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Zhuhai International School: weekly newsletter

## FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear ZIS Community,

It was wonderful to see everyone this Tuesday during Conferences. Cooperation and communication between teachers, parents, and students are key elements of student success, and these conferences do so much to ensure that we are sharing openly and with clarity. Thank you for your continued support.

The photographers from Pret a Portrait did some wonderful work this week, capturing our individual and class smiles. Previews of the photos and information on how to order will be shared soon. We will arrange photos next week with students who were absent.

Book Week is finally here! With a Book Fair, Book Donations, Battle of the Books, and much more, it's guaranteed to be a week to remember. Thank you to Mr. Alan for organizing this celebration of all things literary, helping to further inspire our love of reading.

Save the Date: on Friday, March 29 beginning at 10am, our Year 13 student Tiffany Pai hosts an "Art Auction Fundraiser" featuring art pieces from Nursery to Year 6. Don't miss this chance to procure one-of-a-kind masterpieces donated by our student artists. Tiffany's project arises from her service learning in the DP, and she's asked that proceeds are dedicated to a new playground set for the school. Thank you Tiffany!

A number of additional opportunities are planned for the coming months.

### **Stoke City Football Training – May 2019**

Sign up via the school WeChat or contact Li Hu at [lih@zischina.com](mailto:lih@zischina.com)

### **Columbia Business School: Venture for Kids – April and July 2019**

<https://www8.gsb.columbia.edu/ventureforall/students/Kids>

### **Global Youth Leadership Summit (Years 11, 12, 13) – July 2019**

<https://globalengagement.ac.nz/study-abroad-tours/introduction/youth-leadership-summit/>

Check our WeChat subscription or contact us for more information.

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

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## Book Week Events

### **Monday March 4:**

Book Fair by Oink n Oink Books

### **Tuesday March 5:**

Book Fair by Oink n Oink Books

### **Wednesday March 6:**

Battle of the Books Competition in  
Guangzhou and Dongguan

### **Thursday March 7:**

Black-out Poetry Contest: Secondary  
Book Trailer Contest: Secondary

### **Friday March 8:**

Dress-up as your favourite character or  
author; Read your favourite E-book

**Caterpillar Book Reading  
Contest - until June**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BOOK WEEK!

March 4-9

### Battle of the Books

March 4-9

### Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeremy Brown

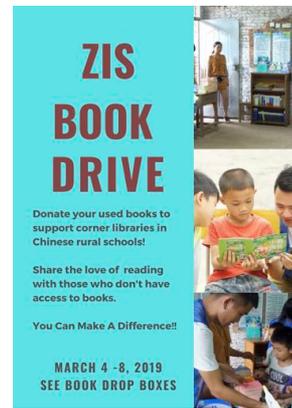
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### Visiting Author: Gail Clarke

March 14-15

### BOB: Chinese

March 19



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Dear ZIS Community. It was a full week of events and activities in the PYP and Early Years. On Tuesday we had our annual Student Led Conferences. Thank you to all the parents who came and had the opportunity to share in their child's learning. It is definitely one of our favourite days of the year when we get to see our students speaking confidently and enthusiastically about their learning journey here at ZIS.

We have also been busy with class pictures, enjoyed an amazing assembly led by our Year 2 class, and began our 2nd Semester session of Friday Activities. On Friday I also had the pleasure of hosting and leading a group of 32 administrators and teachers from the South China Network of PYP Schools. We met together to discuss recent changes to the Year 6 Exhibition.

Next week is another busy one, as it is Book Week! The teachers and students are all very excited for the book fair, the Battle of the Books and Book Character Day ahead.

Thanks for reading and have a great weekend!

Best regards,

**Jordan Rose**  
Head of Primary & Early Years





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## FROM THE LIBRARY

Next week is dedicated to the love of reading. We have a number of activities scheduled school wide which are noted on the book week schedule.

Recently, we have been provided with the opportunity to help rural Chinese schools create corner libraries. During book week, we will also have a book drive for donating well loved books to students in rural communities. Please bring a book to donate, or money to purchase a book donate to share the love of reading. Boxes for book donations will be placed around the school so look for a book donation sign/box.

On the 14 & 15 of March, author/storyteller Gail Clarke will be on campus interacting with our PYP and MYP students.

The next two weeks will be a buzz of activity!

Warmest Regards

**Alan Barbee**  
Senior Teacher Librarian

# Author & Illustrator

Gail Clarke



## Zhuhai International School Visit

Thursday March 14th & Friday March 15th

We are pleased to welcome children's author, illustrator and storyteller Gail Clarke who will be visiting our school and sharing her books, stories and experiences with all our students.

Gail has more than 35 years experience as a primary school teacher in U.K. and Hong Kong. Her book presentations are lively, fun and engaging and have been enjoyed by more than thirty-five thousand children in many countries around the world.

Her animal adventure stories, based on the themes of migration, animal journeys and looking after our planet are told with the help of her story book friends: Patrick, the excitable African grey parrot puppet, his great-grandfather Gilbert, Cosmos the curious baby humpback whale who wants to explore the oceans in search of polar bears and penguins, and Jed the hammerhead shark.

Children and parents are welcome to buy a signed copy of one of Gail's books at the end of each school day. Order forms are also available from the school library.



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