



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.

25th August 2017

From the Principal

Welcome to the 2017/18 academic year!

On behalf of the KIS Staff I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new and returning students and their families. It has been wonderful to see so many bright smiling student faces at school and everyone looking very smart in their school uniform.

We are delighted to welcome many new families to KIS, along with 17 new teachers and several new teaching assistants. This year we have students from over 30 different countries around the world and staff from 14. As a result, our school is very much an international community.

To help welcome new families into our special community the PTA would like to invite new and returning parents to attend a Coffee Morning next Wednesday, 30th August, between 8am & 9.30am in the Multi-Purpose Room at school. I look forward to meeting new and old parents at this event.

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 students. Over the coming weeks, we will share with you much of what is planned for the year ahead.

It is our hope that students will quickly settle into their classes and studies. 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.



New Arrangements for Student Drop Off

To improve the flow of traffic and parking for parents in the morning we have a new designated drop off zone in front of the school ([please see the attached map](#)). As parents arrive they will be directed into the new drop off zone by KIS staff. Parents who need to park are asked to do so in the car park by the Mosque and along the roadside leading up to the main gate of the school. Please do not park on the new St Francis campus. To facilitate this all KIS staff have been asked to park along the road after the main school entrance and in the church car park at the top of the hill.

Parents are asked to ensure that their children are at school by 7.40am at the latest. The school bell for the start of the day will ring at 7.40am and registration will commence at 7.50am. Parents are asked not to drop off their children at school before 7.15am in the morning and to ensure that their children are collected promptly in the afternoon (2pm for Primary and 3pm for Secondary).

Parent ID Cards

New 2017/18 Parent ID Cards are available for all parents to collect from the School Office. These ID Cards should be worn by parents whenever visiting the school. Parents who do not have an ID Card will be required to show another form of ID and sign in at the school gate. They will then be issued with a Visitors Pass.

Catering Service

We are delighted to announce the opening of the KIS Healthy Heart Canteen on the school campus. The Board of Management, led by Cindy Reynolds, has worked very hard over the last six months to establish a catering service at school. The tender for the canteen was won through a competitive process by Datin Noor Azean, one of our school parents, and her company GGC. Over the holidays, she has worked extremely hard to set up the canteen in time for the new academic year.

Parents who would like to order lunch for their child(ren) can access the [August and September Menu here](#) and the [Order Form here](#). Hard copies of both are available from the Parent Information Noticeboard at school. In the interests of health and safety, and to support our new canteen, parents are asked not to organize deliveries by outside caterers to the school.



The initial menu offered by the Healthy Heart Canteen has been prepared so as to provide a mix of healthy (pork-free) Asian and Western style meals. Datin Noor Azean is very open to feedback from students, parents and staff as she wants to provide meals that people enjoy and that are good value for money. Please contact Datin Noor directly (on 011 11411 6713) if you have menu suggestions. This is a wonderful new initiative at our school and one which I hope the KIS community will strongly support.

Pass Club

Pass Club runs daily (2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday). Children must be collected by the allocated time. Parents wishing to avail themselves of this service should book and pay for a Pass Club place at the School Office. Forms are available from the Parent Information Noticeboard or can be [downloaded here](#).

Once again, welcome to the new academic year!

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Alan Connah
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 25th Aug:	New Friends Coffee Morning (for new families to KIS) - please contact Naree Blackie on 012 811 3147 for more
Weds 30th Aug:	PTA Coffee Morning for new and returning parents, 8am, Multi Purpose Room (MPR)
Thurs 31st Aug & Fri 1st Sept:	Public Holidays – School Closed
Tues 19th Sept:	Welcome to Secondary Talk for New Parents
Fri 22nd Sept:	Public Holiday – School Closed

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Draft AGM Minutes

The draft AGM minutes from the 6th December 2016 are now available in the Letters for Parents page of the website and can be found in the PTA / Board of Management section: <http://www.kis.edu.my/letters-for-parents/>

Board of Management

PTA NEWS

Welcome!

The PTA would like to welcome all new parents who have joined us this year! I hope that your first few days have been inspiring and that you are settling in well! Welcome back to everyone else and I look forward to a wonderful and positive new year at KIS.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Wednesday, 30th August, for the PTA Welcome Coffee Morning, which will be held from 8am - 9:30am in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Myself and the whole PTA team look forward to the school year ahead.

Nicole Gervasi
PTA Chair

The logo for 'Coffee Morning' features the word 'COFFEE' in a large, blue, sans-serif font. The letter 'O' is replaced by a stylized coffee cup with a white swirl of steam rising from it. Below 'COFFEE', the word 'MORNING' is written in a smaller, light blue, sans-serif font.

WEDS 30TH AUGUST
8AM -9:30AM
MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
ALL WELCOME!