



NEWSLETTER

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Big turn-out for end-of-Term Assembly

It was great to see so many parents sharing their childrens' achievements at our assembly on Wednesday.

Performances and demonstrations of class work were given by all grade levels including Ms. Sonia's community Preschool group.

A particular highlight of the day was a display, parade and auction of the items made by Ms. Sam's extracurricular 'recycled jewellery' class.

Some quite exquisite items went under Yasmina Farrell's hammer. We particularly thank Yasmina for her entertaining performance as the auctioneer.

The auction raised funds which will go towards the purchase of new resources for the jewellery group as well as a percentage donated to Ms Sonia's community preschool group to purchase craft items.



Ms Fatima left with the Community Preschool group, which is held twice a week for Pantai Kelapa children. Ms Sonya runs the group, assisted by Ms Fatima and Ms Mary.

Nina Cortinhal departs for studies

Sadly for us at DIS, Nina Cortinhal is departing Dili to take up Business studies in Perth where her father is working.

Nina is a former DIS student who on completing her studies came and worked in the Admin office alongside Donia. While Donia was on maternity leave earlier this year Nina ran the office and learnt the ropes quickly, doing a fantastic job.

Given Nina's quality of admin at DIS we are confident with the Business course she is doing under her belt she will make a great Manager one day if that's the direction she wants to go.

Staff, parents and students alike wish Nina the very best in her new life in Perth .. we will all miss you!

Right: Nina with Amara Nagayama (right) and younger sister Namiho dressed in Kimono courtesy of the Nagayama family.



Jewellery Makers



(From Page One) Jewellery makers at this term's school assembly were a huge hit proving the statement that "one man's trash is another man's treasure."

Students, parents and teachers alike bid for revamped pieces of recycled garbage as accessories and gifts.

Jewellery Makers are; Maamnoonah Zaman, Aditia Hasib, Nazlee Stenstrom, Ebere Ezepue, Amara Nagayama, Mayer Cook-Tonkin (left), Rhea Lovell, Helen and Rebecca Fisseha, Amber Waqaliva, Noor Bajracharya, and Yasmina Farell.

Jewellery making will continue next term with students exploring how to make their own beads.

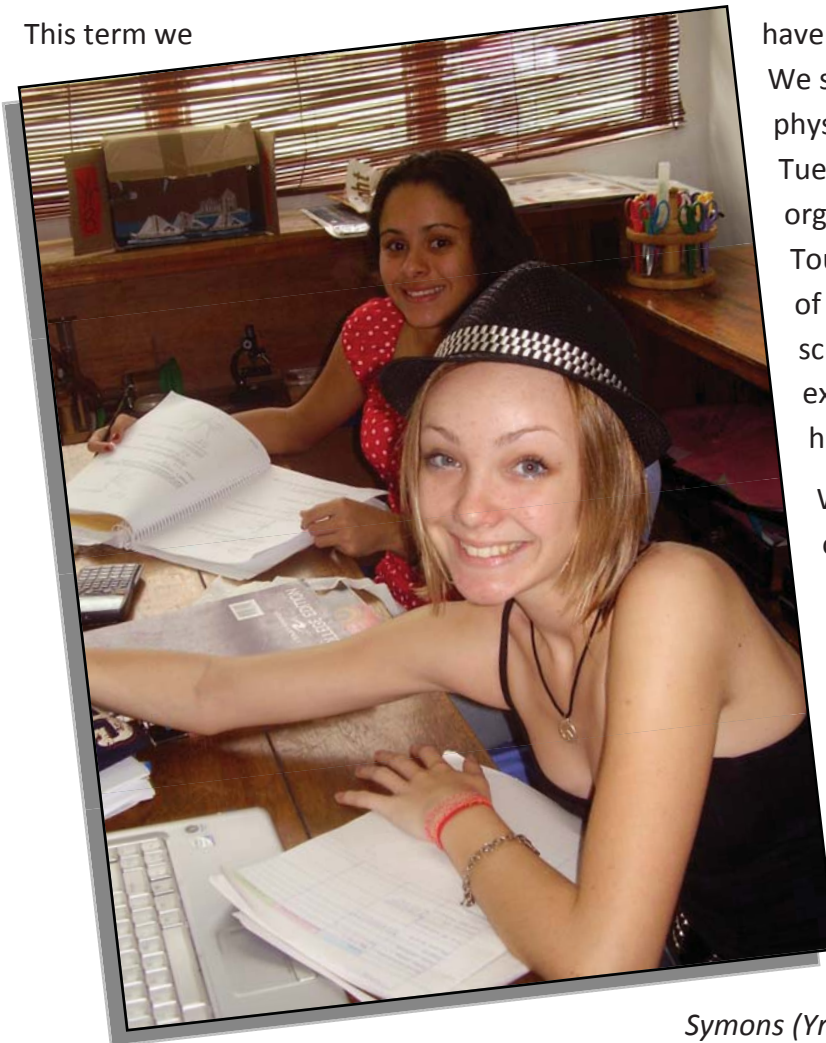
They will also reflect on this term's success and improve designs for products, promotion and packaging.

