

Dear Parents,

Welcome to issue 7 of the NAS Jakarta Newsletter 2020-21.

This is our final newsletter of term one and what a term it has been! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for your ongoing support and understanding. I think we all acknowledge how challenging the past three months of learning and teaching have been for our community: children, parents and staff. I am full of admiration for your children and their levels of resilience during virtual school, and for you too! I know how much you all care about your children's learning and progress and I appreciate the efforts you have taken to support your children this term.

In this newsletter we focus upon this week's "Week of Inspirational Maths" and, at a time when the school would normally be holding the NAS Bazaar, I would like to report back to you on the charity donation made as a result of last year's bazaar.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our school is not defeated by the ravages of Covid-19, so you can read below about an exciting new development for our staff and the fabulous IPC "exit point" for Eagles' class.

Happy reading!

Rosy Clark
Principal

## What's New!

### **Introducing our new Lead TLA**



At NAS Jakarta we have a team of 12 class based TLAs (teaching and learning assistants). They are a loyal, hardworking and caring team. Some have been with us for many years such as Ms Uka (Foundation 2 Foxes class) who has been with our school since 2007.

We are fortunate to be able to attract highly qualified TLAs with an excellent range of skills and extensive experience. Did you know, for instance, that Ms Woro in Nursery speaks Dutch fluently? Ms Fika (Year 2 Turtles class) has fantastic artistic skills and Ms Brenda in our library is an expert at origami. All three of these ladies have been valued members of our school community for 7 or more years.

Many of our TLAs recently interviewed for the position of Lead Teaching & Learning Assistant at NAS Jakarta. Congratulations to Ms Friska (Year 3 Parakeets class) who will now work with Ms Julia to develop our TLA team even further through training and team building.

# A Look at Learning

#### **Young Entrepreneurs at NAS Jakarta**



During Virtual School Experience, Year 6/7 Eagles class have been learning about business and economics through our Young Entrepreneurs learning theme. Our end goal was to create products to sell in our 'Black Friday' sale at school, the proceeds of which will go to a charity decided through our student voice committee.

We have learnt where the raw materials used in our creations, and packaging, come from and investigated the sustainability of their use and disposal. We have also applied this critical thinking to our choices as consumers.

We have carefully considered the design of our products through our STEAM-led design cycle and considered how the aesthetics would appeal to our intended customers.

We costed our products and calculated profit margins with the use of spreadsheets and investigated the costs of alternative sizes, raw materials and their sources.

We designed persuasive advertisements for the products using snappy slogans and focusing on a specific audience.

When it came to sale day, we had a beautiful array of products for sale and although the class were there virtually through a Teams call, we were able to interact directly with our customers while Mr Alf took the money. We were able to talk confidently about our products, our design and material choices.

We took almost 4 million Indonesian Rupiah and still have a few items left to sell before the end of term. The students have decided, through the student voice committee, that the money will go to helping our neighbouring community, whose livelihoods have been hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic.

# Virtual School Experience Focus

#### **Week of Inspirational Maths** by Ms Me<mark>lissa Martin, Maths Cur</mark>riculum Leader

I hope everyone has had a wonderful maths-filled week! Across the school, children have been involved in many investigations producing some fantastic learning as part of our "Week of Inspirational Maths". Through the daily film clips, we have been learning that our brains grow when we make mistakes or when something is tricky and have been reminded that doing maths quickly isn't the same as doing maths well.

In Year 3, the children particularly enjoyed the maths art, being detectives while finding patterns in the Pascal's Triangle investigation and mixing it up by doing maths and English lessons combined!

It has been a joy to see all the extra challenges coming in and so many families getting involved. I had a great start to my Friday when I saw all the children so excited to be dressed up as someone who uses maths in their everyday lives. I hope this week has opened the children's eyes to maths really being everywhere!





### Finally...



At last year's NAS Bazaar we raised 21,350,000 ID<mark>R f</mark>or the chi<mark>ld</mark>ren at the Yay<mark>asan Prima</mark> Unggul (YPU). We recently invited Mr. Martin Gaya and Ibu Debby, founders of the charity, to school to receive the donation.

Pictured here is NAS parent representative Ms Arum Riddle-Care handing over the donation to the foundation to be used for further training and care of the YPU children. Thanks also to Ms Tamara Senf for arranging this meeting.



