



NEWSLETTER

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Sarah stepping down as Principal



Sarah Bonney is stepping down as Principal as of this week.

Some of you are aware that Ms. Sarah's family needs to move on at the end of this year. In anticipation of this Sarah has decided to stand down as Principal for the remainder of her time here.

Sarah has had health issues this year which have contributed to her decision to reduce her work load. We wish her a speedy recovery and improved health in the future as she continues with us for the remainder of the school year.

Sarah will continue in her role as the teacher of the Grade 7/ ESL Secondary class.

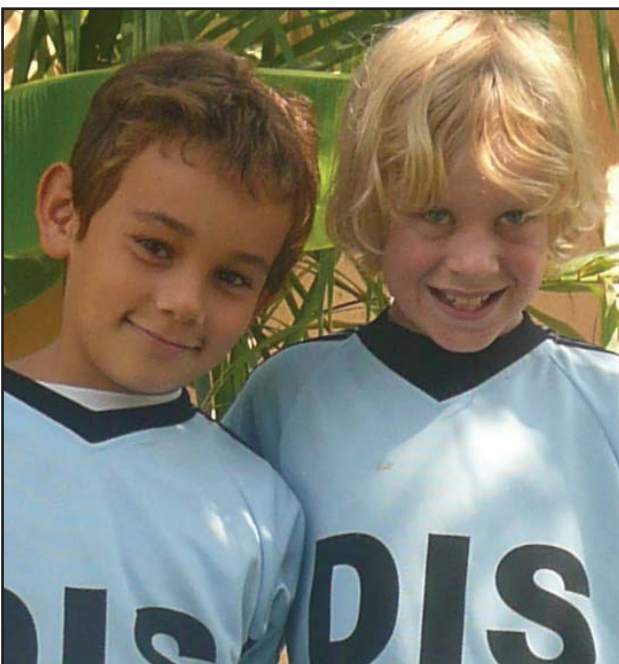
We are extremely grateful to have had Sarah for the two years as our Principal. She has been instrumental in advancing our School in so many ways.

Alison Bailey (right) has

stepped straight into Sarah's shoes as Principal. Ali has been with us at DIS for three years now and knows well the needs of parents and students alike in this environment.

After being closely mentored over the time by Sarah, Ali is primed and happy to take on this added responsibility until the end of the year while also continuing her part-time teaching role.

For those of us who know Ali we are sure she will continue Sarah's legacy and do an equally wonderful job.



Soccer report

After winning the first match of the season, DIS Senior Soccer lost its second 4-1 to a re-energized "Esperanca" team.

We were pleased to welcome two new players, Alex Sword Gusmao and Rainer Cook-Tonkin (left) who have made the jump to Senior Soccer from the Juniors.

Unfortunately we were without the services of our captain Hannah Cook -Tonkin (sick) and goalie Nick Kettle out injured.

The game was close throughout with Esperanca leading 2-1 until the final 5 mins when Esperanca scored two more goals.

DIS Senior Soccer looks forward to its rematch with Esperanca as well as continuing to forge a relationship with a local youth community group.



Pelagia (Nina) joins us in the Admin office

Introducing Pelagia Soares, or Nina, who has joined us in the Admin office and is quickly learning the ropes from Donia and Nina Cortinhal.

Assembly next Wednesday

DIS School Assembly will be held next Wednesday September 23rd at 10 am.

All classes excepting secondary distance students will be performing an item.

So parents and friends, please come along and enjoy an hour of talented performances... including later a sale of dazzling jewellery (see next page).



Idul Fitri holiday

Next Monday is a DIS School holiday to celebrate Idul Fitri.

This is one of our nominated 'international' day holidays.

Idul Fitri is celebrated by some members of our School Community, it is a major Islamic Celebration and marks the end of fasting in the month of Ramadan.

It is celebrated with public prayers, feasts and an exchange of gifts. The two words are translated as 'festivity' and 'charity'.

