



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.

15th December 2017

From the Principal

KIS Christmas Fair

On behalf of the School Charity Committee, I would like to thank everyone for their attendance and support at last Tuesday's Christmas Fair. The afternoon attracted a huge crowd and was a great success with something for everyone. At the end of the day, the Charity Committee raised just under RM6,000 from the event, which is a fantastic result. Congratulations must go to the Charity Committee and Sharon Rose for all their hard work in organising the Fair.

Christmas Carols

Congratulations must also go to our Primary School Choir for their terrific public performances this week. They have done a magnificent job getting us all into the spirit of Christmas.

KIS Shop Opening Hours

The KIS Shop will be open on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of January from 9am to 11am for parents wishing to purchase uniform before school resumes on the 8th. From the 8th January, the normal opening hours will be in place: 7.30am to 8.30am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Healthy Heart Canteen January Menu

A reminder that the menu and order form for catered lunches from the Healthy Heart Canteen are now available to download here:

> [January Menu](#)

> [January Order Form](#)

Alternatively, hard copies can be collected from the Parent Information Board or from the canteen.

Thank You

As this is our last Newsletter before the Christmas Holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their hard work and dedication over the last four months, and parents for all their support, particularly our Class Ambassadors and the PTA. Last, but in no way least, I would like to thank our students for what has been an excellent Term 1.

Season's Greetings

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoys a safe and relaxing holiday with family. I look forward to seeing students back at school on Monday 8th January 2018.

If you are leaving KIS, we wish you and your family all the very best for the future and hope that you will stay in touch with us.

Finally, please be informed that as is tradition, the school will close for the Christmas Holiday break at 12 midday today.

With warm regards,

Mr Alan Connah
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 15th December:	Secondary Celebration Assembly (9am)
Fri 15th December:	Final Day of Term 1. School closes at 12 midday.
Weds 3rd, Thurs 4th, Fri, 5th January:	KIS Shop Open, 9.00-11.00am
Mon 8th January:	First Day of Term 2

PRIMARY NEWS

Primary Choir

The Primary choir have been rehearsing very hard for all of their performances this week. It was a real pleasure listening to them sing at Le Meridien Hotel on Monday and at the school Christmas Fair on Tuesday. A huge thank you needs to be said to Ms Ku and Ms Wong for all the hard work they have put in to helping the children rehearse.

Topic Talks Term 2

Following on from our very successful information talks last academic year, the Term 2 Topic Talk will be led by Mr Green, Head of Science and Humanities, focusing on how we teach Science in the Primary School. Mr Green will combine his talk with our Primary Science Day on Friday 9th March. Please keep this morning free to come in to school to join our Science Day Assembly, listen to the talk from Mr Green and have the opportunity to see Primary Science in action!

Key Stage Two Reading in Term 2

As we are all aware, reading is an important element in a child's education. In the Primary School, we believe that by helping a child improve their reading we are allowing them to develop a key skill they will need for the rest of their life. With this in mind, we are introducing new reading groups next term that are designed to help your child's enjoyment of reading while targeting key skills that they need to develop. More information will be sent out at the beginning of next term about these sessions. In the meantime, if you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to either contact myself or Mrs Walker, Head of Primary English.

Primary Extreme Reading Challenge!

Over the holidays, we would like to set a challenge to encourage your child to read, no matter where they are! Please encourage your child to read in an extreme or exciting place and then take a photograph of them reading in their extreme place to bring into school on the first day back.

Every child who sends in an extreme reading photo will receive a house point. The 2 favourite photos, judged by Mrs Russell, will receive a book voucher. All photos will be used in a reading display to celebrate reading. Please make sure that your child's extreme photo is safe!

Nicky Russell

Head of Primary

SECONDARY NEWS

From Mrs Renshaw, Assistant Principal and Head of Secondary

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your fantastic support of Term 1 Secondary School events. It has been an extremely busy few months and we can look back with great satisfaction on the many successes both inside and outside of the classroom. None of this could happen without the goodwill, effort and enthusiasm of teachers, parents and students, and the able support of our ground and office staff.

We continue to plan for a great year ahead, with special events, expeditions and trips. In the second week of Term 2, our Year 11 students have their mock examinations and I am sure that they will be hard at work during the next three weeks as they revise and prepare to do as well as they possibly can in these important tests. Year 11, 12 and 13 will be facing CIE examinations in May and June, so next term is important for them. Over this holiday they should be organising their notes, going over Term 1 work, and setting their stall out for a successful Term 2.

