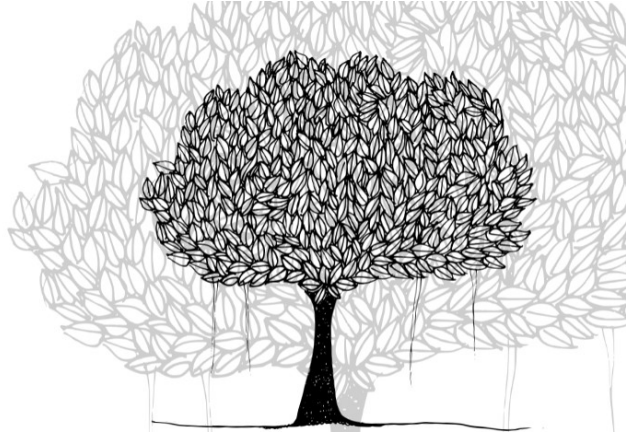


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## From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

This week saw the start of our after school activities, the first safety evacuation drill of the year, as well as upskilling of our school staff in safety protocols on campus delivered by local authorities.

The topic of school safety is a 365 day a year occupation. Each day we have nearly 350 people sharing campus together, and how our procedures and systems operate allow us to minimize risk and to take prompt action when needed. Part of our system is to make it as easy as possible for parents to share their concerns and their ideas, so I encourage you to write to us or to book an appointment when there is a question.

Child protection and safeguarding are essential elements of student safety and ZIS policies do well to stress their importance. One part of school policy is to have an appointed [school child protection officer](#), and this year that role is ably filled by Dr. Lana Staton, ZIS school counselor. If you have any child protection issues, please reach out to Dr. Lana at [alannas@zischina.com](mailto:alannas@zischina.com) or by calling the school.

Thank you to all of our parents for their close attention to safety surrounding transport and the arrival and departure from school. You will have noticed changes to our approaches to parent pick up at the end of the school day - with an increase in students this year, this has become a busy transition point in need of solutions. Thank you to all parents for their prompt collection of students at the school security gate each day. Please remember that our regular school day concludes at 3:35 with a 2:45 departure on Fridays. After school activities conclude at 4:45pm.

There are a number school safety initiatives currently in process:

- increasing signage on campus at areas of higher risk
- wider distribution of first aid kits to key locations
- registration for First Aid training for additional staff
- refurbishment of the wheel chair access ramp
- introduction of an updated alarm system

Safety receives heightened attention at the start of the school year, and we are committed to year-round vigilance and review. With this, our staff and students can be fully focused on learning and growing safely together.

Warm Regards,  
**Andrew VanderMeulen**  
 Head of School

## Upcoming Events

**September 11:** postponed << Sundowner >> postponed

**September 15:** Obido Book Sale

**September 19-21:** Mid-Autumn Festival

**September 23-24:** Student and Class Photos

**October 1-10:** National Day / October Holiday

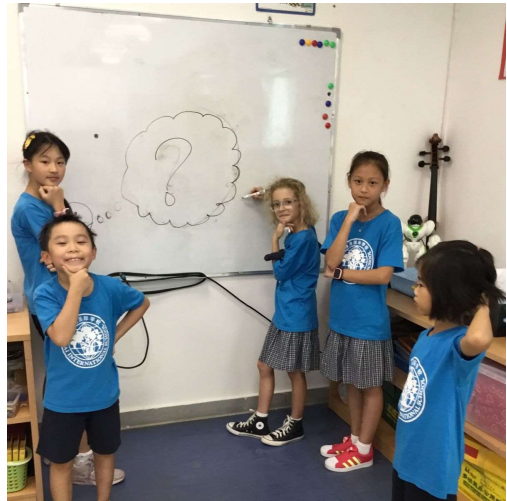
## Perfectly Primary

### House challenge and Learner Profile

Last week, we had our first House Challenge. The house system is an integral part of our ZIS Primary School as it creates many opportunities for further learning. Being part of the houses creates a sense of identity and belonging that spans the whole school. Additionally, the houses provide opportunities to work and learn with students from different year groups, which develops and strengthens the community spirit of the Zhuhai International School.

Last Friday, our Primary School students were posed with a photography challenge: how to represent the 10 attributes of the Learner Profile, through photographs? Each house was broken up into smaller teams and used their thinking and communication skills to create the photos. This house challenge was a great way to start the year and a great way to promote the IB Learner Profile!

Kind Regards,  
**Michael Lattimore**  
 Head of Primary







## Secondary Segment

Dear parents and student

Ms. Stella Tang recently joined ZIS as a full-time College Counselor. Owing ten years working experience in the field of overseas university application, she is familiar with various majors in multiple universities and has insights into students' interests coupled with the analysis of students' advantage and other related elements. Utilizing future career trends, she is able to offer constructive feedback to students' and parents' expectations, such as colleges, majors and also employment potential.

