



Mt Zaagkam International School

Kuala Kencana, Newsletter

February 17, 2012

From Ms Patricia

Dear KK Parents,

This week has been a busy week indeed.... Next week will see us half way through this long term. I cannot believe how fast this term has travelled so far.

For Hot Lunch this week, Trang, Mel and Alex will be in the hot seat 'cheffing' a Sausage Sizzle. Sadly, I will miss this favourite meal of mine as I will be up in TPRA. DRATS!

The ISAs have finished and are now ready for postage. Another job well done! Our kids didn't seem to be too phased by the whole testing experience, which is great to see. They obviously feel very comfortable and safe in their scholastic environment.

We have re-commenced our Curriculum Planning days, with K and G1 completing next year's curriculum outline last Tuesday. Next week, we have G4 and 5, as well as P3 and 4 working towards a more robust curriculum, which makes for part of the discussion during the Parent Curriculum Night, this coming Monday, at 6pm. Don't forget!

Please find next year's calendar on the second page of this newsletter. Please note the starting date for next year, 2012-2013.

Have a great weekend! P

From the PYP Coordinator

Assessing: How do we discover what students have learned?

The assessment process is divided into three categories: Pre-assessment, formative assessment and summative assessment.

Assessing the students' prior knowledge (*pre-assessment*) and experience, as well as monitoring their achievement enable teachers to plan and refine their teaching to meet the needs of each child.

Formative assessment provides information that is used in order to plan the next stage of learning. It is interwoven with learning and helps teachers and students to find out what the students already know and can do. Formative assessment and teaching are directly linked and function purposefully together. Formative assessment aims to promote learning by giving regular and frequent feedback to students and parents. This helps students to improve knowledge and understanding, to foster enthusiasm for learning, to engage in thoughtful reflection, to develop the capacity for self-assessment, and to recognize the criteria for success. There is evidence that increased use of formative assessment particularly helps those students who are low achievers to make significant improvements in their understanding.

Summative assessment gives teachers, parents and students a clear insight into students understanding. Summative assessment is the culmination of the learning process and gives the students opportunities to demonstrate what they have learned. It can assess several elements simultaneously: it informs and improves student learning as well as the teaching process; it measures understanding of the central idea and prompts students towards action.

Please look for more information about effective assessment practices in an upcoming newsletter. If you have any further questions on assessment in the PYP, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Trish Phyll

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. 20th Feb: Middle School Extended Study

Mon 20th Feb: Parent Curriculum Night at 6pm

Sat 3rd Mar: PTA Quiz Night

Sat 17th March: St Patrick's Day Celebration and KK Variety Show

Fri 9th Mar: ASAs finish

Tues 20th March: Barney's return to site.

MZIS CALENDAR 2012-2013

Academic Year Calendar



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Notes

- July 30 New Hires Arrive
- August 6 All staff return
- August 13 School begins
- August 17 Independence Day
- August 19 Eid-Ul-Fitr tbc
- August 20 probable celebration TBC
- October 12 - Last Day of Q1
- October 24 Q2 Begins
- October 26 Eid - Ul-Adah
- Nov 15 - Islamic New Year
- Dec 14 Q2 finishes - full day
- Jan 16 Q3 begins
- March 20 Q3 ends - full day
- April 3 - Q4 begins
- June 14 Q4 ends - 1/2 day
- June 18 - Last Teacher Work Day
- July 29, 2013 New staff arrive
- August 7, 2013 All staff return
- August 14, 2013 First Day of School
- Cairns Flights - Subject to change
- July 9 Ramadan begins (2013)
- August 8 Eid-Ul-Fitr (2013)
- Q1 Aug 13-Oct 12 44 days
- Q2 Oct 24-Dec 14 38 days
- Q3 Jan 16-Mar 20 46 days
- Q4 Apr 3- Jun 19 56 days
- Total 184 days

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Quiz Night

Saturday, March 3
Rimba Golf Club
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Quiz begins at 6:30

200,000 IDR per person

Make a team of six adults and join the Mt. Zaagham International School community for a night of friendly competition. Join the fun and compete for great photo prizes.

A variety of club/snack food will be served

Drinks available at the bar

**RESERVE YOUR
TABLE OF 6 TODAY!**

Email team names to:
sethandchristyjohnson@yahoo.com

Buy your tickets from Seth Johnson at MZIS or at the door.

If you don't have a team, send me your name and we will find a spot for you.

TEAM NAME & MEMBERS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____



What's Happening in Grade 2 and 3

Grade Two and Three Hosting The Parent Assembly and Performing the folk take, The Origin of Rice:

The students in grades two and three hosted their first parent assembly last week. They also read, dramatize, and performed a shadow puppet play with Indonesian "Wayan Kulit" puppets they made in class. They used Indonesian Batik to inspire their puppet designs and to decorate the stage they utilized for story telling a folk tale from Indonesia called, The Origin of Rice. They realized how much work and creativity is involved in a Wayan Kulit presentation which allowed them to experience empathy and appreciation for Indonesian performers. They also learned about the process of Indonesian Batik-making and they concluded that it also takes many days and sometimes weeks to create a beautiful piece of Batik. Through these activities they were encouraged to keep an open-mind to the many and wonderful ways people from our host country express themselves, which is precisely the unit of inquiry under study at this time, How We Express Ourselves through the Arts. Thank you to all the parents attending our school assemblies for being supportive and enthusiastic about learning! Ms Elo

