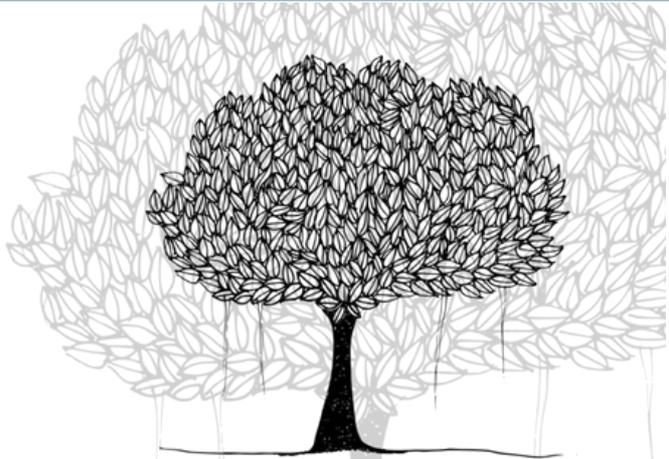


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Zhuhai International School: weekly newsletter

FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear ZIS Community,

First, thank you for your responses to the recent parent survey - your comments are important to us as we reflect on our work. We will be reviewing your feedback and will add it to our considerations as we conclude this year and move into the next.

Our students are off to a wonderful start with university acceptances this year. The Class of 2019 are receiving excellent responses from their chosen schools. Already our students have received three acceptances to universities ranked in the top 50 globally. Top 100 schools in the UK, US, and the Netherlands also feature in the list of acceptances as our students pursue their dreams in Engineering, Economics, Business, and the Arts. Congratulations to the class of 2019 on all of their accomplishments!

Next month our class of 2019 sit their IB Diploma Programme examinations. We wish them all the best during this intense time and look forward to recognizing all of their achievements during our Awards Ceremony on Friday, June 14.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Primary teachers joining us in August. One of the downsides of life in an international setting is that we must say farewell to colleagues and families – this is the nature of our globalized society. We are grateful for the care that our departing teachers have dedicated to our students and wish them great success as they continue their work in new locations.

Caroline Boshoff is South African with experience at Primary and Early Years levels in her home country and in China. Her Higher Diploma in Education at the Pre-Primary level set her on her career pathway working with younger students. We welcome Caroline to the Reception classroom this August.

Sharon Rose is British with over 9 years of international teaching experience in Europe and Malaysia. Over the years she has taught English national and PYP curricula and developed her expertise in Technology in Education. Sharon brings her classroom and management experience to the role of Year 2 teacher and PYP Coordinator in the new

year.

Christine Wentzell has been teaching in PYP schools since 2011 in Europe and Asia. Originally from Canada, Christine has worked with Primary aged students much of her career. Language teaching has led to a passion for Science and Technology in the classroom, knowledge she is excited to bring to the Year 3 students next year.

Lorenzo Corti has taught Music in Italy, South Korea, and Bangladesh. He is excited to keep the ZIS musical traditions alive and hopes to develop the musical talents among the students even further. This is Lorenzo's second career, he is also a trained Dentist who found his passion for teaching around the same time he met Ms. Wentzell (see above). Together with their two boys, Christine and Lorenzo look forward to their arrival to Zhuhai in August.

In the coming weeks I will introduce you to the arriving staff in Learning Services and Secondary.

I wish you all a wonderful week and encourage you to join in the Friends of ZIS meeting this Friday at 10am on campus.

Warm regards,
Andrew VanderMeulen
Head of School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Secondary Sports Day

April 10

Year 13 Leaving Dinner

April 10

U19 Football Tournament

April 13

Primary Sports Day

April 18

April Holiday

April 19-April 28

International Day

May 4

Secondary Production

June 5 - UIC



Dear ZIS Community,

It's been a long time coming, but it appears that Spring has finally come to Zhuhai. The beautiful weather this week has been enjoyed by teachers and students alike, as many teachers chose to conduct some of their lessons outdoors this week. On a beautiful day at ZIS you might find students reading and solving math problems under the banyan tree, sketching and drawing the natural things they see around them, singing songs in the courtyard, or gardening and observing changes in the fruits and vegetables they've planted.

In the PYP and Early Years our teachers love to take advantage of our lovely natural surroundings. The ZIS campus is used as an important part of our student learning. It's also a lot of fun for our students when they play and explore during morning and lunch recess time. Things are about to get even more fun for our students as we have recently had one new play structure donated to the school, and another play structure on the way as a result of the successful art auction last Friday.

