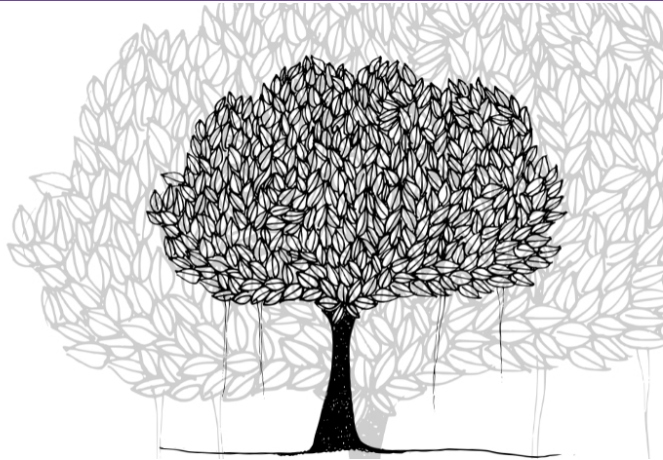


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From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

We enjoyed sharing another week of learning together, happy to welcome the rain but disappointed to postpone our Sports Day. Friday, April 14, is the new date for this special event and parents are welcome to come out to cheer on the grade levels in their activities.

Upon our return from this week break we enter directly into the Spring **MAP Growth** testing session for students in Years 3-10. Mathematics, Language Usage, and Reading tests await the students in our two Computer Labs. These are helpful assessments to capture achievement, identify readiness for new topics or, and reveal trends in the class and school. The NWEA provides a variety of resources for families to learn about MAP testing online: <https://www.nwea.org/family-toolkit/>

Today a bus full of MYP students departed for the **World Scholar's Cup** challenge in Shenzhen. Good luck to the teams and we look forward to hearing their stories from the weekend. Find out more about this, and the other events offered in the region by ASDAN here: <https://www.seedasdan.org/en/wsc-en/>

Check your email for news of **Summer Camp 2023** for the first two weeks of July. Plans for the camp are taking shape and with Mr. Segó, Mr. Navid, and Ms. Judy leading the way, it promises to be full of learning and fun. The two weeks are united by the themes of DIY (Do it Yourself) STEAM Learning, Teamwork, and Character development.

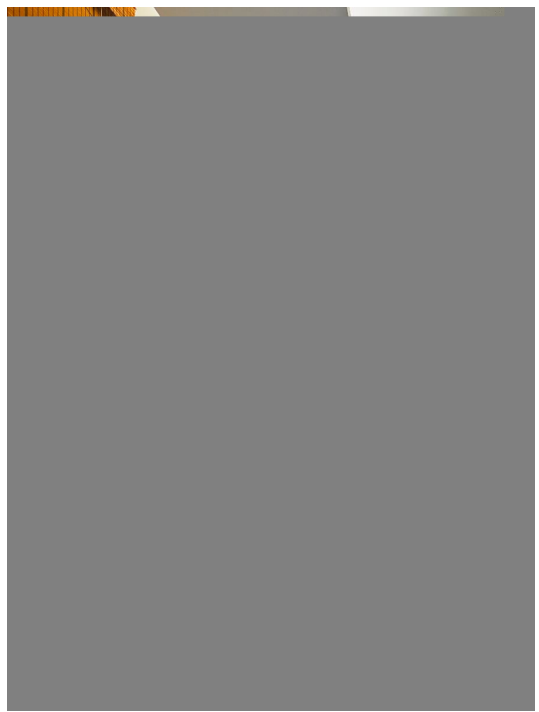
Continue reading and discover the fabulous **DP Visual Arts Exhibition** presented this week by the Year 13 artists. Thank you to Ms. Inela for her guidance, allowing the students to display their very best work for the community. This is an important event on the school calendar for our student body, something they can look forward to in their final year of studies, a milestone in their DP experience.

The feedback shared in the recent **parent survey** has been very helpful, thank you to all who took the time to respond. Every comment and data point there helps to inform decision making and planning for the future. I trust you will find our desire to advance our practice and reflect on our achievements and areas for growth to be apparent in our words and actions. We are stronger with your input and support and we are grateful for your feedback.

Wishing you all health and safety this Qingming festival.