Ms Sam, 7437 141 Email: dised@ymail.com

Message from Heads of School

This term has been productive to say the least. Many students have completed exceptional work. We have had spelling tests each week which have improved our spelling skills and vocabulary. Some students have made it into the honour roll and others have received certificates for their great work this term.

This term we



have done many new things also.

We started tennis on Fridays, physical fitness at the gym on Tuesdays and Mr Antranik organised a Ping Pong Tournament between students of different grades, mostly high school students with the exception of Mr Antranik himself.

We would like to take this opportunity to farewell our good friend Jessie Symons who will not be returning next term.

Good luck in the remainder of your final exams (not that you'll need it!). We will miss you greatly Jessie.

*Written by Head boy & girl
Valeria Cruz (Yr 11) and Jack*

Symons (Yr 9).

FAREWELL JESS

We say goodbye to our oldest student Jessica Symons. Jess is nearing the end of her final year of school, Year 12 with swatting and exams to be held in coming months.

Jessie started with us in 2005 and studies through the Victorian Distance Education program. She is the first student to graduate through completing their studies in conjunction with DIS in our Supported Distance Education Program. Jess intends to go to University in Australia next year but as yet is not sure what she will study. Jess is a hardworking and dedicated student who applied herself well to her studies, and she is a true leader. She will do well at whatever she chooses.

Thanks for being a part of us for so long Jess. The place just won't be the same without you.

Congrats again to Valeria!

Valeria Cruz Sandrino also in Year 12 has reached the Honors Roll of her University of Nebraska Program.

And yes if you find this a bit deja vu you're right. Val also reached the honors roll for her first term studies. A reminder as to why this is even more of a wonderful achievement is that when Val started with DIS in 2004 she did not speak any English at all but spoke her native Spanish.

She is now at the top of the class in a Distance Education Program.

She remains an inspiration to our many students whose first language is not English as well as those whose is. Val completes her course midway through next year and intends to go to University in the United States.

Movies' positive choices



This term a new extra-curricular activity has been launched. All students starting from Junior Primary up to Secondary Education were welcomed to Movie Club, where they watched several children's movies.

When choosing a movie to watch I was guided by the following parameters:

- Watching age-appropriate kid's movies is important and gives life-long benefits. Children are influenced by people they see on television, especially other kids. Lately, children's TV shows and movie producers have begun promoting some positive agendas such as healthy living and environmental awareness (i.e. "Brother Bear").

- As children see their favourite characters

making positive choices, they will be influenced in a good way. Of the new movies that are released each year, you can bet that several of them are based on books. Children may see a movie and like it so much that they decide to read the book. Discussion of the differences between the book and the movie helps children develop thinking skills (i.e. Bambi").

- When children see their favourite characters engaged in fun learning games, they want to play too. Children also like learning activities more if they involve beloved characters.

Children's movies are especially effective for generating ideas for learning activities and using characters to motivate kids (i.e. "Madagascar").

- with Ms Julia



Movie Club Every Friday after school! Movie Club is fun, because the movies are interesting and they are sometimes funny. My favourite movie is Bambi 2.

Jordan, Grade 1, Junior Primary (above)

I like movie club because it's fun and I like movies. My favourite movie is Ben 10 Thousand.

Amra, Grade 1, Junior Primary (right)

I like to watch scary movies like Scooby Doo.

Glomano, Transition, Junior Primary (left)



Ms. Jens Wednesday Afternoon Craft

We have all had a wonderful time in our weekly craft classes and we have made some



very weird and unique things. We have made picture frames with silvery paint and pasta and rockets with balloons and string.

At the beginning of the term we made beautiful mobiles using recycled paper, chopsticks and toothpicks. Our favourite craft activity has been making Paper Mache sea creatures. It was a very messy

activity and we seemed to have more glue on the table than anywhere. In the end we all created interesting sea creatures, fish and octopus.

