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# THE BANYAN



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Zhu Hai International School weekly newsletter



## From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

I wish you all wonderful Chinese New Year celebrations and great happiness and prosperity in the upcoming Year of the Tiger.

We are hopeful for a return to campus after the holiday, but are prepared to continue with distance learning from home if needed. Your feedback on your child's experience of distance learning so far will help to inform planning for the days ahead. The survey is available [here](#) - your comments are most welcome.

Like the tiger, we head into the new year with bravery and confidence along

with a good measure of optimism for the journey ahead.

Warm Regards,

**Andrew VanderMeulen**

Head of School



## Upcoming Events

**January 26:** Reports Published & Early Dismissal

**January 27-Feb 8:** CNY holidays

**February 9:** First day of classes in the Year of the Tiger

**February 14:** Book Month begins

**March 7-11:** Book Week

**March 15:** Parent Teacher Conferences

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

Looking ahead while remembering the journey that go us here.  
We're proud to share a few of our favourite memories  
from the Year of the Ox:

#### Enhancing Well-being: ZIS Counselling Program



The counselling program at ZIS was established in the fall of 2021 out of a desire to further support the social and emotional needs of the school community. At ZIS we recognize the value in supporting the well-being of the entire learning community. Dr. Lana Staton heads the counselling program alongside Ms. Vivian Deng.

#### Welcome to Stella Tang – ZIS College Counselor



This year we welcomed Ms. Stella Tang who recently joined ZIS as a full-time College Counselor. With ten years of work experience in the field of overseas university application, she is familiar with various majors in global universities and is committed to working with students and their families. Utilizing future career trends, she is able to offer constructive feedback to students' and parents' expectations, such as colleges, majors and also employment potential.

## Business Business Business in Guangzhou



The ASDAN Business Simulation Competition in Guangzhou was a highlight for many of our Senior student. It was an opportunity for students with aspirations of leadership and entrepreneurship – the first time ZIS has joined this very popular competition. Congratulations to the students who won the ASDAN “UK Enterprise Award” which means they’ve been invited to join the All Star competition located in Shanghai in 2022!

## Island Friendly – Primary Football



Organized by the Year 8 Physical Education students who coached, officiated, and led the cheering, the ZIS Primary Football squad took to the pitch with our neighbouring school for the first match between the two campuses since the arrival of COVID. The ZIS Jaguars battled to a hard fought 1-1 draw.

## Launch of Updated ICT Curriculum in Primary



Every year we want to learn more about our iPads and desktops and the amazing things we can do with them. For Lower Primary, this means looking into typing instruction, file management and familiarity with the Microsoft Office Suite. As students move into Upper Primary, we build on these skills and start accessing coding, photo/video editing, using E-mail to communicate and develop an understanding of digital citizenship and how to be safe online. Online safety also covers evaluating information online, which is a crucial skill to learn.



### First Aid and CPR Training



A grand total of 36 members of the ZIS team participated in certification training with the American Heart Association this semester. First Aid certification through AHA reinforced and refreshed our knowledge and confidence, better equipping staff for emergency situations. Thanks to the expert guidance of the six instructors, our capacity for excellent care was greatly expanded!

### Guest Lecture: Dr. Steve Chen



It was our great honor to welcome Dr. Steve Chen to speak with our Secondary students just a couple of days before Santa arrived for the Winter Carnival. Walking the students through a career in computer engineering that spans over five decades, Dr. Chen shared the impact of supercomputing on our modern world and his vision for where these technologies will take us next.

### Jason Yu, Class of 2019, Visits



Jason Yu, one of our 2019 graduate, paid us a visit this semester. His presentation for the whole school was unforgettable. Jason's main message was to inspire the students to believe in themselves and constantly develop new skills. Drawing upon his own experience, he provided many examples of how MYP and DP courses have shaped him as a learner and a successful entrepreneur. The students were amazed to see how crucial collaboration, communication and creative thinking are in running your own business.

## World Scholar's Cup – Shenzhen



This was our first World Scholar's Cup – our team of MYP students weren't quite sure what to expect, but did their courage and positive attitude pay off! The awards ceremony was extremely exciting with the ZIS teams receiving a total of 69 medals, 3 trophies and 9 Alpaca dolls. What an effort – what a result! Each of the three teams have now qualified for the Global Round to be held July 2022 in Shanghai. Out of a total of 118 teams, two ZIS squads place in the top ten (2nd place and 7th place). Congratulations students!

## WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL LUNCH



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