Warm regards,

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Head of School
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Upcoming Events

April 3-7: Spring Break Holiday

April 10-14: Spring MAP Growth Testing (Years 3-10)

April 12: TEDx Youth @ ZIS - BOLD

April 15: Math Kangaroo Competition (Primary and Secondary)

April 22: ZIS International Day (TBC)

May 1: Labor Day Holiday



Perfectly Primary

WE LOVE OUR BEAUTIFUL PLANET

The past few weeks Reception Class has been focusing on *Sharing the Planet*. It has been an invaluable experience for the students to learn about how to take care of living things and how to respect our Planet.

We took a closer look at the butterfly cycle, and the students were thrilled to see the changes happening right in front of them. Saying goodbye to the butterflies was a sad experience, but we learned that there is a time for everything.

The students treasured growing their own plants, they made sure that each plant got enough sun and water.

We celebrated the end of this unit by visiting a Mini-Zoo, the students loved every moment and made memories that will last a lifetime.

Wesley Franz

Reception Teachers

Secondary Segment

MY FIRST BUSINESS SIMULATION

On March 18th and 19th, Ms. Stella and Ms. Lynn led four teams to participate in the ASDAN Business Competition (regional round). As a member of one of the four teams, I felt honored and very happy to participate in this game.

As a novice, I was looking forward to this competition. Before the competition, my team members and I had already made full preparations. On the day that the product was issued, we knew what we should do and how we should develop our company. The Sustainable Development Goal was SDG 14 - *Life Under Water*. What we needed to do was to contribute to the world's environmental protection, use the deposit system to develop a recycling system, and design a pollution-free and recyclable bottle. After discussing and brainstorming, we added many innovative ideas to our products - and also created packaging and system machines.

After busy preparations, we arrived at the competition. I saw many scenes that I hadn't seen before, such as auctions with hundreds of people, traders weaving through the crowd, and merchants shouting for selling. As a novice, I didn't know how to conduct this auction, but in the end, my team leader led me through the thorns, and successfully established our company's house.

This was only the first step. After a short break, we divided into groups: poster, scamper, and operations. I was honored to be assigned to the poster group. After a detailed explanation, our three groups separated and started our own work.

We were exhausted after the first day, but we still had to prepare for the *Business Battle* on the second day. Fortunately, we did enough work beforehand. On the second day, we calmed down and started our unparalleled speech. Everyone presented very well. I was proud of everyone in our group.

After the speech, most of the people's work was finished, and only the operation group needed to continue to work hard for the company.

After lunch, we were finally ushered in the exciting awards ceremony. After watching the wonderful performances of the students, we relaxed. At the awards ceremony, we and a second ZIS team achieved awards in all activities, such as scamper, auction, operations, business battle, and the qualification to attend the National Finals.

After this competition, I realized that business is not an easy job, and I need to learn more to increase my business knowledge. At the same time, I also need to practice how to present a PPT, and how to design a good product poster. From all aspects, my team members performed to the best of their abilities, and I have also tried my best to help my team win. Even though many of us were not very confident when it came to the presentation, we overcame the odds and faced our fears head-on.

Cindy
Year 10



GARAGE SALE CAS PROJECT + STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Add WeChat

Donation

Do You have stuff to throw away? Consider donating items instead! Donation boxes are located in the hallway.

If there are enough participants who want to host individual stalls, we may open the garage sale to the wider community. Contact me if you are interested in joining.

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The poster features a colorful illustration of a garage sale scene with various stalls. One stall is labeled 'BULOY'S BAKERY' and another 'COFFEE CORNER'. There are also displays of produce and other goods.

WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL LUNCH



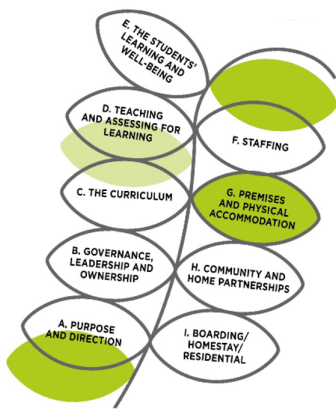
Lunch Menus, our food safety guidelines, and past editions of "The Banyan" Newsletter are available at zischina.com



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- advancing global citizenship
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