In the meantime, please accept my good wishes for a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday.

Kind regards,

Margaret Renshaw

SPORTS NEWS

A big thank you to all the students this term for their hard work; it has been great to see so many students active and enjoying PE and Sport. We have had Secondary Sports Day, Swimming Competitions, many house competitions in Primary and Secondary as well as the U15 FOBISIA Games; it has been a busy term! Thank you also to the parents who have supported these events - a lot of it can't happen without your support, so thank you from all the PE department. Finally we would like to wish everyone a safe holiday and we hope some of you try and stay active over the Christmas period. Merry Christmas and we look forward to hosting more sporting events in the New Year.

Term 2 Swimming

Term 2 Swimming starts on Monday 8th January, which is the first day back. Please make sure all children have the correct kit on the correct day. The timetable for swimming in Term 2 will run as follows:

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am-10am	F2	Y6	Y4	Y5	Y10
9am-11am	Y9	Y7	Y11	Y8	Y3

Year 5 and 6 Inter-House Competition

On a very wet Wednesday 13th December, both Year 5 and 6 competed in an Inter-House competition. Unfortunately due to the very wet weather the field was out of bounds and unplayable as well as the slippery courts; this only left the hall for playing space. Therefore, Ultimate Frisbee was not able to be played, so instead Miss Watt and Miss Woodland organised a Dodgeball Competition to take place. Although the children were sad to not showcase their new Ultimate Frisbee skills, they seemed very happy to play dodgeball! Once split into Houses the competition was in full swing, balls were flying through the air with lots of children diving and dodging. We even had some guest appearances from teachers including a very competitive Miss Westaway. The results were as follows:

Year 5

1st Sulug

2nd Sapi

3rd Gaya

Year 6

1st Sulug

2nd Sapi

3rd Gaya

Well done Sulug! Your house will receive extra house points for your overall total.

Staff vs Students

Due to the bad weather, we unfortunately had to cancel Monday's Football match. But on Wednesday the U15 FOBISIA team played against the Staff (Miss Beltran, Mr Crewsdon, Mr Walker, Miss Watt and Miss Woodland). The match started off in a very competitive manner, with both the teachers and students wanting to dominate the possession. The scoring was equal, back and forth through some good attacking play from Miss Watt and Mr Crewsdon. Bobby and Aru were very impressive in response, linking well and scoring a number of lay-ups. In turn, some very strong interplay by Miss Watt and Miss Woodland followed by a pass to Mr Walker led to him being fouled, where he scored one of his two free throws. The score was equal at 14-14 going in to the last 4 minutes. Bobby's fitness and strength started to show and he scored two more lay-ups making the score 18-14. Though the 5 teachers were tired going into the dying minutes, they managed to score 2 more points and made the final score 18-16.

We also had a Staff vs Students Floorball competition at lunchtime on Thursday, where the students from Year 7-10 had the chance to show off their skills learnt in their offsite double lessons.

PE Department



STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

KIS Christmas Angels

Thank you to everybody who brought an Angel gift this year. We collected 140 gifts for delivery around Kota Kinabalu.

Merry Christmas!

The Student Council



CHARITY COMMITTEE

The Charity Committee would like to thank the KIS community for making our first event of the year truly amazing and record breaking. A big thank you to those who donated gifts for the tombola, to those who gave money and to everyone who came to enjoy the festivities with us on Tuesday. It was lovely to see you all enjoying yourselves while at the same time supporting a worthy cause. We had a wonderful time organising an afternoon of fun and festive spirit. We would like to wish you all a happy and healthy winter break and a Happy New Year.

Ms Rose and the Charity Committee
Charity Liaison Officer

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Following the news last week that our Principal, Mr Alan Connah, will be returning to Australia in July 2018 and thus is unable to extend his contract at KIS, the Board of Management, together with the Senior Management Team, have moved quickly to begin a well planned recruitment process for a new principal to start in August 2018. The position will be advertised over the coming weeks and we plan to begin the interview and selection process in January 2018.

The newly elected KIS Board of Management held its second meeting on the evening of Tuesday December 12th and committed to a number of Board initiatives for 2018, including a detailed review of the school's strategic plans.

The Board of Management, on behalf of the students and parents, would like to express our sincere gratitude to the hardworking staff team at the school for a very successful, and busy, first term of the academic year.

Board of Management