



● IGBIS Open Day, 12th March 2016

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*Head of School*

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## Upcoming Events

### Sports

- **Saturday, March 19**

Primary Athletics starting at 8:00am (IGBIS)

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- **Wednesday, March 23**

KLISS U15 Girls/Boys Basketball Plate Final starting at 3:30pm (IGBIS)

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### Arts

- **Wednesday, March 23**

Secondary School Drama "A Dream" starting at 6:00pm (IGBIS, Theatre)

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Diploma Programme Visual Arts Exhibition starting at 7:00pm (IGBIS, 3rd Floor)

## Message from Head of School

Dear IGBIS Parents and Community Members,

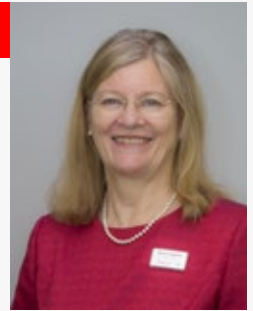
The Open Day that took place last Saturday was a great success with over 100 people attending. Thanks are extended to staff, students and parents who came to assist on the day. Even more exciting was the invitational basketball tournament that took place the same day as IGBIS teams won both the under 18 and under 15 contests. Go Phoenix!



The inter-house duathlon on Monday saw nearly every student in the school taking part in the swim and run, cheered on by students and parents alike. This was our second inter-house event with more to come in the future.

Mr Phil Clark and I are currently in Hyderabad, India at the IB Asia Pacific Regional Conference which is being attended by over 800 administrators and coordinators from throughout the region. Prior to the conference, two colleagues and I offered the first ever pre-conference workshop with the theme building diversity: women in leadership. The workshop highlighted the need for us to develop policies and practices that encourage both staff and students to build leadership skills. The workshop and the conference have also emphasized the importance of building resilience and wellbeing so that we might better approach learning and life. More on this to come!

*Mrs. Anne Fowles*  
Head of School



## News from Elementary School



**Mrs. Claire McLeod**  
Elementary School Principal

Over the last week many students in our school have been extremely active participating in the IGBIS Duathlon last Monday and the Kuala Lumpur International School Sport (KLISS) Primary Athletics day here on Saturday morning. Participation, commitment and determination helped all students push themselves to a new level of sport and when they reflect they will be proud of their achievements.



Thank you to our PE team members who have planned and organised a successful Duathlon and helped support the KLISS PE teachers to provide a challenging and entertaining athletics event. Congratulations to all competitors and a huge thank you to the PE staff, coaches and support staff who made these events possible.



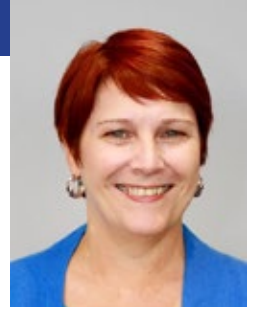
## New Books Arrivals!

**Amanda Clark**

*Whole School Teacher Librarian*



Fantastic news; new book arrivals! We have been extremely happy to receive 2 shipments of new books for our Elementary School library. The books are for all parts of the collection and were carefully selected to meet the needs of the learners in our school; books to encourage the development of a love of reading, books to support units of inquiry throughout the curriculum, eBooks, board books for our youngest readers, big books for instructional purposes...books, books, books. Our current collection size has grown to over 4700 books and will continue to build and develop over time. Our library also contains the start of our collection of books in languages other than English, with books written in Chinese, Japanese and Bahasa Malay. New to the shelves too are graphic novels, which are incredibly popular with our readers. With a collection this size, there is something for everyone!



## News from Secondary School

**Mr. Lennox Meldrum**

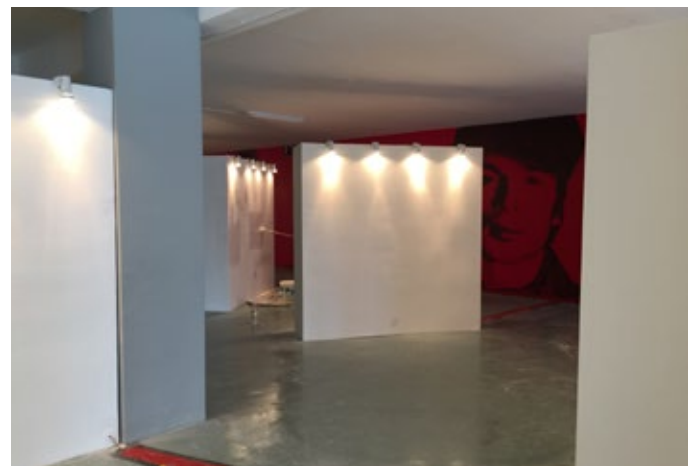
*Secondary School Principal*

It was another great week in the Secondary School, starting last weekend where our U15 and U18 basketball teams played a series of home court games against visiting schools. Congratulations to all players, and a huge thank you to Coach Woon who led the boys U18 team through the event undefeated. Thank you also to the parents that came out to support our teams.