Presently, she has just finished the first-round of counselling and is making personal application plans alongside Year 13 students as they need to finish applications before the end of year. Meanwhile, the group counselling for Year 12 and Year 11 has just begun, which includes the types of degrees offered in universities and how to best prepare (selection and confirmation of HL/SL courses).

Personal counselling sessions and parent sessions can be arranged and tailored according to need-- addressing academic success, personal and social growth, and college and career information. She is responsible for building up students' individual growth portfolios including personality tests, career types, strengths and preferences as well as the advantage courses and long-term planning. She guides students in preparing application documents and assists them with applying wisely and in a timely manner.

If you would like to book a consultation appointment with Ms. Tang, please contact her via email at [shihuit@zischina.com](mailto:shihuit@zischina.com).

Warm Regards,

**Danielle Tucker**

**Head of Secondary**



## **IT IS TIME FOR *OBIDO'S* FALL BOOK CLUB AGAIN!**

The fall Book Club is an online shopping program handled by Obido (our book supplier), and not the ZIS library. In brief the program works as follows:

Their single mega-flyer contains 200+ books suitable for students aged 0-13+, All orders are placed online in their web store, which displays an even bigger selection(3000+ books) suitable for all age groups. Once you as parents place an order, the books are shipped directly to your home, generally leaving their warehouse within 24 hours of the order being placed.

The Obido online program allows for greater access to books over the mid-autumn festival, and also a larger collection of books to purchase, improving access to reading materials thought the fall and beyond. Enjoy this reading resource!

Warm Regards,

**Charlotte Aucamp**

**Senior Teacher Librarian**

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## FALL READING CLUB

### 亲子共读

### READING TOGETHER

### AGES 0-8岁

请填写推荐孩子阅读等级范围

PLEASE WRITE THE RECOMMENDED READING LEVEL RANGE FOR YOUR CHILD

ATOS 文字复杂度

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Don't know? Scan for more info



FLIP OVER FOR OLDER BOOKS

翻面请看 7-13 岁以上

#### PICTURE BOOKS



**Can You See My Mummy / Daddy 2-Book Collection**  
 Author 作者: Becky Davies  
 Pages 页码: 20/本  
 BB 硬板 EN 英文  
 Age 合适年龄: 0+  
 ATOS 文字复杂度: 1.4  
**¥88**





**Don't Wake the Yeti**  
 Author 作者: Claire Freedman  
 Pages 页码: 32  
 HC 精装 EN 英文  
 Age 合适年龄: 5+  
**¥128**





**Field Trip to the Moon**  
 Author 作者: Jeanne Willis  
 Pages 页码: 48  
 PB 平装 EN 英文  
 Age 合适年龄: 3+  
**¥78**



#### Non Fiction



**Little People, Big Dreams: Coco Chanel**  
 Pages 页码: 32  
 HC 精装 EN 英文  
 Age 合适年龄: 4+  
 ATOS 文字复杂度: 3.9  
**¥108**





**National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Why**  
 Pages 页码: 128  
 HC 精装 EN 英文  
 Age 合适年龄: 4+  
 108 **¥98** (9.1折)



#### CHAPTER BOOKS



**A Crabby Book Book 1: Hello, Crabby!**  
 Author 作者: Jonathan Fenske  
 Pages 页码: 48  
 PB 平装 EN 英文  
 Age 合适年龄: 4+  
 ATOS 文字复杂度: 1.8  
**¥38**



#### Brown Bear 4-Book Boxset

艾瑞·卡尔棕熊四册盒装  
 Author 作者: Eric Carle 艾瑞·卡尔  
 Pages 页码: 28/本  
 BB 硬板 EN 英文  
 Age 合适年龄: 0+  
**¥138**



#### Award Winners!



**We Are Water Protectors**  
 Author 作者: Carole Lindstrom  
 Pages 页码: 40  
 HC 精装 EN 英文  
 Age 合适年龄: 4+  
 ATOS 文字复杂度: 1.9  
**¥128RMB / 本**





**Freedom in Congo Square**  
 Author 作者: Carole Boston Weatherford  
 Pages 页码: 36  
 HC 精装 EN 英文  
 Age 合适年龄: 4+  
 ATOS 文字复杂度: 5.4  
**¥118**



#### 2020-21 PANDA BOOK WINNER

熊猫图书金奖



**The Neighbors**  
 Author 作者: Einat Tsarfati  
 Pages 页码: 40  
 HC 精装 EN 英文  
 Age 合适年龄: 4+  
**¥118**



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 our food safety guidelines,  
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 "The Banyan" Newsletter  
 are available  
 at [zischina.com](http://zischina.com)

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SCHOOL LUNCH



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