

In order for us to contact you quickly and easily, your child needs to have an **Emergency Contact Form** completed by his/her parent/guardian and kept on file in the school office. Please keep this information updated throughout the year.

[Student Emergency Contact Form](#)

Dear Parents,

## Welcome to issue 8 of the NAS Jakarta Newsletter 2021-22



Thank you to all parents who attended our recent family afternoons. We hope you enjoyed the

opportunity to meet other families, especially if you are new to NAS. You may also have had the chance to talk to our NAS Parent Ambassadors. In this newsletter Tracey Lewis, Nicole Vierhaus and Bani Tengah introduce themselves and how they support our school community.

NAS welcomed a group of teachers all the way from Papua this week for a professional development opportunity. We were delighted to share our approach to learning in our Early Years setting with them.

Also this week, some of our classes have been engaging in STEAM learning in our MakerSpace. Spending time in the MakerSpace is both exciting and challenging as you will see from the article below.

Finally, we have a Virtual Open Day for prospective parents on Wednesday 1st

December so please forward our flyer to colleagues, friends and acquaintances for them to find out more about NAS. Thank you!



Wishing you a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

**Rosy Clark**

## What's New!

## Meet the NAS Parent Ambassadors



### Tracey Lewis

Tracey is, first and foremost, the dedicated mother of Sadie (Y3) and Sam (F2). In the little spare time she has, Tracey is a self-confessed foodie and cook. Not far on the horizon, Tracey will return to her profession as a Certified Practising Accountant.

Having served 3 prior expatriate postings in Shanghai-China, Heidelberg-Germany, and Melbourne-Australia, Tracey is familiar with the emotional ups and downs of international assignments and the pressures experienced by parents when it comes to the education and social wellbeing of their children.

Fluent in Mandarin Chinese, English and German (well, pretty good), Tracey is more than happy to assist new NAS parents to better understand and explore the NAS school community and upcoming events.



### Nicole Vierhaus

Halo dan salam kenal! Maybe we've already met during one of the Parent Ambassador afternoons or perhaps our children play with each other in school. My name is Nicole and I'm a

working mom, Indonesia explorer, and proud Parent Ambassador for NAS.

My family and I come from Germany and this is our first posting in another country. Both of my kids are happily attending NAS. David (in Foundation 1 with Mrs. Esther) runs around this beautiful campus as fast as he can, and Mara (in Year 1 with Ms. Melissa) soaks up all the knowledge she can get from her wonderful teachers. We appreciate the nurturing, holistic approach to learning and development NAS offers to our children. We value the children, parent, and teacher relationship, which is very special. The school community is strong, and the parents have every possibility to play an active role in their children's school life.

As a Parent Ambassador, I want to contribute to strengthening the relations between school and parents. Being new in this diverse and colourful city can sometimes feel a bit overwhelming and therefore I'd like to help newly arrived families to have a smooth

transition into NAS school life and also into Jakarta life.

If you have any questions about the school and its learning online or offline, if you need some tips about city life, or if you are looking for some family adventures in Indonesia, I'd be happy to help.



### Bani Tengah

Bani is diplo-spouse to Sam Hayes and (when not getting out and about) stay-at-home-mum to Maryam who is currently in her fifth year at NAS Jakarta in Year 3 - Harimau Class.

Born and raised in Brunei Darussalam, and an alumna of the International School Brunei, who after 14 years in the legal profession as a prosecutor and government lawyer, quit the tropical island life for the (not so tropical) British Isles and adventures new.

Snap-happy, shopaholic, Trekkie and foster mum to three Jakarta compound cats. Loving Indonesia and looking forward to continuing to support the fabulous and diverse NAS Jakarta Community... and World Peace.

**Please send any queries you may have for our Parent Ambassadors via your Class Parent.**



# A Look at Learning

## The adults at NAS learn too!

Any new employee at NAS Jakarta quickly discovers that ongoing professional development is a fundamental element of working for Nord Anglia Education. Learning for staff is provided throughout the year via bespoke online training sessions, the company's online platform "Nord Anglia University", conferences, school-based workshops, leadership courses and more. The opportunity for quality professional development is without doubt a benefit for all members of staff whatever their role in school.



On Monday afternoon, NAS Jakarta was selected by the local education authorities to provide professional development focusing on Early Years practice for a group of teachers who travelled from Jayapura in Papua with their mayor. Their visit included a presentation by our Early Years Coordinator Dom Brown about our youngest students' learning followed by practical sessions in our classrooms.



For more about learning in our Foundation 2 Owa class please [click here](#).

If you missed this video showing Blended (Hybrid) Learning in the Early Years at NAS, [here's](#) another opportunity to view it.

## STEAM Learning in the MakerSpace



This half term, Mr Alf is introducing our MakerSpace to all our Primary Years classes through MIT challenges that can be found on Global Campus.

The MakerSpace is set up for children to learn with, and develop, their curiosity. Planned time in the MakerSpace provides the children with valuable opportunities to be creative, solve problems, overcome challenges and collaborate with their peers.



As an environmentally conscious school, we are always keen to reuse, recycle and reduce. The children are learning to reuse household items ('hacking') so we welcome your help with building up our supplies of the following items:

- Cardboard tubes (not toilet roll tubes)
- Flattened and clean cardboard cereal boxes
- Clean plastic water bottles

There will be a collection box in the school lobby for these items. Thank you for your help!

## Diary Dates

Please note that our programme of Bedtime Stories has now come to an end. We hope your family enjoyed these sessions!

### **End of term 1**

**Thursday 9th December** Written reports will be issued to parents.

**Thursday 16th December** NAS Festive Virtual Disco at 17:45 – 18:15



**Friday 17th December** is a non-uniform morning for festive parties.

(No food/drink to be shared).

**Term 1 ends at 12:00 on Friday 17th December.**

### **Term 2**

Face-to-face learning begins again on **Wednesday 12th January 2022.**

