



# 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 December 2016

## From the Principal

### Christmas Carols

This evening our Primary School Choir will be singing Christmas Carols at Le Meridien Hotel at 7pm. If you have a free evening please do come along and support our students as they help us to get into the Christmas spirit. If you are unable to make it tonight, the Choir will be performing again at the Tanjung Aru Beach Resort at 7pm on Thursday 8th December.

### Christmas Fair

Next Monday the KIS Charity Committee is hosting a Christmas Fair at school from 2pm to 4pm in support of charity. We would like to extend a warm invitation to all members of our community to join this Christmas celebration. There will be a Christmas Market selling all sorts of wonderful gift items for Christmas, along with some tasty Christmas treats. The Primary School Choir will be singing Christmas Carols and Father Christmas will be in attendance for the younger members of our community to visit. We hope you will come along and enjoy the festive spirit.

### Christmas Mufti Day Lunch & Cookies

I would like to thank the PTA for organising the Christmas Mufti Lunch yesterday. There were a lot of very happy faces around school as we started celebrating the festive season. I would also like to thank the PTA for organising Christmas cookies for all our students today. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

### Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas Production

We are very pleased to invite the KIS Community to attend our Foundation Stage and Key Stage One production, which will be staged on Tuesday 6th December at 10.30am and Wednesday 7th December at 6pm. This year, children from Foundation 1, Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 have been working very hard to present "Sugar Plum" for your enjoyment. It is sure to be a wonderful event so do come along. Tickets are available from the School Office and are free of charge.

### Celebration Assemblies

To celebrate the end of Term 1 we have our Secondary Celebration Assembly at 2pm on Tuesday 6th December and our Primary Celebration Assembly at 8am on Thursday 8th December. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

### Rescheduled AGM, 8am Tuesday 6th December, Multi Purpose Room

I would like to encourage all parents to attend this very important meeting. As a parent-run, not for profit school, it is essential that parents are informed about the school's operations and have the opportunity to elect the new Board Members for the coming year.

This year we require seven (7) new Board Members. Ideally, for the meeting to proceed, we need a quorum of 164 parents. However, if after half an hour we do not have a quorum, we can on this occasion proceed with the meeting. So please do come along and support this very important event.

To help parents prepare for the meeting please view the Biographies of those parents who have been nominated for election to the Board of Management by visiting our [website](#). Given the importance of the Board of Management, please take some time to carefully consider each of the eleven nominated candidates in preparation for the election.

If you are unable to attend the meeting you can appoint another parent to act as your proxy. To arrange this, you will need to complete a Proxy Form ([attached here](#)) and follow the directions provided on the form. **Please understand that a parent can only act as Proxy for two people.** Many thanks in advance for your support.

### End of ECAs and Primary Swimming Programme

Please be advised that the Term 1 ECAs and Primary Swimming Programme finish today. Forms for Term 2 ECAs were sent home with students yesterday, the deadline for the return of forms is Wednesday 7th December.

**Finally, please be informed that as is tradition, the school will close for the Christmas Holiday break at 12 midday on the 9th of December.**

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Alan Connah, Principal

# Dates for your Diary

<b>Fri 2nd Dec:</b>	Final Day of Term 1 ECAs and Primary
<b>Fri 2nd Dec:</b>	PTA Christmas Cookie Distribution
<b>Fri 2nd Dec:</b>	Christmas Caroling at Le Meridien, 7pm
<b>Mon 5th Dec:</b>	Christmas Fair 2-4pm
<b>Tues 6th Dec:</b>	Board of Management AGM, 8am
<b>Tues 6th Dec:</b>	Sugar Plum KS1 Production, 10.30am
<b>Tues 6th Dec:</b>	Secondary Celebration Assembly, 2pm
<b>Weds 7th Dec:</b>	Sugar Plum KS1 Production, 6pm
<b>Thurs 8th Dec:</b>	Primary Celebration Assembly, 8am
<b>Thurs 8th Dec:</b>	Primary Choir Caroling at Shangri-La, Tanjung Aru, 7pm
<b>Fri 9th Dec:</b>	End of Term 1, School Finishes at 12pm

## Primary News

### Primary Library

It has been noticed over this term that the children have loved sharing books with their classmates and teachers in the comfort of the Library. The wonderful ladies from the story sack team have been hard at work this week making bean bags for the students to use in both libraries. A huge thank you needs to be said to these ladies who have given up two days to sew, stuff and zip twelve beanbags.

We hope that parents have enjoyed sharing the Library books with their children. Primary students are allowed to borrow a maximum of two books at each visit to the library. If you are finding that your child would like to change their book more regularly than their weekly class session, please visit the Library with your child any day between 3-4pm to help them choose another book.

This week was the last week for borrowing books from the Primary Library for this term. Please ensure that your child returns any library books that they have borrowed before Wednesday 6th December.

### Visitors to Primary This Week

Key Stage Two has been very busy welcoming visitors this week. On Monday representatives from Danau Girang Field Center came to speak to Key Stage Two about the work that they do with the endangered wildlife of Sabah. They were focusing especially on their work with the Clouded Leopard as one of our Year 4 Students, Tiggi, had been in contact with them about their work and how people could help them. The team brought with them many varied photographs highlighting the different types of animals that live in the jungle surrounding the Kinabatangan River.

Also this week, Year 3 have been treated to a talk on Marine Conservation by Kay from Scuba Junkie. She spoke about the importance of keeping our seas clean and how so many different animals and humans depended on coral reefs. The students were again treated to a vast array of photographs from the coral reefs surrounding Sabah and especially those from the Tunku Abdul Rahman and Sipadan Marine Parks.



**Nicky Russell**  
Head of Primary

# Board of Management Update

## Board of Management AGM

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the rescheduled AGM, to be held in the Multi Purpose Room at 8am on Tuesday 6th December. As well as reporting on achievements from the past year, the meeting will also see the election of 7 new board members. You can read the biographies of our candidates on our [website](#).

**KIS Board of Management**