

THE BANYAN



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Zhuhai International School: weekly newsletter

FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear ZIS Community,

Our DP students have had a very busy few days. Two service learning activities celebrated our community while raising funds for their chosen projects. CASert was a huge success last weekend raising over 24,000 RMB for the Zhuhai Orphanage. This Friday's Act Auction Fundraiser raised over 16,000 RMB for a new play structure on campus (the order has just been placed - expect it in 30 days or so!). Thank you for your support of these events - it means a lot for the students who work to make them happen.

The DP Art students invite you to their DP Visual Arts Exhibition on Monday, April 1, from 6pm to 8pm. Join us on the 6th floor and meet the artists and enjoy their work. Thank you in advance to Papa Romantic for offering their catering services.

A few of you have mentioned having difficulty with the parent survey. We've already received over 50 responses, but we want to hear from as many of you as possible. The survey will remain open this week as well. If you still have trouble accessing the survey, a paper copy can be sent home - please contact the office in this case.

Survey link: <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/1VsMLI8u>

A letter outlining tuition fees for 2019-20 was sent home this week. If you did not receive a copy please contact the office and a copy will be sent home.

We were delighted to receive the generous donation of a play structure from one of our families. It is being installed alongside the Early Years building near the banyan tree. Outdoor seating is being added in the same area this week, please enjoy!

Below are a few photos from the Saturday Sports 5km Family Fun Run. Thank you for joining us for a run along the seaside!

Warm regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School



UPCOMING EVENTS

DP Art Exhibition

April 1 @ 6-8pm

Tomb Sweeping Day (no school)

April 5

April Holiday

April 19-April 28

International Day

May 4



Perfectly Primary



Hello ZIS community!

It's been a great week in the Early Years and the Primary Years Program. New units are now underway, and our students have been busy asking questions, experimenting, finding out new things and building on their prior knowledge.

Our Year 6 students have been particularly busy, as they continue onward with their student led inquiries as part of our Year 6 Exhibition. It is great to see our oldest students applying the research and thinking skills that they've developed throughout their years here at ZIS.

Our week ended on a high note, as it often does. Year 5 delivered a wonderful PYP Assembly where they shared much of what they've been learning about different art forms and ways to express themselves. Following the assembly was the PYP Art Auction, organized and run by Year 13 student Tiffany Pai. The students art work raised a great deal of money for the school's new play structure. Thank you so much to the parents who came to support the school, and to Mr. Michael and Ms. Judy who helped the students work together to create these excellent art pieces that were auctioned off.

Thanks for reading and have a great weekend,

Best regards,

Jordan Rose

Head of Primary & Early Years



Secondary Segment



Dear Students and Parents,

This week secondary staff engaged in conversations about how we teach AtL's in the classroom. As 'Life Long Learners' it is important to us that we keep our knowledge current and our enthusiasm for the elements of our craft high so that we serve the students in the best way possible.

AtL's are the Approaches to Learning that underpin the IB Philosophy, but in truth, they are skills that students need to find success in the final two years in ANY curriculum. The culminating years are where the expanse of student learning pool's together to enable critical thinking, analysis and judgement making.

From Year 7 -Year 11, we look at the five skill categories: Communication (giving and receiving); Collaboration (working with others); Self Management (Organisation & managing your state of mind & reflection); Research (Information & Media Literacy) and Thinking (Critical thinking, Creative Thinking & Transfer of knowledge). These skills are not **outside** the content - they work hand-in-hand with the content. In fact - hardly ever are students asked to simply regurgitate facts.

Never before have these skills been more relevant. So many of the jobs pre 2000 are now being automated and our post 2020 workforce are going to need to have a very different skill set.

Resent research shows us that the top ten skills in post 2020 workplaces include:

- (1) Complex problem solving
- (2) Critical Thinking
- (3) Creativity

- (4) People Management
- (5) Coordinating with others
- (6) People management
- (7) Judgement and decision making
- (8) Service Orientation
- (9) Negotiation
- (10) Cognitive Flexibility

A lot of these things used to be called "Soft Skills" and may not have always been given the attention they deserved. Another phrase you might know is "Street Smarts". My Uncle left high school in Year 10 with pretty average grades to join the Police Force. He was never highlighted as the most academic person in the room but he had 'street smarts' in abundance. He retired a few years ago as THE most highly decorated and respected Federal Officer in NSW.

Ask yourself how you might fare with this list of skills - no matter where you are in life, they are likely to be or become important.

Warmest Regards

Vanessa Leah
Head of Secondary



LS Space



FROM THE LIBRARY

Its hard to believe March is almost over and April is just a few days away. The library was busy with Book Week and our author visit, Gail Clarke. Students participated in a variety of events: battle of the books, a book fair, blackout poetry, book trailers, audio eBook recordings, and dress as your favorite book character. We enjoyed our author visit with Gail Clarke, who shared her books, and tips on how to write stories. Year 6 students are busy learning about citation in preparation for their upcoming exhibition. Year 5 students are exploring how art is used to tell stories in books. Years 3 & 4 are learning about natural disasters and communicating information through the use of infographics. Years 1 & 2 are learning about observation and prediction and will make a weather prediction in a few weeks based on a number of observations.

Secondary students have been preparing their work for external evaluation ensuring proper citation. EE students spent time learning about research and the importance of good note taking and recording of information. Lastly, Year 9 students enhanced their knowledge of technology by creating a digital timeline representing their thinking on WWI. All in all, it has been a busy and productive month and April will contain new experiences with poetry month. "Roses are red and violets are blue the hour is late and time to snooze."

Warm Regards

Alan Barbee
Teacher Librarian



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 星期五 — 上午10点至下午3点

国际日




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