

Please know that I will be travelling to our TPRA site on Monday 14th November and returning to our community on the 15th November. I will be providing teacher professional development for teachers on First Steps Writing.



Mt Zaagkam International School Kuala Kencana, Newsletter

November 11th, 2010

From Mrs Patricia

From the PTA

Dear KK Parents,

Oh my goodness! The time is certainly flying by. We have only four and a half weeks left until the 13th December, being our mid year break.

Our 'After School Activities' kicked off in fine form this week. I believe we have a good variety of activities to cater to a range of student interests.

Just as a reminder, Blair Lee will be with us this week, arriving this Friday and leaving on Tuesday. We look forward to this visit and his company at the Mid Summer's Night Event, on Saturday evening. Don't forget to get your robes and head wreaths ready.

Remembrance Day will be celebrated on Friday, being the 11/11/11. Please join us at our assembly to share a moment of reflection for this day as well as the learning of our children. We look forward to seeing you there.

Again as a little reminder....for the PE classes, children are required to bring their drink bottles to school in order to hydrate their bodies and particularly their brains.

It may be a fab idea to pack a hat for your child also. Of late, the heat of the day has more of a bite to it. As the Aussies say, 'slip on a shirt, slop on some sunscreen and slap on a hat' to prevent skin cancer.

Enjoy the weekend.

A special thanks to all parents that signed up and supplied tuck-shop this term. The school appreciates your cooking and the efforts.

The dates for Tuck-shop for the rest of the term are as follows:

November 18th

November 24th (Special PTA Tuck-shop)

There will be a special tuck-shop on Thursday, November 24th to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The Middle School students and Lori Monteith will be hosting and coordinating this event. We can look forward to turkey, coordinating side dishes and desserts. More information will be given soon.

We look forward to your company on this event. Please express your interest in attendance to Lori Monteith.

Desperately Searching For Santa Claus!

We require the attendance of **Santa** on the 9th December for approximately half an hour, from 1:00 until 1:30pm. If you happen bump into Santa (as well as have a clean suit for him to wear).....please contact Tanya Peachey. Thank you!

From the PYP Coordinator...

A Deeper Look Into the Learner Profile: Part Two

The IBO's Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

The mission statement and the learner profile are at the heart of the IB programme continuum, and the progression from PYP to MYP to DP.

The IB learner profile is based on values that are the embodiment of what the organization believes about international education. The attributes described in the learner profile are appropriate to and achievable by all IB students from the ages of 3 to 19. The teacher interprets these attributes in a manner appropriate to the age and development of the student.

In IB programmes, the attempt to define international-mindedness in increasingly clear terms, and the struggle to move closer to that ideal in practice, are central to the mission of IB World Schools. Given the variety of IB World Schools, and the complexity of the concept of international-mindedness, the IB has focused on the kind of student we hope will graduate from an IB World School, the kind of student who, in the struggle to establish a personal set of values and a code of ethics, will be laying the foundation upon which international-mindedness will develop and flourish. The attributes of such a learner are listed in the IB learner profile. The IB learner profile is the mission statement in action; it is central to the IB definition of what it means to be internationally minded, and it directs schools to focus on learning. We at MZIS are proud to send out into the world students who exemplify the attributes expressed in this profile.

The IB learner profile is a reference point for the learning, behaviour and attitudes of all within the IB World School—students and adults—and, as such, is a device to support collaboration, communication and reflective practices within the learning community. In IB programmes, it is both recognized and appreciated that students come from various backgrounds and bring with them a wealth of experience. All teachers, administrators and parents have a responsibility to help students develop as lifelong learners in the context of the learner profile.

The purpose of education is to develop to their fullest potential the powers of each individual to understand, to modify and to enjoy his or her environment, both inner and outer, in its physical, social, moral, aesthetic and spiritual aspects. Alec Peterson (1987)

IB Learner Profile ...

Learners strive
to be

Inquirers



Knowledgeable

Thinkers



Communicators

Principled



Open-minded



Caring

Risk-takers



Balanced

Reflective



EXPERT VISITS

Dr. Jerry Strohkorb visited the Grade 2 and 3 students on Thursday, as a guest speaker, to share his Doctor's expertise with the class. Jerry gave out and explained a booklet he put together with kid-friendly and scientific illustrations, explanations, and diagrams of the systems of the human body. He read and discussed a beautiful, three dimensional book about organs and their functions with the students. He shared an excellent collection of animated instructional videos about the human body that the children enjoyed a great deal. The children realized at the end of his visit of the importance of a well-balanced and healthy diet that includes lots of fruits, vegetables, proteins, carbohydrates, etc. They also concluded that daily exercise, friendship, and compassion are all necessary for the wellbeing and growth of their bodies. **Thanks Jerry!**



PE IN K-1 AT MZIS.

