



NEWSLETTER

Dili International School

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A wonderful photo of Deunara (Sahani Deunara Silva-Hewage) from Preschool taken by her mum, Kalhari.

See story next page.

Parents, please feel free to share your photos and stories with us for the Newsletter any time.



Assembly

Right: Liam Soares gets a sudden lift-up in his class' performance during the Assembly this week ... a moment which had the audience whooping!

... also Benicia, Mayer, Mizuo and Vanessa do their play!



NOTES ...

Please can any outstanding Tuition fees, and also fees for extra-curricular activity be paid to the office by Friday.

Can all school books and library books be returned by Friday.

Congratulations to Nina, one of our wonderful Playgroup Assistants, on the birth of her baby boy at 11 am Saturday. We hear both are doing well.

DIS is working on a new logo, what do you think of the one above? Please forward ideas!



The Celebrations earlier this month was a wonderful day for parents and children alike.

And what is wonderful about the multitude of children at DIS is that some students have multiple mother languages.

Deunara (Sahani Deunara Silva-Hewage) from Pre-School has two mother languages, one being Sinhalese and the other being Spanish.

This song that was sung by Deunara at the International Mother Language Day;

Punchi Bando, Punchi Bando

Nidimatado, Nidimatado

Seenuwa Gahanawa, Seenuwa Gahanawa

Negitimko, Negitimko

The song is in Sinhalese, the main language of Sri Lanka which has its roots in Sanskrit.

It is a famous folk song sung by a Mother to a boy called "Punchi Banda" asking him whether he is still sleeping as she is hearing the school bells ringing.

The Mother is urging him to get up so that he could go to school. (It is similar to the English song... are you sleeping, are you sleeping brother John...brother John...)

After the event, Deunara shared a traditional savoury in the form of Sri Lankan cutlets that are made of fish and potatoes, with her class mates, teachers and parents.

International Mother Language Day Celebrations

Thank you to Deunara's mum Kalhari for this story



Deunara with mum Kalhari and dad Sergio

From the Principal

End of Term

It has been an exciting term one at DIS. Particular highlights have included the Middle Primary excursion to the UN, the International Mother Language Day Celebrations, the Preschool Teddy Bear's Picnic, and the end of term assembly. (See page ... for an article on our International Mother Language Day Celebrations.)



This Friday, 26th of March, is the last day of term one.

Term two commences for students on Wednesday 7th of April.

The administration office will be open on Tuesday the 6th, which is a pupil free day. (Students in Junior and Middle Secondary finish school for this term, on Wednesday 24th of March, as Ms Kirsty, Ms Lucy and Mr Chris are all participating in professional development for the last two days of term.)

Assembly

On Tuesday we had a lovely assembly at the Upper Campus. Students from Transition to Secondary presented a range of items, from songs to dramas, and rewards were given to students based on positive qualities they have shown

throughout the term. Congratulations to all the students who received an award, and a special congratulations to Pragati, one of our Secondary Distance Education students, who was placed on the honour roll for her distance school. Thank-you to all the families who came and supported the students during this assembly.

Holiday Program

There will be no holiday program over this break

Thanks for your support in these matters.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or message, or call me after 1 pm weekday

Alison Bailey, Principal

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Congratulations Pragati!

Congratulations to Pragati Bajracharya for achieving an Honours award in her Distance Education course.

This was the message from her School:

"The teachers and administration of the Independent Study High School would like to congratulate you on achieving Honor Roll status this last semester.

"To qualify for this honor a student must have completed at least 5 courses within a specified six month period, earning a B or higher in every course. We applaud your accomplishment and wish you continued success in the future."

Pragati's Dad Dinesh emailed DIS to say "Thank you all for your support in helping Pragati to provide a conducive learning environment."

DIS says in response "It is always a pleasure to have such brilliant and pleasant students as Pragati in our environment."

Above: Pragati at this week's Assembly with her Distance Education Supervisor Linda Glasson.



Farewell to Mr Tim

A very sad goodbye to Mr Tim our Middle Primary teacher.

Tim Meeth came to us after booking a holiday to Timor with his wife and nurse Leone, then deciding to join DIS for a term.

Unfortunately Mr Tim had a prior unbreakable commitment to return to Alyangula in the Northern Territory to complete his government teaching career and was not able to stay.

At the Assembly this week, Mr Tim said - referring to his Class - "in 30 years of teaching this is one of the best bunches of kids I've ever taught".