Our Open Day last weekend was well attended and our student ambassadors were again a great asset in selling our school to

potential families. It is wonderful to work within such a supportive community that believes in our vision and mission. The support continued on Monday with many parents and family members in attendance to cheer our students completing the duathlon.

Last weekend a group of students attended the Global Issues Network conference in Bali and came back energised and inspired to lead projects within our school. We are very lucky to have a representative from Sansal Nepal who spoke the conference coming to speak to all of our Secondary School students at this week's assembly. Please feel free to come along.



We look forward to seeing you at the Arts showcase on Wednesday. It is a very exciting time for our DP Visual Arts students to be exhibiting their work and the display area looked fantastic as it was constructed.

Have a great weekend.



## Arts Extravaganza

**Glen Fleury**

*Whole School Arts Leader*

*On Wednesday the 23rd March the Secondary School Arts department will be presenting an evening of the Arts. On one evening we will have two excellent Arts events. At 6pm in the theatre the Secondary School production 'A Dream' will be presented for parents and members of the school community.*

### **IGBIS Secondary School Drama Company's "A DREAM"**

This year's production, "A DREAM", is a compilation of contemporary scripted and group devised scenes linked together by this theme and uses a range of modern theatrical techniques to entertain and provoke thought from the audience. The small cast has been working on the production since last year. Movement, mime, masks and a touch of Shakespeare, to celebrate the 400th year of the bard's death, combine for an entertaining production.

This will then be followed by our first Diploma Programme Visual Arts Exhibition at **7pm** in the exhibition space on the **3rd floor by the Drama rooms.**



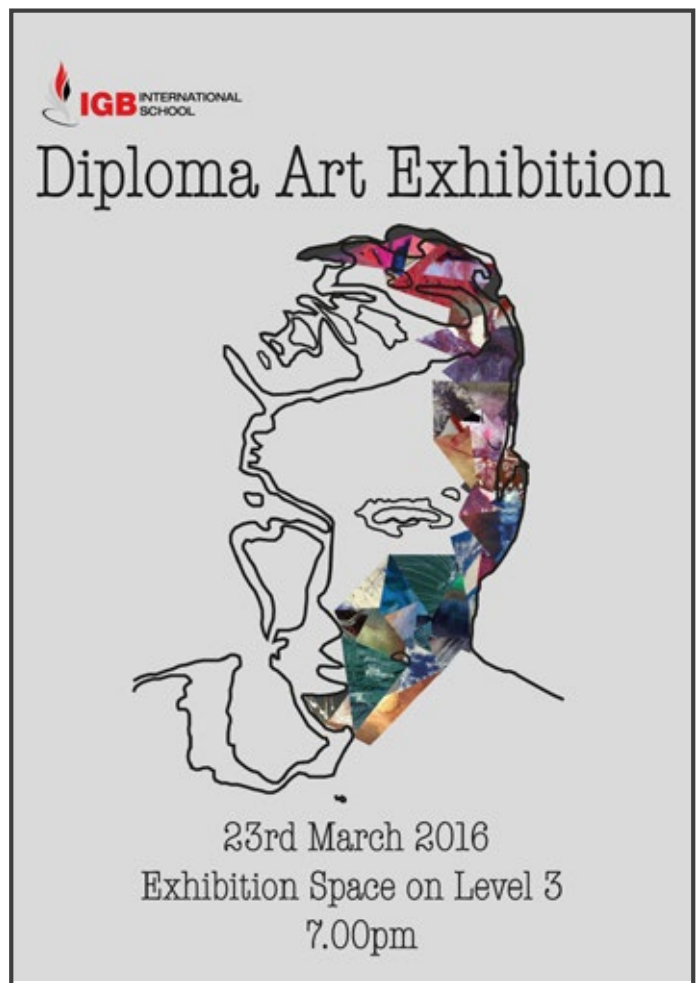
*IGBIS Secondary School  
Drama, "A Dream".  
23rd March 2016.  
IGBIS Theatre, 6pm.*



### **IGBIS Diploma Programme Visual Arts Exhibition**

The DP Visual Arts exhibition is an accumulation of the past 18 months work for our first set of graduates. The exhibition is a celebration of Miki, Laavanya, Grace and Isabelle's individual processes. The work demonstrates their personal styles, exploring themes important to them such as autobiographical work, expectations and perceptions of women both culturally and globally, and mass medias influence on our world. Also displayed will be selected works from Grade 11 students, Anna, Afifah, Hayato, Jeffery, Yin Xzi, Yuto and Zoe. They have created works based around similar concepts but with vastly different outcomes.

