

# THE BANYAN



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Zhu Hai International School weekly newsletter



## From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

A new year is underway - and though the typhoon decided to ask us to press pause, it was a great start to 2022-23! I want to share my congratulations with the teachers and the ZIS team for all of the effort they've dedicated to preparing classrooms and the campus grounds for the return of students. Welcome back to our returning students and a special welcome to our new students and their families. We have many new faces across the school with students entering Secondary, Primary, and of course Early Years - welcome to all!

To help get the year started right, parents are invited to campus on the evening of Wednesday, August 31 for Parent Information Night 2022. Refreshments will be available beginning at 5:30pm in our Parent Lounge (next to the cafe) and the event will begin at 6:00pm in the foyer with a welcome message and conclude by 7:30pm. Parent Night is your opportunity to:

- meet your child's teachers
- collect your child's curriculum guide and other print material
- connect with the school counsellor and the college counsellor
- speak with school leadership
- see the latest updates to campus

Please be prepared to show a green health code at security and wear your parent badges while on campus (guest badges are available if needed). Kindly park your car in the designated spaces along the road.

Our next event on the calendar is the annual ZIS Sundowner, this year scheduled for the evening of Saturday, September 17. It will be an evening of music, food, drink and fun - a chance to socialize and enjoy the Qi'ao sky as the sun sets.

Beginning Saturday, September 24, from 9:30-11:30 we welcome ZIS families and friends to our weekly Saturday Sports program. Led by parent volunteers, children of all ages play games and sports together. Parents are asked to accompany their children and are welcome to join in the fun. Scan the QR Code below to join the WeChat group.

If you have yet to connect with the Friends of ZIS group, scan the QR Code below. Friends of ZIS is for the entire ZIS community - a group that meets to plan events, discuss school life, and exchange ideas and learn more about our school. A date for the first meeting of the year will be set soon.

It's been 15 years since the school's foundation in 2007 - ZIS has come a long way since it's early days. I am so excited to be a witness to what's next for ZIS as our students, staff, and parents lead us into this new school year.

Warm Regards,

**Andrew VanderMeulen**

**Head of School**



Refreshments from 5:30 in our Parent Lounge.  
Welcome address in the foyer at 6:00.  
Meet your child's teachers, collect the curriculum guides, connect with the school counsellors, and see the latest campus updates.



**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - August 31st**

## Upcoming Events

**August 31: Parent Information Night**

**September 17:** ZIS Sundowner

**September 24:** Saturday Sports begin

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

## Perfectly Primary

### **WELCOME to the 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR!**

A new school year brings many opportunities and changes! Our students are another year older and starting a new year level, we welcome a brand new class of nursery students who are starting their EY/Primary School Journeys, and we get the opportunity to continue to build upon successes from the previous school year (focusing on Book Month and the PYP Exhibition).

One of the biggest changes that a new school year brings is we get to welcome new teachers to our ZIS community and we get to see teachers taking on new roles within our primary school. Over the coming few weeks in the Primary Newsletter, you will get to know our new primary teachers better. These teachers are:

- Ms Carrie is the new Nursery Chinese Co-Teacher
- Ms Caroline is the new Reception Chinese Co-Teacher
- Ms Lorene is the new Year 2 International Teacher
- Mr Maz is the new Year 5 International Teacher
- Mr Robert is the new Year 6b International Teacher
- Ms Winnie is the new CAL teacher.

We also see three teachers taking on new roles within in the school.

- Ms Rebotile taught Year 5a last year and is now our EAL teacher.
- Mr Johan taught Year 5b last year and now is our PE Teacher.
- Ms Zanda who was our longstanding Year 1 teacher is now our PYP Coordinator. We are all very excited for Ms Zanda to take her experience, skills, and wisdom and applying it across the whole Primary School.

We are looking forward to all the 2022/23 school year will bring and to witness the great learning that will happen throughout. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [michaell@zischina.com](mailto:michaell@zischina.com)

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



Friday's House Challenge to kick off the year - Tug Of War

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# Secondary Segment

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year--with a special welcome to the families who are new to the ZIS community!

August 22 saw the official kick off of 2022-2023. Secondary students, new and returning, have taken the week to acclimate back into their studies after what I hope was a restorative summer holiday.

As the Class of 2023 prepares for the final stages of their secondary careers, the Class of 2024 enters the beginning stages of the DP while the Class of 2029 embarks on the first year of MYP. Best wishes for your upcoming journeys!

Congratulations are in order for the Class of 2022 cohort - with each student receiving their IB Diploma in July.

Also in July, the 2022 ASDAN World Youth Economic Forum was held in Foshan. This year's theme revolved around electric vehicles, and students were given the opportunity to discuss, exchange, and debate ideas. E-Generation performed exceedingly well in their first national event-winning five medals (Mobility Innovator, Outstanding Booth Design, Partnership Excellence, Global Entrepreneurship, Best Entrepreneurship) to round out the five-day competition. Congratulations to all the competitors who showcased tremendous effort, dedication, and teamwork which culminated in success.

As ZIS continues to celebrate 15 years, I wanted to express sincere thanks for your support in building a strong community in which students can grow and excel.

We hope to see everyone on Wednesday, August 31 for Parent Information Night.

Once again, welcome back!

Warm regards,

**Danielle Tucker**

Head of Secondary

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## WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL LUNCH



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