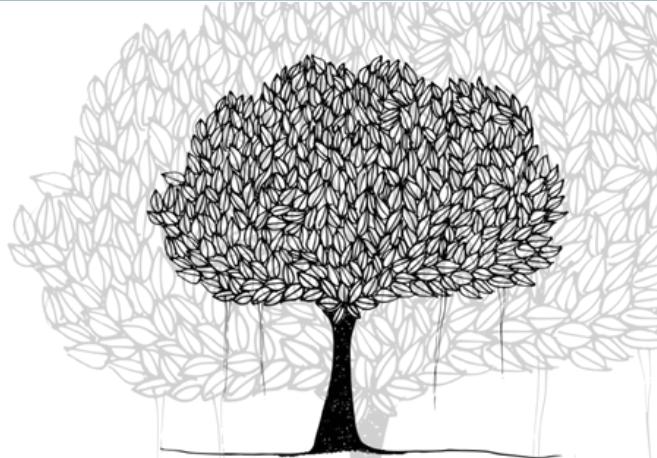


# THE BANYAN



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Zhuhai International School: weekly newsletter

## FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear ZIS Community,

This week we had the honour of welcoming two special guests to campus. Author, illustrator, and storyteller Gail Clarke inspired us to care deeply and express ourselves during her two days sharing her craft with Primary and Secondary students. We also welcomed a visit from Governor Peter Shumlin, co-director of Putney Student Travel, who share details of the summer programming opportunities to our students ([goputney.com](http://goputney.com)).

We look forward to a number of exciting events on our calendar:

### **CASert - March 22**

Our annual student-directed musical variety show known as "CASert" takes the stage at the Sam's Club Mall next Friday, March 22, beginning at 6pm. Come support our student-musicians as they raise funds for the Zhuhai Orphanage. "CASert" is a clever combination of the "CAS" (Creativity, Activity, and Service), a key element of the Diploma Programme, and "concert" - the musical performances the students have organized.

### **Art Auction Fundraiser - March 29**

Another student-directed CAS project, the Art Auction Fundraiser begins at 10am and is your chance to add a work of art from the PYP Art program. The goal of this project is to raise funds to contribute to a new play structure to campus. We hope you will join us!

### **Chinese Battle of the Books - March 19**

Our Secondary Chinese Teaching Team are busy preparing for the first ever Chinese BOB competition on the mainland. Schools from the region come to our campus to test their literature knowledge from a pre set list of books during the morning. Go ZIS!

### **DP Art Exhibition - April 1-5**

Four of our Class of 2019 are exhibiting select pieces from their DP Visual Arts studies in the first week of April. The exhibition is held on campus and opens to the public on the evening of Monday, April 1, from 6pm to 8pm. We hope you will join us on the sixth floor to enjoy their work and to share in some refreshments.

There has already been an excellent response to the parent survey shared earlier this week. Thank you for your feedback - it is so important that we receive feedback from our families about our school. If you have yet to access the online survey, follow this link <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/1VsMLl8u> or pick up a paper copy from the School Office. The survey closes on March 29.

Again and again our staff and students showcase the very best of an IB education. This week offered us many great examples: student directed service projects, guest author visits, rehearsals, competitions, and performances, not to mention the daily lessons designed to inspire our students to new understandings... altogether we can be so proud of the work done here at ZIS. As educators, we know that our work is never done and that our best is achieved when challenging and supporting our students to their very best.

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

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Zhuhai International  
School presents the

2019

# CASERT

## ZIS annual concert

Free Admission  
Musical Performance  
Fundraiser for  
Zhuhai Orphanage

Fri | 03.22.2019 | 6PM  
Sam's Club 1st floor





珠海国际学校学生将呈现  
精彩的表演

2019

# 慈善音乐会

ZIS 年度音乐会

免费入场  
音乐盛典  
慈善捐款

Fri | 03.22.2019 | 6PM  
山姆会员商店 一楼大厅





ZHUHAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
**ART AUCTION  
FUNDRAISER**  
FEATURING: ART PIECES FROM NURSERY TO YEAR 6

PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARDS  
A NEW PLAYGROUND SET  
FOR SCHOOL

FRIDAY  
MARCH 29TH, 2019  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
SCHOOL FOYER



