University of Technology Sydney and the University of Adelaide. Our students asked great questions and showed themselves to be open-minded, inquirers and communicators as they interacted with the representatives, who were all impressed with the response of our



students. After camp week, students will have the opportunity to meet with higher education representatives from the UK, US and further Australian institutions. Parents are invited to join us at these events - see the counselling website for details (this is accessible from the Parents Splash page off our main website).

Have a great weekend.

News from the DP Coordinator

From 29th September - 2nd October the secondary school students at IGBIS will take part in the school camps. This is a time for our students to explore the natural beauty of Malaysia, participate in a variety of interesting and educational activities, and also to do some team-building with their classmates and other students from IGBIS.

Starting Grade 11 is always a challenging experience for the students, due to an increase in homework expectations and the challenging nature of the DP curriculum. Therefore, the camp week trip should be a fun and interesting experience, and also a mid-semester break after a busy start to the year.

The Grade 12 students will be very busy this year, working towards completing important assessments and preparing for the mock exams and May exams. In order to help the Grade 12 students prepare for important assessments, such as the Extended Essay, TOK Essay and course specific internal assessments, the camp week will be used to work on class assignments, and make sure

assessments will be ready to meet the deadlines outlined in the DP Academic Deadlines document. Study sessions will be broken up by study snack breaks, college counselling, CAS reflection work and some fun activities to help the students have a healthy work/fun balance during the week.

The Grade 12 camp week is a great opportunity for the students to ensure they are prepared for upcoming assessment deadlines, and other important aspects of the DP programme. If there are any questions regarding the IBDP at IGBIS please email me at matthew.marshall@igbis.edu.my.

Mr. Matthew Marshall,
Diploma Programme Coordinator



PSPE (Personal, Social and Physical Education)

The PYP PSPE programme has got off to a flying start with all of our students enjoying the opportunity to run, swim, bounce, dodge, weave and dance their way around our impressive facilities. During the first couple of classes this term the students participated in co-operative activities that emphasised team work and gave them and their teachers an opportunity to get to know one another.



Many of the students have signed up for Cross Country, Benchball, Basketball and Swimming Teams this semester and will be participating in leagues across KL. In class they have been learning the fundamental skills required to compete in those teams while learning to accept others ideas and be a risk taker in order to improve performance.



While they have been working hard in class, they have had fun balancing, jumping, running and bouncing to improve the basic motor skills that are essential to their physical development. In the pool the students have had fun as they work on water confidence and safety as they

begin the process of stroke development and improving swim endurance.

A new edition to the IGBIS day for our Grades 3 - 5 students has been the WUSU (wake up shake up) programme. Each morning before school starts the students have been coming to the Sports Hall to engage in some physical activities to get their blood pumping to their brain. This programme and others like it have been used with great success in many schools around the world and offer our students an exciting way to start their school day. Some of the parents who have attended assembly have seen examples of the dances the students do as part of WUSU.

Mr. Andy Mullin,
Personal, Social and Physical Education

School Events - October 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Secondary School Camp	2 Secondary School Camp	3	4
5 U15 Girls Football Game vs ISKL at ISKL	6 U15 Boys Football Game vs ISKL at ISKL	7 U9 Boys/Girls Bench Ball Game vs HELP at HELP U11 Boys/Girls Basketball KLISS Tournament at IGBIS	8 Class Rep Meeting and Parent Presentation U15/U18 Boys Football 7-a side Games at HELP	9	10	11
12 School Holiday	13 School Holiday	14 School Holiday	15 School Holiday	16 School Holiday	17	18
19	20	21 Parent Teacher Conferences	22 Parent Teacher Conferences	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	