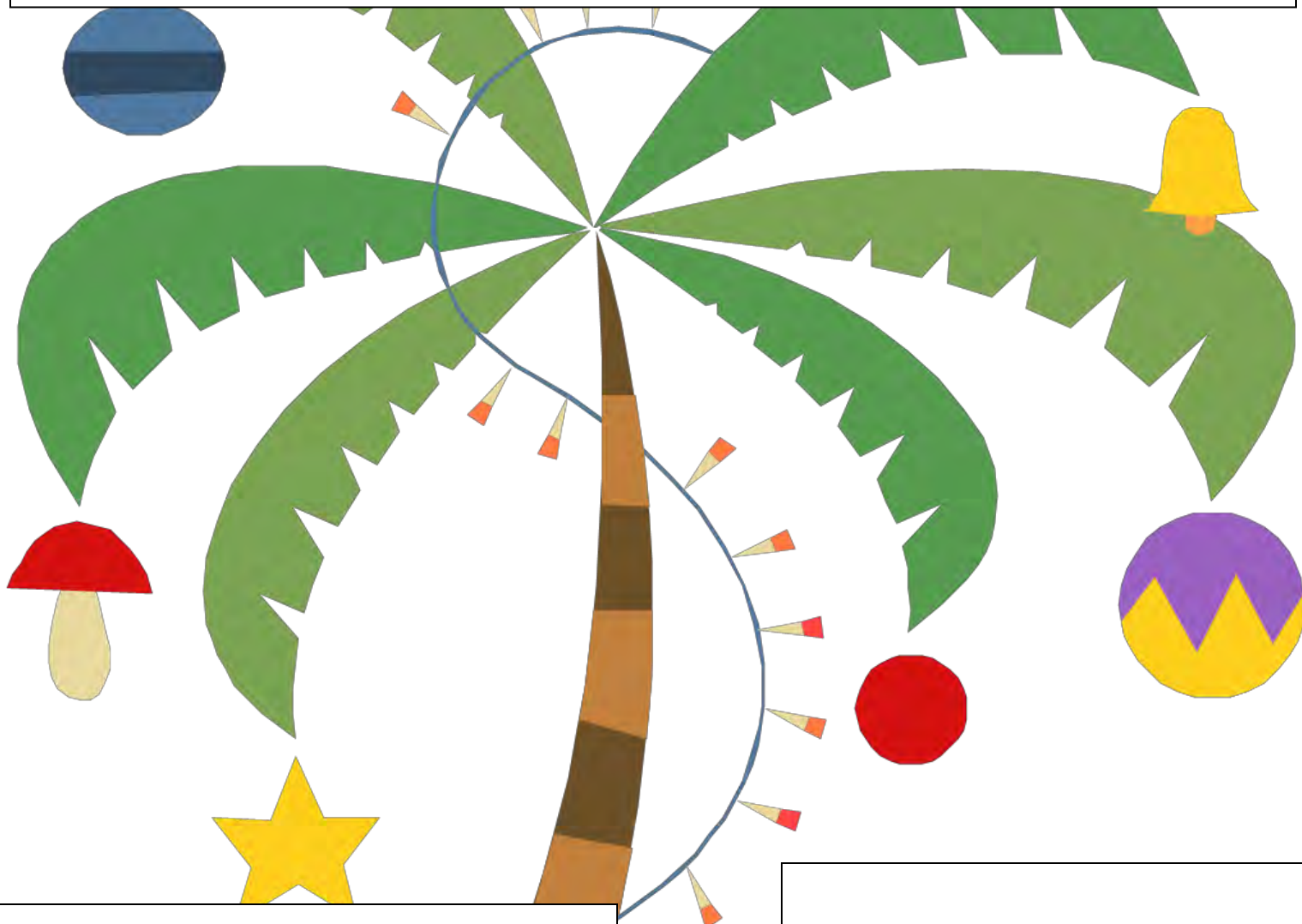
Physical Education is a part of school life where all students are encouraged to participate to the full. From the PMP programme the Pre schoolers are involved in 3 days a week to the weekly swimming class, all students are expected to be involved in a range of activities. Integration with YPJ takes place in the first grade on Wednesday mornings, and also during the afterschool activity programme.

PMP stands for Perceptual Motor Program and it is a series of activities designed to help develop the students mental and physical abilities through a series of designed activities and movements. The children are put into an environment which demands mental concentration as well as physical involvement. They are challenged to think and then respond with purposeful controlled movements. While the program can be challenging it is also expected to be fun filled as well as exciting.

Perceptual motor abilities which are promoted include body image, balance, spatial awareness, hand-eye and foot-eye coordination, laterality, directionality, and form discrimination. Attributes of movement such as rhythm, loco motor coordination, agility, strength, and flexibility are also developed within various aspects of the program.

Murray Barakat

Everything you need to know about the MZIS-KK 2011 Christmas program.....



Friday, December 2nd
at 6:00 pm

This is an opportunity for the students to dress up and look their best! Please help them to dress in red, green, gold,

Chef Gerard will arrange for a Pizza Bar and Fresh Salad Bar. The cost for dinner is as follows:

Pizza Large: Rp.80.000

Pizza Small: Rp.40.000

Salad Buffet: Rp.30.000 net

Music Website...

If your child wishes to practice their Christmas Presentation, you may find the music on

<http://mzismusic.com>

PTA Christmas Lunch!

Our wonderful PTA will be hosting a special Christmas Lunch on the 9th December, at 12.20pm. Come join the children at the MZIS Sports Hall for a festive holiday lunch, music and fun!

Our Christmas Charity

To spread the meaning of this festive season, we are collecting items to share with the children at the local Timika hospital. Please search your cupboards for old toys (or new toys), old shoes, old clothes and old books. If your collection could be gift wrapped and labeled (male/female, age) this will ensure that the donated item(s) will go to the perfect individual. The gifts will be placed under our school Christmas Tree and will be delivered to the hospital on the 9th December. Thank you for your continues generosity.

OUR ARTISTS IN GRADE 4-5

Grade 4/5 hosted the special Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday 11th. In keeping with their UOI of Migration; they used WWI as a perfect example of people fleeing Europe in response to the terrible conditions of war. Poppies are the symbol for remembering the millions of soldiers who died on the poppy covered fields in Flanders, Belgium where the worse battles raged. These are Grade 4/5 oil pastel pieces of "Poppies", drawn and coloured from photos found on the internet.

