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Zhuhai International School: weekly newsletter

FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear ZIS Community,

We have important weeks ahead of us and much to accomplish. Though members of our school community are still abroad, I know we are still able to come together to recognize the significance of a complete campus opening and the community's effort in making it possible. Thank you for your contributions, your words of support, and your patience through these challenging months.

Campus has been inspected numerous times since the beginning of April by health and education officials. Each time they share their commendations for the school's efforts to maintain a healthy and safe campus and the efforts of the students who have shown their responsibility to the community.

It is official! Early Years students (Nursery and Reception) as well as Year 1 students are able to be welcomed back to their classrooms on Tuesday, June 2. I know their teachers and classmates will be so pleased to be together again. For those students who are still abroad, distance learning opportunities will continue to be offered.

Regarding mask wearing at school, you may know of the regulation that Early Years students must not wear masks at school. We will uphold this requirement. Masks for other members of the school community remain recommended by the authorities, especially when indoors. Beginning Monday, June 1st we will be allowing students to remove their masks for Physical Education classes and while outside. The students have been waiting patiently to be permitted to run at full speed again! Social distancing, temperature checks, hand washing, modified lunch hours and seating, as well as a high level of vigilance to cleanliness, health, and safety will continue to be the focus of our efforts.

I hope you will consider spending some with us over the summer.

1. In the first two weeks of summer there is a Summer Camp for students in Year 2 and up.

Secondary students are invited to apply to join as junior camp counsellors!

2. In the two weeks before school resumes again, there is a Football Camp for students on offer. Secondary students are also welcome to apply to serve their community as junior coaches.

I wish you all a safe and productive week ahead and thank you for your support of our efforts.

Warm regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen
Head of School



I'll be running the English literacy and Math block of our day. With our Superhero and STEM themes, we will be sure to have a great time!



Week 1: Superhero Week



Monday

Academics:

Tuesday

Academics:

Wednesday

Academics:

Thursday

Academics:

Friday

Academics:

Summer Camp registration is open – scan the QR Code:

Please write summercamp@zischina.com for more information.

Secondary students are invited to apply to join as Camp Counsellors. Write to the email above to learn more.

Cost - 6500 RMB for two weeks and
3500 RMB for one week.

We are pleased to offer ZIS families
a 50% discount on the camp fees,
which includes transport on
designated bus lines (Huafa, Jida,
Zhongshan, and Tangjia –
dependant on demand), snacks and
lunch, plus all camp related
activities.

- ZIS SUMMER CAMP 2020 -



FOOTBALL CAMP

Zhuhai International School

August 10-23, 2020

12 sessions

5:30-6:30 - Ages 6, 7, 8

6:30-7:30 - Ages 9, 10, 11

Boys & Girls
Training with
ZIS Coaches



12 sessions
1500 RMB

Trainers, shin guards, sports wear
and a water bottle required!

Join Us!



Registrations and Inquiries:
scfc@zischina.com

Coming Events:

May 22 - 25

Online Book Fair with Obido

Week of June 1

Secondary Exam Week

Tuesday, June 2

Early Years and Year 1 Return to Campus

Friday, June 12

PYP Exhibition

June 15 and 16

Year 6 visit ZIS Secondary

Wednesday, June 17*

Secondary Awards and Year 13 Graduation
(TBC)

Thursday, June 18*

Primary Awards (TBC)



Perfectly Primary



Dear school community,

This week we've reunited the majority of our primary students on campus, and once again the transition has been very smooth. As students get used to their daily school routines, teachers are expertly using class time to bridge any gaps that may have occurred during our stretch with digital learning. We have continued to build community by connecting classes on campus with overseas students via Zoom. Students on campus have been busy with completing informal reading and math diagnostics, while students still learning from home are also continuing their inquiry-based lessons.

Below are some photos showing how we've spent this week - enjoy!

Warmly,

Dr. Lana Staton

Head of Primary



Early Years students were tasked this week with going on a nature hunt to find items outside that could be used in art. Check out this beautiful creation from a Reception student:

Years 1 and 2 are continuing their exploration of emotions expressed through art. A Year 2 student was excited to take part in hands-on learning by creating facial expressions with foam clay.



Years 3 and 4 began their unit studying natural resources, while Year 4 played multiplication games.

Year 5 has continued to work hard this

week while learning about myths and legends.



Year 6 has been very busy going through the process of PYP Exhibition. Their inquisitive minds have been hard at work!



Secondary Segment



Middle Years
Programme

Diploma
Programme

Dear students and parents,

As the students settle in to school routines this week we are busy preparing for not just the end of the school year but the start of the next as well. This means checking what classes will give students the optimal learning experiences and in directions that they choose for their chosen career and life paths. The DP subject selections continue until next week and timetable preparations also. Materials are being ordered and budgets reconciled. In so many ways school has continued this semester in *business as usual* mode.

This week I found an image I had been looking for for a while now. For me, it demonstrates the Learner Profile of balance, but it has lingered with me because of what it suggests, that most emotions have to be learned. They are constructed social attitudes towards people, groups and processes. Emotions? Yes truly. I came across it in a book review in the highly regarded American website ASCD, and it is called *The Emotional Keyboard*:

Figure 2.1. The Emotional Keyboard



Learning emotional responses is what stabilises children's behaviour and underpins lifelong learning of other stuff. Past a critical point, it is a virtuous circle, supporting student agency in independent learning. This is on the roadmap for ZIS future learning and the great thing is it is taught at home also. The deliberate teaching of *empathy* or *cooperation* however is where home and school can work together for each child by design.

Have a good weekend and students get ready for the final assessments of the year! The end of year is in sight now.

Kind regards,

Micheal Coffey
Head of Secondary



LS Space



From the Library

Dear Parents,

In order to provide summer reading material for students, Obido (one of our book suppliers) is planning to host an online book fair beginning Friday May 22 and ending Monday, May 25 hours 9am to 10pm each day. More details to follow.

云书展

ONLINE BOOK FAIR

Have you joined our Online Book Fair WeChat Group yet?

If not, what are you waiting for?

From May 22-25 we will give away 28,000rmb in free credit, books and other prizes.

Popular authors will be reading their books, introducing contests and sharing their skills in a series of videos.

Join us today!

Scan the QR code on the poster to connect with us.

If you have any problems, please feel free to call the phone number: 19952252603

加入我们云书展微信群了吗？

如果还没有，还在等什么呢？

5月22日至25日，我们会免费赠送价值28000元的积分、图书、礼物给大家，欧贝豆积分可以直接购书时抵扣书款。

知名作家录制视频现身跟大家做分享见面会。

今天就加入我们吧！

扫描/长按海报二维码加入云书展。

如果有任何问题，欢迎联系我们客服人员：19952252603



Warm regards,

Alan Barbee
Teacher Librarian

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



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