A highlight of the Assembly was Mr Tim on guitar with his class singing a story from Arnhem Land (a Northern Australian Aboriginal province) about a dugong fishing hunt. What he didn't tell us was this beautiful melodic song was co-written by Mr Tim himself. Mr Tim said he may return next year. We hope so and "we would all welcome you back".
Right: Mr Tim with his daughter Sybilla, who we also very much thank for her great volunteer work in Middle Primary alongside her Dad.



Jess's historic Balibo visit

Last December University student Jessica Farrelly and her uncle Paul Stewart from Melbourne visited DIS several times.

It was an emotional and creative visit to Timor Leste for both Jess and Paul.

Emotional because Paul is the brother of Tony Stewart, one the five journalists murdered in Balibo by invading Indonesian soldiers in October 1975.

The men, now known as the "Balibo Five", are immortalised in the movie Balibo released last year.

While in Timor Jess and Paul revisited the house in Balibo where Tony and his fellow Australians died.

It was also a creative visit for Jess who has produced a superb video as part of her university course, which documents her journey from Melbourne to Balibo.

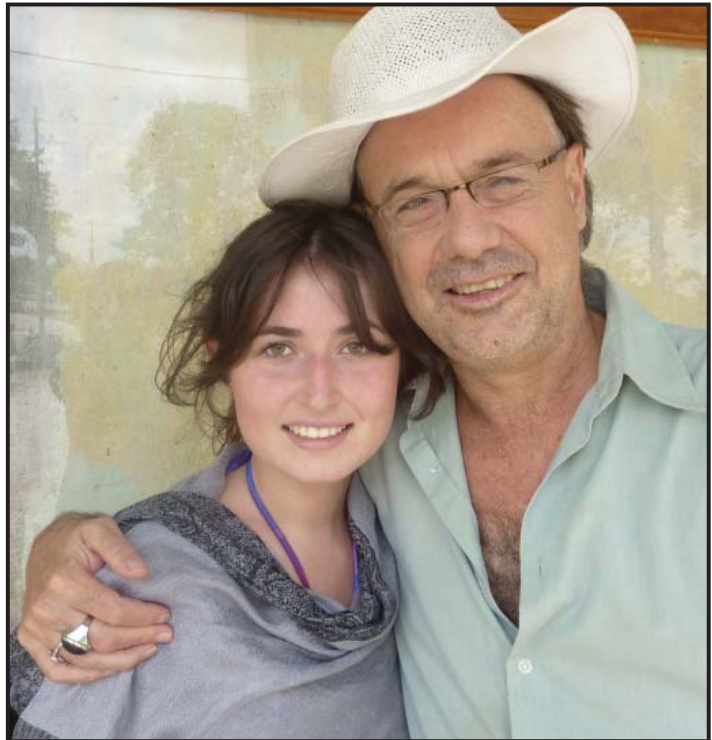
DIS is also very fortunate in that Jess is producing a video for the school, which includes 2009's end-of-year Assembly and other events.

To see the Balibo video go to link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r16vh4NOAIE> or search "Jessica Farrelly Project" on YouTube

When visiting DIS Paul said he would like to be involved with creative projects with the School.

Paul was a teenager when his twenty-one year old brother Tony died. Paul later formed the Dili Allstars band with Colin Buckler (also of the band Painters and Dockers).

They recorded a song with East Timorese musician Gil Santos to protest the capture of then resistance leader Xanana Gusmão by Indonesian armed forces in 1992.

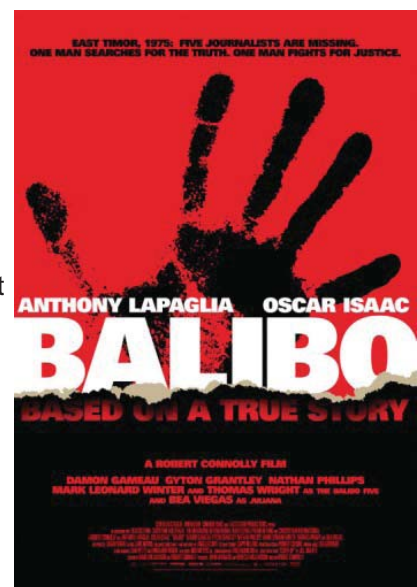


Above: Jess and her uncle Paul outside the Balibo flag house - an emotional and creative visit to Timor Leste for both of them.

Paul worked as a consultant on the 2009 film Balibo, saying that it was a difficult but rewarding experience, and that it was one that finally presented the truth to the world.

Jess is studying Media and Communications. Paul and Jess are family friends of teacher Mr Chris.