In neighboring Indonesia it is the most important time of the year, when families gather together.

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Jewellery Assembly Sale!

Don't forget to bring hard cash to the Assembly next week!

This term and last students have created jewellery masterpieces out of junk and abandoned trash!

Students will be auctioning their items at the assembly and item prices will range between 50c to \$5 approximately.

Please be ready to purchase some rare and formerly buried treasure!

Right: Nazlee Senstrom models some of the objets d'art.



DIS welcomes Nataliana

Welcome to DIS to Nataliana Nadasha Corbafo da Costa who started in Mr Antranik's Grade 3 and 4 Class this week.

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.

Learning Through Play in Preschool!

Structured play based activities provide rich learning opportunities for students. Through play, students develop their oral language, negotiation and social skills, imagination, creative thinking, and they also have the opportunity to revisit other class activities.



Luka helps Manuel and Brandan choose their holiday destinations. Then they must pack their bags, and catch a flight with Ian the Pilot, before arriving at their chosen destination. After an adventurous holiday, Brandan and Manuel fly home and unpack their luggage! Phew!



Catarina is completing a puzzle.



Joaquim is cutting up fruit and vegetables.

'There were three on the bike and the front one said...'

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'Pedal faster, pedal faster.'



Oscar is dressing up as a tiger.



Micia is taking care of a baby.



Feby has made a ring out of playdough.



Colouring, drawing, writing, cutting, pasting... Floria, Afeng, Christopher, Luka and Kiran are busy developing their fine motor skills!



Daniel is listening to a story.

Enrolling now - Junior preschool



Junior Preschool teachers this week. Ms Severen with Sahani Deunara (right) and Fidelis York; Ms Rosa with Kaiya Alkateri, and Ms Sam below.

It is necessary to register your interest in your child enrolling in Junior Playgroup for Term Four, as our new group starts then (Tuesday October 6th).

As background, DIS commenced a Junior Preschool this Term to accommodate some of the older Playgroup children who were just outside of the cut-off age for Ms Alison's Preschool group.

Playgroup children who were present at the commencement of Term Three and were in the appropriate age bracket were invited to join this group. Because of the lower number of children some other children were then included.

The Junior Preschool will continue next term but we find it necessary to introduce some changes to tighten up on the casual nature of attendance.

As of Term Four the JP taken by Ms. Sam (Australian qualified teacher), Ms Severen (Certificate TESOL teacher, Trinity College, London) and assistants will operate under the following conditions:

- Enrolment will be available to children who turn four during the calendar year or who turn three by May 31st of this year.
- Children must enrol for a minimum of three sessions per week and these must be set, permanent days.
- Fees will need to be paid in advance upon enrolment at the commencement of the term.
- The JP fee is based on a rate of \$15:00 per session.
 - 5 days per week - \$750:00 per Term
 - 4 days per week - \$600:00 per Term
 - 3 days per week - \$450:00 per Term
- Fees will not be refunded for sick days or holidays but the missed sessions may be made up on another day upon request to the administration office, if a vacancy exists.
- Entry into JP does not guarantee earlier entry into

Preschool and the same age-appropriate standards for entry into Preschool will continue for those children who turn four before May 31st.

- There will be a ceiling on the number of students enrolled. Enrolment for the Term Four intake is based on a first-come basis. Other interested children will be placed on a waiting list and included when a place becomes available.
- While Parents and carers are welcome in the first week to help settle children into JP however family carers will not be present in the group in the long term.
- Children who are awaiting a place in Junior Preschool may continue in Playgroup.
- Children who are age appropriate for JP but prefer to continue in Playgroup are welcome to do so at the casual rate of \$10.00 per session.

The Playgroups will continue to operate as usual with the separation into Junior (Geckos) and Senior (Bumblebees) and be taken by our Playgroup Leaders and assistants and operate under the overall management of Ms Sam.

Contact Carmel on managerdis@gmail.com.

