



Dear Parents,

As we near the end of term, I would like to say a huge thanks to students, staff and parents for working in partnership and making NAS Jakarta such a wonderful community. Guided, supported and nurtured by their teachers and parents, our students are making huge progress in their learning and growing into independent, confident and caring young people. It is always a delight to see how much progress they make across this first term and how their learning behaviours and attitudes develop. Every day the children demonstrate their creativity and curiosity and



keep us busy ensuring that we are challenging and supporting them on their learning journey. Every day at school is action packed so do please acknowledge the hard work they have put in this term and then use the holiday period to let them relax and recharge their batteries.

Holiday time is a great break (for all the family) from the routines of school life and children love having this more relaxed time with family. Some of the most powerful and impactful home-learning is when parents actively “talk” with their child, so wherever you are this holiday, consciously make some time to put away the iPads and phones (theirs and yours) and get

TALKING; talk about family stories and histories, talk about the news and what is happening in the world: ask questions and find out more.

For those of you who celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, have a wonderful festive season. To all our school community, whether you are travelling or spending the break in Jakarta, have a wonderful holiday.

Merry Christmas

*Niki Meehan*  
Principal

## Brilliant Bazaar!



What a fabulous day was had by all on Saturday as our community came together for the annual NAS Bazaar. The children had such good fun taking part in all the tradition fayre games with the Angry Birds Catapult and the Crazy Golf proving to be firm favourites. The face-painting and funky nail bar were as popular as always and the children delighted in being transformed into their favourite superheroes and being ‘decorated’. The Tombola was a star attraction with every ticket winning a prize – of course the fun being whether your surprise was something silly or something cool. Not to mention having your photo taken with tropical Santa.



The wide range of craft sellers led to a lot of happy shoppers – and as they all had ethical credentials and were small businesses, we could have guilt free shopping. Parents got to relax with some food, drinks and social chat while the children happily charged around and played. Raffle ticket sales were strong, raising money for our nominate charity (Yayasan Prima Unggul) and the lucky winner were delighted with their prizes. A fantastic day for all the family. Thanks to everyone who came together to make this event a great success.

## Mr. Brent's Music Roundup

Mr. Brentan Schilling



We have had a busy term in the music department. The last half term was especially enjoyable for the children as they worked on their musical pieces to present at the recent concerts. A particular aspect of the concert that may not have been obvious was that the construction of each performance was heavily influenced by the children themselves. Children were given the opportunity and encouraged to voice their ideas on how they could present the respective piece. Student input came in the form of; the creation of certain actions, selection of instruments to include, extra vocal parts, movement, dancing and expression. When children are given the chance to contribute to the design of an activity, they tend to enjoy it even more. In music class and rehearsals, they were guided and supported right up until the last week when they demonstrated that they did not need Mr. Brent to conduct them at the front but could perform the song all on their own. The class teachers did a wonderful job of helping the students create their costumes.

Another feature this term has been developing student curiosity for learning instruments. At every opportunity, children are given access to the growing range of instruments in the music department and in this way we hope to foster more specific musical interests. There is great potential for growth when music-making becomes a regular experience for children. At this critical time of brain development their minds are searching for something recognisable that they identify with and can reproduce. If we can teach children to value making music and to support one another in doing it, we will no doubt witness the beauty of their growth as they learn. Thanks for your continued support.

## Winter Wonderland

Small World Learning in Foundation 1



Our young learners have been actively engaged in imaginative play at the small world stations. Winter wonderland scenes have been set up to provoke communication, discussion, role play, imitation and great learning about real life and the world around them, as well as fantasy worlds created by the children themselves. It has been a delight to see the travel from the Antarctica to Lapland, and to hear them talk about penguins and icebergs and polar bears. They love the story of the 2 Little Bears by Suzi Moore and have taken to heart the moral of the story that just because Little Brown Bear and Little Snow Bear are different on the outside, inside they are just like each other and become best friends. We love our small world play!

### Term 1 Reports and PTCs

On Monday 16 December you will receive your child's Term 1, 2019-20 Academic Report. This is an interim report which aims to provide you with an understanding of your child's progress and attitude towards learning during the course of this term, and to highlight some learning targets for the coming term. In January you will have the chance to meet your child's teacher at a Parent-Teacher Conference. At this meeting you will be able to discuss your child's Term 1 Report and also review their Individual Learning Records which summarise their attainment against age related expectations for Reading, Writing and Maths/ Next Step Learning Goals. PTC Letters and appointment slips will be sent out on 9 January and PTC meetings will take place Wednesday 29 January and Thursday 30 January 2020.

### Term 2/3 ECA Confirmations

Our ECA programme has been further expanded with some great new offers including Ballet, Hockey and a number of music sessions. We hope that every child has been able to select activities to further develop their skills and allow them to try new things.

- On Monday 16 December your child will bring home an ECA confirmation form.
- Please note that if you would like to make a change to these confirmed ECAs, this will need to be done in writing to [eca@nasjakarta.sch.id](mailto:eca@nasjakarta.sch.id). Requests in person at the front office will not be accepted. Change requests will be looked at in the first week back at school in January after our new families have had an opportunity to sign up for ECAs. Changes will only be made if there are still positions available in the requested ECA.
- If a mistake has been made on your confirmation form, please alert Lia at the front office in person or via email to [eca@nasjakarta.sch.id](mailto:eca@nasjakarta.sch.id)

## Diary Dates

### 2019-2020 Term Dates Calendar

Please see our website for our school's calendar

### 2020-2020 Term Dates Calendar

Please see our website for our school's calendar

### Learning Overview

Weekly for each class

### Class News & School Newsletter

Every two weeks (alternating)

### Student Reports Issued

Monday 16 December

### Last day of Term 1

Wednesday 18 December

### Start of Term 2

Wednesday 8 January 2020