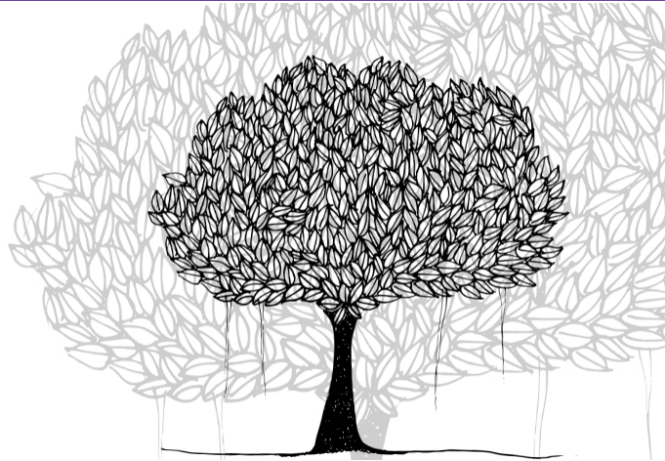


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Zhu Hai International School weekly newsletter



## From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

**Primary Sports Day** for Early Years and PYP students, **PYP Exhibition** preparations, **Battle of the Books**, **World Scholar's Cup**, **DP Examinations** for Year 13 students, a special sand-play workshop for Year 6 and 7 students led by the **Zhu Hai Psychology Association...** the past few days have been action packed for ZIS!

Congratulations to the two teams of students who joined the online **World Scholars Cup** in April - the results have arrived and the students should be very proud. Facing competition from students across the country, Team 828 (Audrey, Maite, and Wayne) and Team 829 (Michael, Kingston, Aditiya) have both advanced to the Global Round scheduled for August 2022. Outstanding results - we will be cheering you on this summer!

The next major event on our calendar is the upcoming **IB Evaluation** during the

week of May 16. Special thanks to our Committee Chairs and our IB Coordinators, Mr. Tony (DP), Mr. Mike (MYP) in Secondary and Mr. Dan (PYP) who led us through the preparation process. This is an evaluation completed by all IB schools every five years - and so we celebrate **10 years of ZIS history as an IB World School** with this visit. It's not too early to congratulate our teachers and leaders for developing our school in so many ways since the last visit in 2017.

The Spring **MAP Growth** results in Mathematics, Reading, and Language Usage are ready! We are preparing the reports to share with home (ready early next week) and have started analysing the results in our staff meetings. Using the data, teachers can dig deep into the results for each individual student in order to target instruction in the areas where knowledge and skills are in need for development. For more information on MAP Growth testing, please visit <http://zischina.com/resources/>

Have you had a chance to complete the Guiding Statements Survey? Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts on the mission and vision for ZIS as we steer our school into the next phase of the school's history.

*Guiding Statements Survey:* <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/LcBFksv7>

Thank you as always for your continued support in making ZIS the best place for our students.

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



## Upcoming Events

**April 28-May17:** IB DP Examinations

**May 16-20:** IB Evaluation Visit

**May 25-26:** PYP Exhibition

**May 27:** Teacher PD Day

**May 31:** 10am Parent Workshop: Communicating with our Children

**June 3:** Dragon Boat Festival

**June 23:** Last Day of Classes

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

## Perfectly Primary

### SPORTS DAY!

Last Friday, after multiple setbacks due to COVID closures, holidays, MAP testing, we could finally do our Primary School Sports Day.

Students spent Friday morning participating in individual pursuits to showcase their sportsmanship. Students did various runs, long jump, discus, javelin, and shot-put. The students had spent many PE lessons preparing for the day and were very successful during the sports day.

With the increased heat, safety was a priority, and every station had a shaded area and students were encouraged to drink water regularly. They also had a break to allow them to rest.

The day was very fun, and students showed their great sporting ability. After all the events were finished, the students were treated to an ice cream! What a great day!

Kind Regards,

**Michael Lattimore**

**Head of EY and Primary**





## Secondary Segment

**CHINESE BATTLE of the BOOKS**



On April 25th, my team participated in the Chinese Battle of Books hosted by the ZIS Secondary Chinese Department. There were also 5 other international schools from Shenzhen, Dongguan, and Guangzhou that participated in the competition.

During clubs, Chinese BOB members were always immersed in their books. The preparation before the competition was intense: everyone reviewed their assigned books and occasionally gathered around for simulation exercises. Although vigorous, we did not yield but instead devoted all our efforts to surpass difficulties along the way.

Soon the contest arrived. As the timer ticked, participants were like soldiers ready for battle with the whiteboards and markers as our weapons. The laughter of group members, the sound of electric currents emanating from laptops, and the noise of wet towels rubbing against the whiteboards were like the trumpets of victory playing our anthem.

As the bell of the last question sounded, everyone breathed a sigh of relief. Our clenched hands finally relaxed, yet soon we were on the edge of our nerves again. The judge on the screen was presenting the results — second prize! Some cheered and celebrated, some appeared dejected, while others had their head down thinking to themselves.

The Chinese Battle of the Books event is officially over, but our love for books and literature will always exist. May all the students who took part forge ahead and attain more achievements!

Warm regards,

**Celine - Year 9**

**Member of the Year 7-9 BOB Team**





## WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL LUNCH



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