

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 10 of the NAS Jakarta Newsletter 2021-22

And a very warm welcome to all new NAS families! We are delighted that you have joined our special community and hope you settle in quickly. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your class parent(s) if you need any tips or guidance as you settle in. In addition, you can contact our NAS Parent Ambassadors through the class parents. A reminder of who our ambassadors are is included in this newsletter for all our new families.

A few reminders for you at the start of this new term:

**1. Birthdays** Families often want their child's class to share in birthday celebrations and we are happy to support this. Please follow the following procedure if you wish your child to bring anything to school to celebrate their birthday with their classmates:

- **Please notify your child's teacher in advance** that you would like your child to bring birthday cake to school for their class and agree the most appropriate day/time.
- Your child may bring their birthday cake to school themselves. Alternatively, please arrange with the teacher for the cake to be delivered to the school office.
- **Birthday cake only** (no snacks, party bags, gifts).
- As food cannot be shared due to Covid protocols, please provide **individually wrapped pieces of cake, muffins or cookies**.
- We respectfully ask you to try to use environmentally friendly packaging.
- The birthday cake must be **nut-free** please.
- Children with allergies will bring their

birthday cake home for their parents to check it is safe for consumption.

**2. Head lice** It is normal practice at NAS to do a quick check for head lice at the start of every term. We are re-introducing this practice now we are all back on campus full-time. If our staff suspect your child has head lice, you will be notified immediately to collect your child from school and take them for treatment.

It's an exciting start to 2022 with the return to full time face-to-face learning on campus, so please read on for a look into our classrooms to see the range of learning that has taken place so far this term.

Wishing you a healthy and happy weekend!

Kind regards,

**Rosy Clark**

Principal

## A Look at Learning

### Learning is fun at NAS!

#### Nursery



It has been a lovely first week in Nursery! Kancil class welcomed back children who have been away on holidays, and also welcomed new friends who have joined us this term.



This week, children have been settling in; exploring and getting to know their environment. There are new areas in the classroom that are linked to the term's theme and core-text. Children have been role-playing in the "farmer's market" play area where they sell and buy fruit and vegetables. Our sensory activities are curated to reflect the term's theme as well, such as making apples and bananas from playdough.





Foundation 1



The Foundation 1 children have taken part in an exciting new activity, “Write Dance”. When we turned on the music, the children danced and made circles with long pieces of crepe paper as well as using their body parts. “Write Dance” is about finding the rhythm and energy for the coordination required when learning to write.



Foundation 2



With 8 new Owa’s this term the F2 children have been getting to know each other this week and exploring our classroom together. It has been wonderful to watch the returning Owa’s welcome their new classmates, playing with them and showing them our routines. And it has been a joy to see our new learners so happy and settled.



Year 1



The Year 1 Komodos have proven to be great outdoor explorers as they searched the area outside of our classroom for various types of plants as part of their new IPC topic entitled “Green Fingers”. They had a lot of fun exploring the outdoor space and showing each other what they found. The students were asked to record their discoveries through writing or drawing on their record sheets and indicating if the plants they found produced a flower, fruit or seeds. The students also kept a record of any insects they came across and tracked how many of each insect.

Well done Komodo Class! Ms Melissa is so very proud of your hard work this week and happy to see you had lots of fun with your learning.



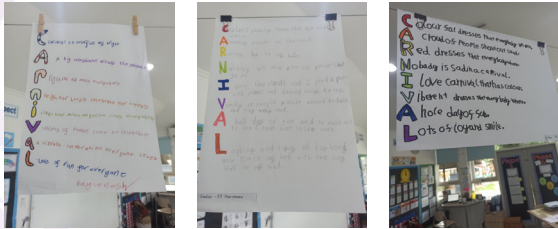
Year 2



In Maths this week in Year 2 we learned about growing patterns. Instead of a repeating pattern, the patterns grow and follow a rule. The children were given the beginning of a pattern. They then had to find the rule for the pattern and continue the pattern working practically with pattern blocks. We had fun continuing the patterns and finding the rules!



Year 3

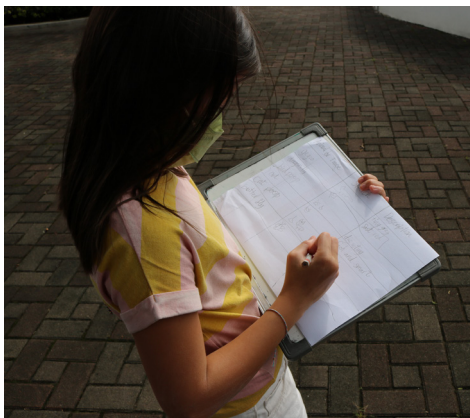


Year 3 have enjoyed getting started on our new IPC topic ‘Different Places, Similar Lives’ this term and we have started off with a colourful and vibrant bang by learning about celebrations around the world. We looked at the Mardi Gras carnival in New Orleans and created some wonderful acronym poems.

Year 4



Year 4 had an exciting first day back in school... we were stranded on a desert island to launch our new IPC topic! While wearing our summer holiday clothes, we worked as a team to create a huge HELP sign, learn survival skills, worked out how to use a compass and write a message in a bottle. We had great fun and are pretty sure we’d all survive if it ever happened to us in real life!





## Year 5 and Mr Gerald's moments of pride this week:



Firstly, I was very proud of the calm way in which Gracie reacted to finding out this beautiful caterpillar had got onto her iPad while working outside, and the students' great curiosity and awe at it as well!

Secondly, at the end of term 1 and during the school holidays, NAS Teaching & Learning Assistants and administrative staff put in a Herculean effort to create over 800 flashcards, which I am able to use for English language learning to great effect.

Finally, I am very proud of Kaihan and Stella, our two new students in Year 5, who are settling in exceptionally well and putting in a lot of effort to adapt to an English language classroom. Furthermore, I am very impressed with the way the other Year 5 students have acted to include them in class activities and games.



## Year 6/7



Pari Manta class have been learning about fair trade and researching ethical brands as part of their 'Global Guardians: Earth 2.0' topic. They have recognised how consumers have a responsibility when choosing which products to buy and that their choices can affect the way companies operate. I'm proud of the empathy the Pari Manta class have shown during these lessons, and they give me a lot of hope for a brighter, fairer future.

## 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.**

## Diary Dates

- Extra-curricular swimming lessons begin on **Monday 24th January** on **Monday 31st January and Tuesday 1st February**
- Football ECAs begin on **Tuesday 25th January and Thursday 27th January**
- STEAM ECA begins on **Thursday 3rd February**
- School closure for a staff training day and the Chinese New Year holiday
- Half term break from **Monday 28th February - Friday 4th March inclusive)**
- School closure for the public holiday on **Friday 15th April**
- Term 2 ends at **12:00 on Friday 22nd April**