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Dear Parents,

Our school was filled with colourfully dressed children – and teachers – today, and all for a worthy cause. In every class, the children spoke about the importance of supporting families in Nepal after the earthquake – and the donations of pocket money have added up to **more than \$16,000**. We'll be sending this money directly to the <u>Disasters</u> <u>Emergency Committee</u>, an umbrella organisation bringing together 13 leading aid charities. We look forward to following up on how our pupils' pocket money is helping those in need.

DATES TO REMEMBER ...

20 May (7.00pm):	Presentation by Mr Cooklin on our Secondary School Development. Please put this one in your diary as it's an important opportunity to learn more about our plans for the upper years. For parents who can't make this evening, we'll be sharing the presentation via email.
28 May (8.15 – 9.00am):	"Parent Effectiveness Training" – Led by Marie Marchand, from Parenting Dialogue. Please RSVP ricky.auyeung@nais.hk
29 May (7.45am to 9.30am):	Coffee Morning hosted by the PTA. All parents welcome.
5 June (8.30am to 9.30am):	Year 4 Performance – Year 4 parents welcome.
6 June:	NAIS Gala Dinner! We now have a waitlist for tickets! Please contact ptanaishk@gmail.com for details.
8 June	"Moving Up Day" – Your children will spend the day with their new teacher today (for the year above!). We will be emailing your child's class teacher to you the week before. Very exciting!
24 June:	End-of-Term Performance by Year 6 : Evening performance open to Year 6 parents. More details to follow.
26 June (8.30am start):	End-of-Term Speech Day. More details to follow.

Summer Camps – We have a great selection of Summer Camps covering sports, creative arts and dance. These are open to NAIS and non-NAIS children, so please feel free to share these Camps with your friends. There are some great Early Bird discounts, so do take a look soon.

Our **COBIS Team will be heading to Athens, Greece, on Tuesday**. The whole squad of athletes have been training incredibly hard these past months – and we look forward to hearing about their trip from our COBIS Reserves who will be here in Hong Kong liaising with the team and sharing photos and updates with the rest of the school. These Reserves have trained as hard as the rest of the team – and have been ready to step in at any time. We look forward to updating you all next week.

Stars of the Week - Good Manners - Click here for photos

A really important SotW this Friday which recognised and celebrated good manners. Our Assistant Principal, Sarah Harley, ran an Assembly on the subject last week, and understanding the important of respect and manners is a key part of our school community. It obviously works as Maddi Palser, our Admissions Manager, emailed our Senior Leadership Team yesterday after a school tour to say:

"I wanted to give you some feedback from some parents that I showed around yesterday, who commented to me (after about six little people gave us a cheery "good morning" as we walked around) that the level of interaction and engagement at the school was wonderful. They were really impressed with how friendly and polite the children were."

Year 1: Cloris Zhao, Rita Zhan, Claire Chan, Louis Sabourin, Sofia Verga

Year 2: Andrew Li, Gilles Bogaert, Rajveer Ruprai, Elizabeth Sunjajeva Hilton, Csongor Horvath

Year 3: Thomas Berry, Jonathan Ring, Waka Horie, Maithili Parekh

Year 4: Nikita Se, Chloe Skovgaard, Kimmy Kwok, Sam Hellyer

Year 5: Joey Lee, Ava Ring, Matthew Rostron

Year 6: Angus McLennan, Elliot Ansell

Year 7: Alex Tam, Suzy Ingrouille

Our **Secondary School Team for the Battle of the Books** travelled to Kellett today to compete against Harrow, Kellett, CDNIS and St Paul's Co-ed. We had a strong win against Harrow, and it was a good experience for us to build on next year. Well done to our team: Valeria, Lucia, Charlie and Ryan with rotating assistance from Skylar, Suzy, Rebecca, Vivian, Andrew and Daniel. <u>Click here for photos</u> and a list of the books they had to read. This is a great list to dip into if you're looking for books suitable for Years 7 to 9.

Finally, if you missed our interesting workshop on "**Talking to Your Child about Sex & Relationships**" with David Sheehan, you can <u>see the presentation here</u>. It was certainly an interesting and thought-provoking session with lots of questions and feedback from parents.

Please look out for our annual **Parent Satisfaction Survey** on Monday. This is a survey that we do annually for all Nord Anglia Education schools and is a really important tool to help us to better recognise what we are doing well and where we need to improve. This will be our first year, and we're really keen to hear from as many of you as possible.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

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