Here's to some more beautiful weather so that we can continue to enjoy the nature around us.

Thanks for reading and have a great week!

Best regards,

Jordan Rose

Head of Primary & Early Years





Secondary Segment



Middle Years Programme

Diploma Programme

Dear Students and Parents,

This week we celebrated the success of our Year 13 Visual Art students.

In the wonderful new 6th floor space, we were able to see the culminating work of 2 years of patience, frustration, innovation and creativity.

As a teacher of Mathematics, which is not without it's own creativity, I love to step outside my subject and get the rare peek into the hearts and minds of students. Art is definitely one of those things I cannot do but this makes me stand in awe of those that can.

My absolute favourites -

Andy's paper Deer. The baby, shattering into pieces and blowing away really made me tear up. It's beautiful message was poignant and stays with me.

Sariu's 'Simplicity' - a grey fish on white with pink flowers. in this pieces Sariu reminds us that even the simplest things hold great beauty and this is rare in a world that is often over complicated and full of noise and nonsense.

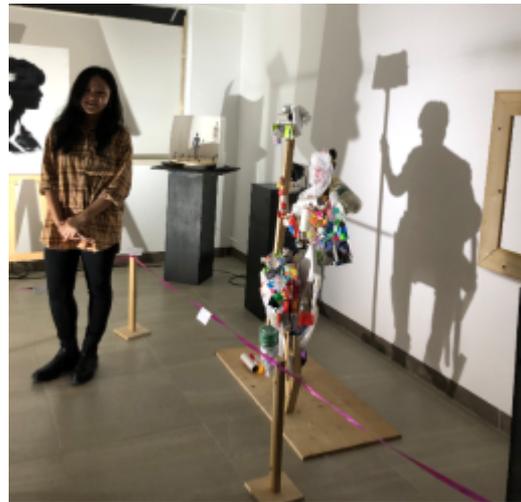
Lauren's technical skills really shone on the night but my favourite has always been the tiger in the bamboo forest. It was her first leap into 'maturity'. I got to see those first attempts and watch the process from tears and feet stamping to absolute pride as her perseverance paid off.

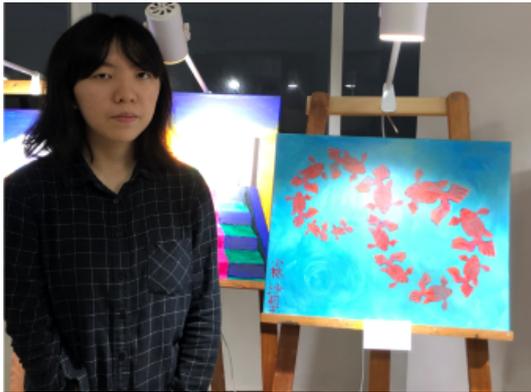
Tiffany - a wonderful example of an 'all-rounder'. She shows us that inspiration and innovation comes in many forms. From paintings to sculptures, paper cutting and shadows, her creativity was boundless! My favourite was the Shadow Clock. It reminds me that no matter who we are, time passes in the same way and the times in the shadows are just as important as the times we stand in the light.

My heartfelt congratulations to all students and also to Mr Shackleton who has very capably guided the students on their journey.

Warmest Regards

Vanessa Leah
Head of Secondary





LS Space



COMING TO A THEATRE NEAR YOU

This week we had one of our toughest rehearsals to date. Directing something that evolves and develops through student input takes a lot of planning and sometimes, the need to start fresh. The Production Team and Ms. Pieternel can tell you that being open to change is exciting and a little frightening at the same time.

Our middle school students made some crucial decisions about the direction of the Secondary Production during the week. While every one in Year 7-10 already has a role of some sort, there are a number of keen thespians that wanted to do more. Thanks to their creative thinking skills, they worked out how a bus stop, a long piece of red ribbon and a simple set design can unite the many elements they have developed so far. It really has been quite a learning journey.

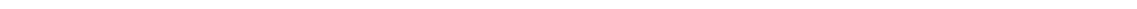
Mark your calendars for June 5th. The UIC Theatre is booked for our final performances - one in the afternoon for our students and one in the evening for families.

Warm Regards

Mirjam Berghuis
Head of Learning Services

Wednesday, June 5
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ZHUHAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

International Day



MAY 4, 2019 - 10am until 3pm

ZIS CAMPUS - Qi'ao Island

Let's celebrate our
international community!





ZHUHAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

International Day

珠海国际学校
— 淇澳岛



一起来庆祝我们的
国际日吧！

2019年5月4日星期六 — 上午10点至下午3点

国际日




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