



12 December 2014

Dear Parents,

It's been an incredibly busy, but hugely enjoyable and festive week. The Year 1s and 2s showed great creativity, dedication and patience in their performances. We've uploaded lots of photos and video clips to our website and please check the Year 1 and 2 blogs for more photos and videos. Finally a big thank you to our new PTA for diving in and helping out and to all our Year 1 and 2 parents for making the performances so special for our younger pupils.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE LAST WEEK OF TERM

- Tuesday 16 December – Class Christmas Parties and DRESS FESTIVE DAY. All pupils are encouraged to dig out their tinsel, antlers, angel wings and Christmas jumpers!
- Friday 19 December – Whole School Assembly, including the finals of the House Singing Competition and performances by the School Choir and Orchestra. **Please note school will close early. Buses will depart at 1.00pm.**

BUS TIMES – LEAVING EARLY ON FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER

Please remember that the school buses are leaving at 1pm on the last day of term, so you'll need to revise your pick up times by two hours (earlier). If there are any delays, we'll send a text message to all parents to update you. Furthermore, if you are planning on picking up your child on Friday – instead of taking the bus – it really is essential that you let us know in advance (24 hours in advance, please) so that we know exactly which children should be on the buses.

BUS – ROUTE CHANGES FROM 5 JANUARY

Speaking of buses, we've been working hard on some revisions and improvements to the bus service. We're confirming these today and will be sharing details on Monday. The changes will be effective from 5 January.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – ALL SCHOOL & CLASS PHOTOS

This morning we had our first All School Photograph. Quite an achievement to get all of our pupils, teachers and support staff in one photograph, but a marvellous memento of our first term in Hong Kong! We then took class photos, and these will all be available to buy. We'll be sharing the photography website details with you next week.

STAR OF THE WEEK – HISTORY

This week, our [Stars of the Week](#) in History were selected for their effort, creativity and achievements. Congratulations to all our Stars:

Year 1: Esme McFee, Elina Lee, Alicia Poon, Ethan Mak
Year 2: Jerry Qiu, Tom Walpole, Ian Boschini, Lizzie Sunjajeva Hilton, Devon Perrin
Year 3: Isaac Reid, Jude Wong, Oliver Merrill, Eugene Su
Year 4: Harsh Anand, Sophia Forzani, Maya Kamhawi,
Year 5: Michelle Zhang, Justin Hao, Jasmine Law
Year 6: Vic Jiwattanakul, Dina Evdokimova
Year 7: Terry Ho, Charles Thompson

GLOBAL CLASSROOM (GC) UPDATES

Our pupils have been getting really engaged in activities and discussions on our [Global Classroom](#) website. Today, Mr Robinson, our GC Lead Teacher, proudly told the whole school that Hong Kong pupils had been the most active users among all of our 31 schools around the world! Beatrice Villaflor in 6B got a special mention for her posts in the GC Book Club section. Mr Robinson also named eight students as GC Student Voice Leaders. These students from Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 will play a key role in leading GC projects in Hong Kong and across our family of schools.

A huge opportunity for our students is a chance for 2 primary and 2 secondary pupils to represent NAIS on The Global Classroom as Student Voice Leaders. The following students will take part in webinars, lead Global Classroom projects and help promote Global Classroom to the school community:

Year 4 - Emma Standing and Jasmin Coan
Year 5 - Satva Upadhyay and Bobby Li
Year 6 - Amber Khaira and Beatrice Villaflor
Year 7 - Valeria Kulik and Charles Thompson

ORCHESTRA REMINDER – THURSDAY 18 & FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER

We're all looking forward to hearing the NAIS Orchestra playing during our final All School Assembly on Friday 19 December. Please could all our musicians remember to bring their instruments on Thursday and Friday.

LUNCH – JANUARY MENU ON OUR WEBSITE

We've seen some major improvements to our cafeteria with a much larger range of hot and cold foods, as well as drinks and pastries. Please remember that if your child is in Year 1 or 2 and you'd like to select school lunches, then you will need to order in advance from the [January menu](#). For years 3 and above, your child can bring in their Octopus and choose their food on the day.

OFFER LETTERS FOR SIBLINGS FOR AUGUST 2015 START

If you have applied for a Year 1 place for your child starting in August 2015 you should now have received an email from our Admissions Manager, Maddi Palser. We know how excited lots of big brothers and sisters are to be able to show off their school to their younger siblings! We've organised assessments for other Year 1 applicants in January, [and other year](#)

group assessments will follow in years where we have space.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW PUPILS STARTING IN AUGUST 2015

We already have a waitlist for assessments for our next Year 1 classes, which I'm sure you'll agree is a major achievement for such a new school! If you know of other families looking for Year 1 places, then please encourage them to apply as quickly as possible. We may not be able to offer every child an assessment, so it's always a good idea to email admissions@nais.hk first so that Maddi can give her expert advice on the likelihood of places becoming available.

VISITS FROM INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTENS

We're delighted to be able to show around the Principals from some of Hong Kong's best-known kindergartens and pre-schools in mid-January. We do love to share our friendly school community and we know all our pupils will make us proud!

NAIS 'GIVING TREE'

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has invited our families to remember those less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas by leaving a wrapped gift under the Christmas tree in our reception area. It's entirely optional, but if you would like to participate, please wrap a gift (valued at around \$100) and mark with the age and gender of the child that the present is for. We will be donating all these gifts to the Queen Mary Hospital who will distribute them to children in need over Christmas. Thank you for the generosity of all the parents that have already left a gift.

Thank you again for all your help in supporting our Christmas Performances this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

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