Last week we created wonderful mask using crayons, pastels, pencils and cardboard. They looked great and we got to pretend that we were queens and monsters for the afternoon.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE

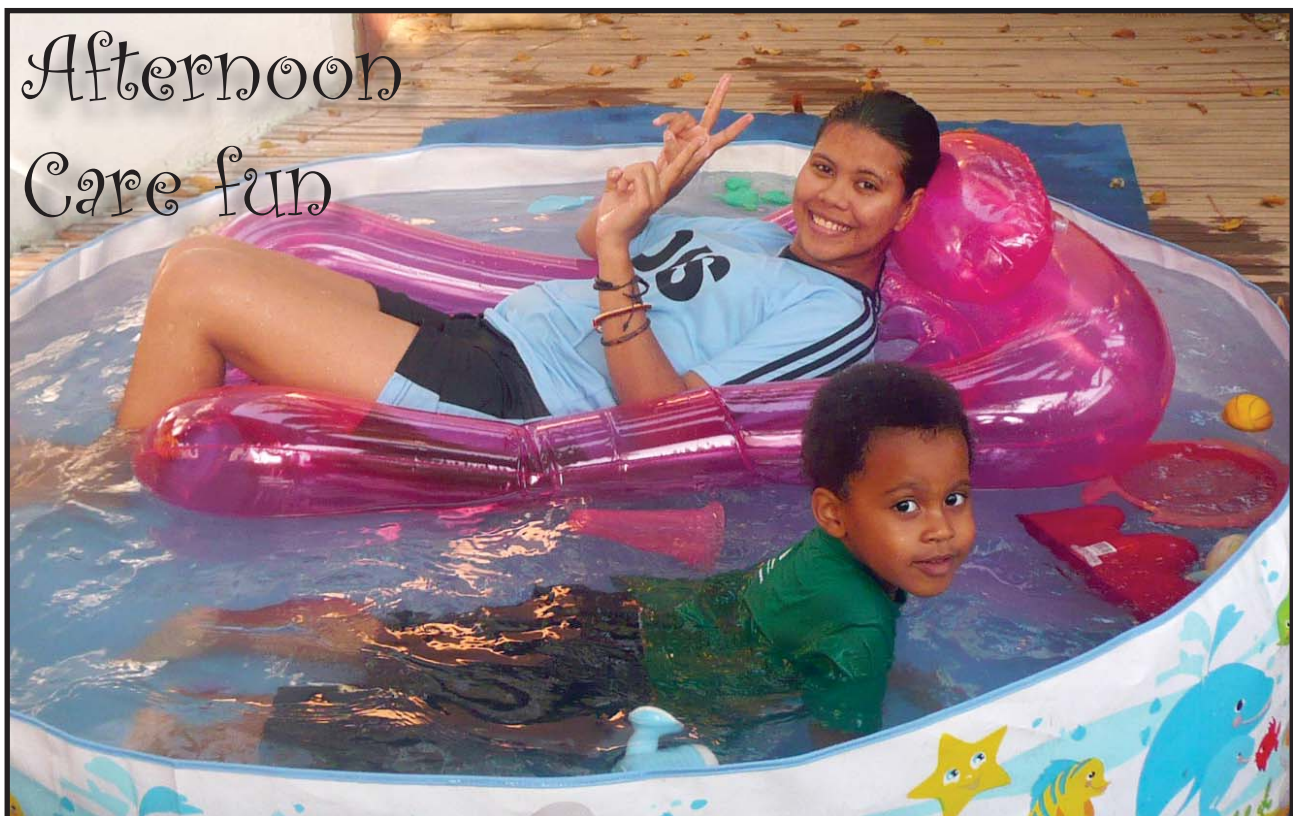


Afternoon Care Program for Playgroup, Junior Preschool and Preschool is available.

Sessions are from 12pm until 6pm Monday to Friday. After School care will also be available to children from the Lower Primary grades when they finish school at 3.15pm.

The programs are managed by Glauca Miqueletti who currently works with the Playgroup as well as other care assistants as required. Children may attend full-time or part-time.

Contact Glauca or DIS Manager Carmel Bates at managerdis@gmail.com.



Above: Ms Nina and David Aju, you too can be part of Afternoon Care fun. Ms Glauca has returned as After School Care manager.

Junior Preschool enrolments Term 4

All children in Ms Sam's Junior Preschool group are required to advise us of their intention to continue with this group. If parents have not done this and completed the new enrolment form please organise this prior to the start of term on October 6th by emailing managerdis@gmail.com.

Or contact Donia in the administration office on 731 6065. Enrolment numbers for Junior Preschool are limited.

Playgroup / Junior Preschool closed for holidays

A reminder to families that these groups will also be closed through the holidays. This is a one week break from today, Friday September 25th, and children will return on Tuesday October 6th.

School and PE uniforms for sale

If you want to stop those morning "what should I wear" blues, get your child into a DIS uniform. Shirts, shorts, and skorts are available from the administration office along with the new Physical Education 'Sports' uniform.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

DIS wishes to increase our array of extracurricular music / instrumental classes on offer. If you or someone you know would like to provide this facility in a paid capacity please contact Mr Adam.

RETURNING LATE FROM HOLIDAYS

If you are returning late from holidays please let your class teacher or admin office know.