EVENT ORGANIZER / POSTER DESIGNER: TIFFANY PAI



珠海国际学校

# 艺术募捐拍卖会

竞拍物品包括幼儿班至六年级的精美艺术作品

所有竞拍款物将募捐于一套

崭新的校用游乐设备

时间：周五  
2019年3月29日  
上午10:00-11:30  
地点：学校大堂



活动策划与海报设计: TIFFANY PAI

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **BOB: Chinese**

March 19

### **Friends of ZIS Meeting**

March 22

### **CASert 2019**

March 22 @ 6pm-8pm

### **Art Auction Fundraiser**

March 29 @ 10am

### **DP Art Exhibition**

April 1 @ 6-8pm

### **International Day**

May 4



Perfectly Primary



Hello ZIS Community! It's been yet another exciting week full of learning and fun educational experiences for our young students. On Monday and Wednesday we had our Year 1, 2 and 5 classes out into the community on field trips. The Year 1 and 2 classes visited the Hui Tong Village just outside of Tangia to learn more about ways of life in the past, as part of their inquiry into family histories. The Year 5 visited the Toray Film Zhongshan factory to get a closer look at a working business, as part of their inquiry into economic concepts and how we organize ourselves in society. Both trips were very educational for our young learners, as they came back with new knowledge and asked many great questions along the way.

On Thursday and Friday we were very lucky to be joined by author and illustrator, Gail Clarke. Ms. Clarke spent time with every class in the Early Years and PYP reading her stories and sharing the principles of being a good storyteller.

This week was also special as it is the beginning of the Year 6 Exhibition. This week our students were tuning in to some big ideas and asking themselves the question, 'How would you like to change the world you live in?'. The students are getting ready to spend the next 6 weeks working on their own student-led inquiry about an issue in the world that they feel passionate about. We are looking forward to some very interesting inquiries from this year's excellent group of Year 6 students.

Finally our week was capped off with an amazing assembly led by our confident group of Year 1 students. Ms. Zanda and Ms. Tania do great work with these young learners. I am sure we will see big things from them in the future.

Thanks for reading and have a great weekend,

Best regards,

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



Secondary Segment

 Middle Years  
Programme

Diploma  
Programme

Dear Parents and Students,

This week ends with the Year 11 students handing in their completed Personal Projects. After months of hard work, they have finally been rewarded with the fruits of their labour. Of course the paperwork must follow but we celebrate this milestone and look forward to their exhibition on International Day.

Battle of the books - Middle school and High School showed team spirit and knowledge in their respective competitions. They held very respectable places as 4th and 5th out of 30(ish) schools. This is a wonderful program and I thank all the staff who were involved in the practices, writing questions and supporting the students.

Next week we host the very FIRST Chinese Battle of the Books. Historically, we travelled to Hong Kong to compete and now we are starting our very own tradition by hosting the first ever competition in mainland China. A hearty thanks to the organisers: Ms Kimberley, Ms Annabell, Ms Yan and Ms Lisa. Good luck to our ZIS teams!!

We were lucky to have Years 7, 8 and 9 workshop with the visiting author, Gail Clarke, this week. It was a lovely way to cap off all the interesting Book Week activities organised by Mr Alan in the Library. New this year, he has already settled in beautifully and the library is humming with positive change.

Warmest Regards

**Vanessa Leah**

**Head of Secondary**

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LS Space



## DECODING DYSLEXIA

A few weeks ago I had the privilege to attend a session run by Helen Trethewey, an inclusion specialist, who is passionate about dyslexia. Helen discovered as an adult that she has dyslexia. She wished her family had known when she was much younger in order to provide support at a much earlier stage in her development.

Helen shared that brain scans can now determine from a very young age if a child will have dyslexia as it is a neurological condition present from birth. [Dyslexia.com](https://dyslexia.com) reminds us that dyslexia affects about 10% of the population and is not a sign of lower intelligence. Someone with dyslexia can struggle to recognize words quickly or accurately, learn how to spell words and decode letters, words and symbols. Like many learning challenges, dyslexia has a spectrum - this means there are varying degrees of how it affects the individual.

What is Helen's biggest frustration? The "let's wait and see" approach to uncovering learning difficulties. As she so aptly put it, "interventions cannot harm a child, so what are we waiting for?" Her reasons are excellent:

- The brain is elastic, it can be retrained so earlier is better
- Strategies that support the exceptional child are also good for other children
- Social/emotional support is so important - the earlier the better

Try Helen's quiz about dyslexia to see how much you know: [dyslexic-myths-quiz](https://dyslexic-myths-quiz). When you finish, scroll down in her post to find the answers as well as important facts, tips and suggestions. Good luck!

Warm Regards

**Mirjam Berghuis**

**Head of Learning Services**

[exceptional.blogspot.com/2018/03/dyslexic-myths-part-1.html](http://exceptional.blogspot.com/2018/03/dyslexic-myths-part-1.html).

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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  
— 汕头岛



一起来庆祝我们  
的国际日吧！

2019年5月4日星期五 – 上午10点至下午3点

# 国际日



Lunch Menus, our food safety guidelines,  
and past editions of "The Banyan"  
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