



KIS News

At Kinabalu International School we are dedicated to providing an excellent education in a caring, respectful environment, challenging students to achieve their full potential as successful world citizens.

2nd September 2016

From the Principal

Welcome to Term 1 of the 2016/17 academic year!

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new and returning students and their families. If you are new to KIS, please make yourself known to your son/daughter's teachers. Our PTA would also like to invite you to attend their New Friends Coffee Morning on Friday 9th September. Please contact Mrs Naree Blackie on 0128113147 for more information.

This year we are delighted to welcome many new families to KIS with over 70 new students and 15 new teachers joining the school. As in previous years we have students from over 30 different countries around the world, which makes our school an exciting place to be and truly international.

It is wonderful to see so many bright smiling student faces at school and everyone looking very smart in their school uniform. For those parents with students in the Primary School, we are delighted to have the new Primary Building open and operational. The new classrooms are wonderful and I know that the Primary Students were very excited to explore the new building yesterday. Over the holiday our Office and Ground Staff have worked extremely hard to prepare the new classrooms and spaces for the start of term.

The new year ahead promises to be a very busy one. Since early this week the teachers have been working hard to prepare for another exciting and challenging year of learning for your son or daughter. Over the coming weeks we will share with you much of what is planned for the year ahead.

It is our hope that over the next week students will quickly settle into their classes and studies at KIS. If your son/daughter experiences any problems, please contact their Class Teacher (for Primary Students) or their Tutor/Subject Teacher (for Secondary Students). Please do not hesitate to contact us, no matter how small the concern might be. It is very important that students settle into their studies well from the start.

Parent ID Cards & Essential Information Booklet

New Parent ID Cards are available for parents (new and existing) to collect from the School Office. These ID Cards should be worn by parents whenever visiting the school. Our Essential Information Booklet can also be collected at the same time.

Yearbook 2015-16

If any existing families did not collect their Yearbook at the end of last term, please see the staff in the School Office to collect your copy.

Traffic Flow

To ensure that traffic flows as smoothly as possible outside the school campus, parents are asked not to double park or to park in the U Turn area at the top of the road. We thank you in advance for your support with these matters.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

With warm regards,

Alan Connah

Principal

Dates for your Diary

Mon 5th September:	Primary Swimming Programme starts
Thurs 8th September:	ECA Selection Forms distributed to students
Fri 9th September:	PTA New Friends Coffee Morning (for new KIS families).
Mon 12th September:	Public Holiday - School Closed
Week beginning Tues 13th Sept:	Primary Topic Talks
Weds 14th September:	Deadline for submission of ECA Selection Forms
Weds 14th September:	Welcome to Secondary Talk for New Parents
Fri 16th September:	Public Holiday - School Closed

Primary News

Primary Swimming Programme

Swimming is an important part of our PE curriculum at KIS. All students in Foundation 2 and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will participate in weekly swimming lessons throughout the academic year. Students in Key Stage 2 will have swimming lessons for two of the three terms.

The swimming programme for this term will commence on Monday 5th September. The timetable for swimming is as follows:

Monday - Year 2
Tuesday - Year 5
Wednesday - Foundation 2
Thursday - Year 1
Friday - Year 6

On their swimming day, students should come to school wearing their swimwear under their uniform. They should bring a bag containing their towel, goggles and underwear. Students should wear slip on shoes to school and bring their school shoes and socks in a separate bag, which they will change into when they return to school. Long hair must be tied up and sunscreen should be applied before they arrive at school.

For safety reasons we cannot provide supervision for children who do not attend swimming. If your child is unwell and cannot join their lesson they should come to school at 10.00am with a note of explanation.

For further information on our Swimming programme and swim kit requirements, please see our website: <http://www.kis.edu.my/swimming-programme/>

Primary Topic Talks

Our Topic Talks will be held from Tuesday 13th September to Thursday 15th September. More information will be available early next week on the schedule and venues for these meetings.

Nicky Russell
Acting Head of Primary

PTA News

New Friends of KIS

To all parents new to KIS this term:

The PTASC established a multi-national team of mum's, called the New Friends of KIS team (NFT for short). Whether you are a Kota Kinabalu (KK) resident or an expat newly arrived, our aim is to help you settle in fast & feel comfortable in the KIS community, & in KK. We will arrange a coffee morning at a local cafe on Friday 9th September. Any parent who is new to KIS this term is most welcome to attend! If one of the NFT hasn't been in contact with you by Weds 6th and you would like more details, please do call either Naree or Kate.

We look forward to meeting you in person soon.

Naree Blackie: 012 811 3147

Kate Gresson: 013 857 5478

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Friday 9th September - New Friends of KIS Coffee Morning

Friday 23rd September - Parent and Teacher Meet and Greet Pot Luck Dinner

Friday 14th October - International Day

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