



# Mt Zaagkam International School

## Kuala Kencana, Newsletter

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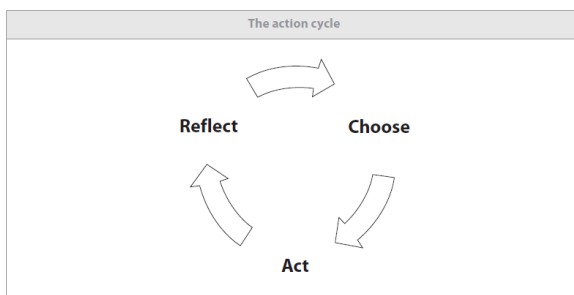
### From the PYP Coordinator...

#### Why is the action an essential element of the PYP?

The IB defines action as demonstrations of a deeper learning and responsible behavior through responsible learning as well as a manifestation, in practice, of the other essential elements of the IB PYP.

In the PYP, it is believed that education must extend beyond the intellectual to include not only socially responsible attitudes but also thoughtful and appropriate action. An explicit expectation of the PYP is that successful inquiry will lead to responsible action, initiated by the students as a result of the learning process. This action will extend the student's learning, or it may be a wider social impact, and will clearly look different within each age range.

Action should be seen as a voluntary demonstration of a student's empowerment in the context of the expectations laid down in the PYP. Voluntary action must remain precisely this if we truly believe in the values the IB advocates. Furthermore, we must remember that today's complex issues do not often suggest simple or self-evident solutions, and that inaction is also a legitimate choice; indeed, sometimes, inaction may be the best choice.



In the PYP, it is believed that every student, every year, has the right and should have the opportunity to be involved in such action. This action may be

taken by an individual student or by a group of students working collaboratively. In order to make the action component of the curriculum as powerful as possible in terms of student learning, the PYP advocates the use of the action cycle. This cycle of involvement provides students with opportunities to engage in purposeful and beneficial action.

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### From Mrs Patricia

The festive season has kicked off with a Christmas tree in our reception area, a truly amazing Thanksgiving Dinner and further festivities before we reach the end of this first semester. Our final two and a half weeks is looking very busy indeed.

To serve as a reminder of the future events...

On Friday 2nd of December, we have our Christmas Concert at the 'Rimba Golf', at 6pm. Remember...your child will need to wear either green, red, white or gold for this occasion.

Moving to the last Friday of this semester, we will be celebrating this coming festive season as a school family. A Christmas Lunch will be served at the Sports Hall, with a possible special guest. Ummm...who could that be?

School reports will be sent home on the last day of school. Please come along to our New Report Parent's Evening, on the 5th December at 6pm.

Have a great week :->

### Don't Forget—

December 2nd— Christmas Concert 6pm

December 9th—Christmas Lunch at the Sports Hall

(12pm for P3 and 4 ... 12.20 for K-G9)

## 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.

## Pictures From Thanksgivings Lunch



## Still.....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!