We would like to invite all members of the school community to come and share in these events and enjoy the hard work of all the students involved. There will be light refreshments available on the 3rd floor following the Secondary School production just before the official opening of the DP Visual Arts Exhibition. Please come and support both of these excellent Arts events.



*IGBIS Visual Arts  
Exhibition  
23rd March 2016.  
3rd Floor, 7pm.*

## IGBIS DUATHLON 2016 - Personal Challenge IGBIS

**Andy Mullin**  
*Head of PE*

On Monday March 14th all of our IGBIS students in Grades 1-11 competed in the school's first Duathlon event. A Duathlon is where students swim and then transition to a run to finish their race. All of the students were placed into swimming ability level groups and raced against each other for house points. This event is physically challenging and allows students to show the IGBIS community the hard work that they have been doing in swimming and Physical Education classes.

Our youngest students in Grade 1, many of whom are new to swimming, took a risk and swam 25m across the school's 50m pool. After they completed the swim they put on their shoes and ran the 1.1km course finishing on the track. This was quite an accomplishment for many of them and it should be noted that they ran the same distance as the Grade 11s! There were many outstanding individual achievements throughout the day, but

the most pleasing aspect was the high number of finishers, with 187 students gaining house points for their respective teams.

The theme for the day was 'Personal Challenge'. By having a theme, the students had a focus outside of winning that motivated them to do more than they thought they could do. A personal challenge is something that only an individual can control and it was certainly pleasing to see so many of our students pushing themselves outside of their comfort zones. They can now reflect on this experience as they encounter other challenges in life. At IGBIS we aim to provide opportunities for our students to experience activities that are challenging and build resilience, so events like these that foster healthy competition between house groups and individuals are an integral part of our programme.



## Diploma Programme

**Matthew Marshall**  
*DP Coordinator*

The Grade 12 students are entering the home-stretch of the DP, and will be very busy over the next several weeks completing important assignments and preparing for the upcoming DP Mock Exams. The Mock Exams, which will take place from March 28 - April 1, will enable the students to experience IB exams in exam like conditions, and also serve as an indicator of student progress in the DP subjects. The students have been given the Mock Exam Schedule and should be preparing for these exams by reviewing past course content. Please note that the grades from the Mock Exams will not be used on transcripts for reports, and are only used as an indication of student progress to this point. The Visual Arts Exhibition will take place on March 23 at 7:00pm

in the Exhibition Space on Level 3. The Exhibition will showcase the works by the DP Visual Arts students.

Upcoming academic deadlines for G12 students are:

\* March 21 = Design Technology Internal Assessment Final

If there are any questions regarding the IBDP please email me at [matthew.marshall@igbis.edu.my](mailto:matthew.marshall@igbis.edu.my)



## Athletics

### Jasmine Brawn

*Athletics and Activities Director*



A busy week in Athletics at IGBIS with lots of great competition. Friendly games at the end of our season may pop up at short notice. We will do our best to let you know in good time. Check out the blog for this week's highlights.

<https://sites.google.com/a/igbis.edu.my/igbis-activities/home/march14th-21st2016>

## Parent Workshop

### Learning in MYP - Concepts and Context

*A parent workshop – led by Phil Clark, MYP Coordinator*

*Date: Tuesday, March 29*

*Time: 08:15am - 09:15am*

*Venue: Multipurpose Room (opposite Clinic), Level 2*

A workshop for parents to see how teachers use concepts and contexts to help our MYP students gain deep understandings and make connections between subjects and with life beyond school.

Click here to respond: <http://goo.gl/forms/QnGXPdY28e>

## Want to help with International Day?

### Wayne Demnar

*Admission and Marketing Director / International Day Coordinator*



There has been lots of work going on behind the scenes as we prepare for this year's International Day celebrations on April 9th. Below you will see the names of the parents who have volunteered to coordinate the various national displays/activities or food samples. If you would like to assist in any way, please contact the coordinators, as I'm sure that they would appreciate any help that was offered.

### Country Coordinators for International Day.

Country	Name	Email Address / Contact No.
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*Saturday,  
9th April 2016*



**\* An original artwork by Balqis from Grade 8**

**IGBIS**  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

*Balqis*

# INTERNATIONAL DAY

*embracing our diversity • showing our humanity*