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Zhu Hai International School weekly newsletter



From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

Today our Secondary Sports Day brought athletes wearing their house colors to the fields and courts. The matches were close and the students showed off their skill, determination, and teamwork in the various team sports. Mid-way through the day Y11 Ruby brought together some of the ZIS musical talent for an outstanding final performance in her series of shows organized in support of charity. The final total will be added up and celebrated very soon.

We continued this week with daily COVID testing of students and staff. We will continue to keep you updated on the control and prevention measures put in motion by the health and education authorities, primarily using the SchoolPal

messaging system. Thank you as always to the ZIS COVID health and safety team for their constant correspondence with local officials and for working to keep families and staff informed and up to date.

Thank you for your support of this week's Parent Workshop on Multi-Literacy held in Huafa at GUSTO Italian Restaurant. The venue provided a perfect opportunity for Ms. Mirjam and Ms. Vivian to share the complexities of 21st century language learning. We are proud to share informative and practical workshops for our parents - if you have a topic you wish to explore with us, please let us know.

A reminder was shared earlier this week, but once again I would encourage you to complete the re-enrollment [survey](#) by April 22 as this will allow us to better plan for the start of classes in August. Those families who are returning, you are welcome to take advantage of the early bird discount available before April 30.

Next week our students from Years 3-10 participate in the Spring MAP Growth tests in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. These tests allow us to see student growth since the Fall tests as well as the year on year progress being made by the students. For teachers, the system provides in-depth insight into areas where their class is excelling and areas in need of further review and reinforcement, allowing them to adjust their lesson planning for the days and weeks ahead. Reports will be shared with parents shortly after the testing sessions conclude.

We are excited for the next big event on our calendar: International Day is fast approaching! We remain optimistic that we will be able to hold this event on Saturday, April 23rd as planned however we are mindful that COVID may require us to reschedule.

Following this special event, you are invited again to campus on Wednesday, April 27 at 10am in the Parent Lounge for an introduction to a collection of school policies on Health and Safety and Safeguarding. I hope you will be able to join me for this hour where we will take a close look at the procedures and practices adopted by the school.

You have all been very patient while we have been preparing the 2022-23 Academic Calendar - it will be published very soon.

All the best this weekend and for the week ahead.

Warm Regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School



Upcoming Events

April 15: Secondary Sports Day

April 18-22: MAP Growth Testing

April 23: International Day

April 27: 10am Parent Workshop: Health, Safety, Safeguarding

April 28-May17: IB DP Examinations

May 2: Labor Day

May 16-20: IB Evaluation Visit

May 25-26: PYP Exhibition

May 27: Teacher PD Day

June 3: Dragon Boat Festival

June 23: Last Day of Classes

...view the school calendar online at <http://zischina.com/calendars/>

celebrate diversity with us



THE FINAL QUARTER OF THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR

We are now in the final quarter of this academic year! This academic year has gone so fast! However, this quarter will be equally as fun and full of learning as the rest of the year. The following activities are all the exciting things happening this quarter. But, we need to be flexible that some events may be moved/postponed/cancelled because of COVID restrictions.

Assemblies

An assembly is a great way for students to work on their ATL skills, including social, communication, and self-management skills. This quarter sees our Lower Primary coming to the stage and presenting their assemblies. Year 3 will have their assembly next week, and Years 1 and 2 will follow. The homeroom teachers will share the dates with you nearer to the time.

Graduations!

The end of the year is always an exciting time as we see our reception students graduate from EY, and we see our Year 6s finish their time in Primary School and graduate to Year 7. These graduations are a great time for celebration and reflection on the amazing learning journeys that the students have been on.

PYP Exhibition

At the end of May, see our PYP Exhibition. The PYP Exhibition is a Year 6 project and is the final project of PYP. The PYP Exhibition is where all the hard work the students have done in Primary School comes together in a final product. We will have an event for parents to come and see, and we cordially invite you to see and experience the exhibition.

I look forward to seeing you at one of these great events!

Kind Regards,

Michael Lattimore

Head of EY and Primary



Red Team digs in during the PYP House Challenge tug of war - look at that determination!

Secondary Segment

Examination Season Begins!

Dear parents and students,

This week, our year 13 students completed their last internal assessments / portfolios and are now embarking on study leave in order to prepare for their upcoming DP examinations.

Starting on April 28 and running through May 17, the year 13s will sit multiple papers which will allow them to demonstrate the knowledge gained over the years and culminate their Diploma Programme experience.

It has been an arduous journey to get to this point in their academic careers, but these students have stayed the course and are ready for what lies ahead.

Best of luck to the Class of 2022 cohort as you begin your exams!

Warm regards,
Danielle Tucker
Head of Secondary





WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL LUNCH



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