The five who perished ... (Clockwise from top left) Greg Shackleton, Tony Stewart, Greg Cunningham, Malcolm Rennie and Brian Peters.



- The Learner Profile -

The Learner Profile is a list of characteristics that students should keep trying to develop as they move through school.

It has been developed by the International Baccalaureate Organisation, which aims to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world. IB learners strive to be:

Inquirers They develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.

Knowledgeable They explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines.

Thinkers They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions.

Communicators They understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively in more than one language and in a variety of modes of communication. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others.

Principled They act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them.

Open-minded They understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. They are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience.

Caring They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

Risk-takers They approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. They are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs.

Balanced They understand the importance of intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being for themselves and others.

Reflective They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.

TERM DATES 2010

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term One: Wednesday 20th January - Friday 26th March• Term Two: Wednesday 7th April- Friday 11th June• Term Three: Tuesday 20th July- Friday 24th September• Term Four: Tuesday 5th October- Friday 10th December | Pupil Free Days <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th January• Tuesday 6th (5th is Easter Monday) April• Monday 19th July• Monday 4th October. |
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Term One Awards

HPE Awards from Ms Lucy

Biko for developing his Knowledge

Carlos for being Principled

Kay Olok for being Reflective

Sandriana for being a Communicator

Janka for developing her Knowledge

Amber for being a Risk Taker

Yasmina for being a Thinker

Kiara for developing her Knowledge



Sandriana Pereira being presented with her Award by Ms Lucy at the Assembly this week.

Awards from Class Teachers

Deunara for being Caring and Principled

Oscar for being an Inquirer and Risk Taker

Brandan for being Knowledgeable

Luka for being an Inquirer

Kienan for being an Inquirer

Glomano for being a Communicator

Fitun for being an Inquirer

Ebube for being Knowledgeable

Noor for being a Knowledgeable and an Inquirer

Charles for being a Communicator and an Inquirer

Maamnoonah for being Knowledgeable

Rainer for being Balanced

Khadija for being an Inquirer and Open Minded

Vanessa for being an Inquirer

Pragati for High Academic Achievement and for being Principled

MUSIC LESSONS AT DIS

Would you like to learn ...



Piano, Guitar, Violin, Flute, Singing

Be a member of the DIS Ensemble or Choir?

Mr Joaquin Ravina has joined Dili International School and will offer private instrumental and singing lessons. Joaquin has professional qualifications in teaching music and has had a career as a professional pianist as well as teaching music in the Philippines and in International Schools in Dubai.

Lessons are available before and after school or on Saturday and Sundays. Lessons cost \$20.00 per 45 minutes paid directly to Joaquin. It is necessary to pay for a block of at least 6 lessons in advance. These can be carried over to the next term and lessons can continue during the holiday period. The block of lessons does not expire so you can take time off and return and use what has been paid for.

It is necessary to give at least 2 hours notice of cancellation or lessons will be charged.

Joaquin is also offering adult classes and parents may use the school piano.

Mr Joaquin can be contacted on 7708041 or please speak to Donia in the office or email Carmel on managerdis@gmail.com for more information

DIS Calendar 2010

The school year calendar is a hybrid that caters for Australian and Northern Hemisphere families as well as those from Timor Leste.

There are four x ten week terms. Students have a five week holiday at Christmas and five weeks in the middle of the year, as well as a one week holiday in March also in September.

DIS has five Pupil Free Days each year, set aside for the first day back at the end of each holiday period. DIS closes for national public holidays as outlined in below. DIS provides 189 contact days for students and 194 contact days for staff.

DIS Calendar 2010

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Public Holidays

Apr 5 th	Easter Monday
May 3 rd	May Day (in lieu of May 1 st)
May 20 th	Timor Leste Restoration of Independence
Sep 10 th	Idul Fitri
Nov 2 nd	All Souls Day
Nov 12 th	Santa Cruz Day

School Holidays

Pupil Free Days 18 & 19th Jan, 6th Apr, 19th July, 4th Oct

2011 School commences Jan 19th
(Staff commence on Jan 17th)

Our Teachers

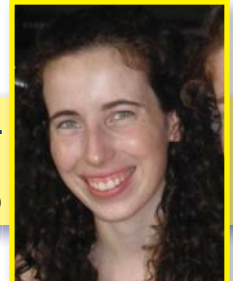


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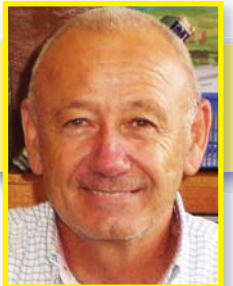
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