



NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, Week 10

Merry Christmas all!

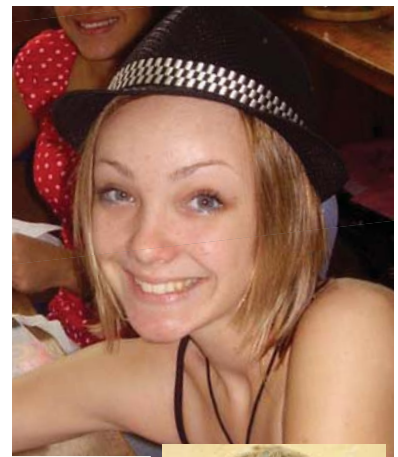


Ms Alison's class singing "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" at Wednesday's Assembly. Have a fun, safe Holiday break all! See you back on January 20.

Congrats Jess! ... and sad farewells to others

DIS congratulates Jessica Symons, right, on graduating Year 12 at the Victorian School of Distance Education. Jess also received the Year 12 Award for Business Studies. DIS sadly but very proudly farewells Jess as she returns to Melbourne for university studies.

We also farewell Kennedy and Conor Bonney; Nahom, Rebecca and Helen Fisseha; Josh Kettle; Hannah Cook-Tonkin, Floria Sanches and Vita Valerie Mitchell. We wish you all the very best!!!



Hannah



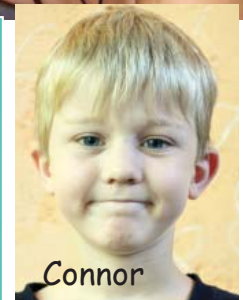
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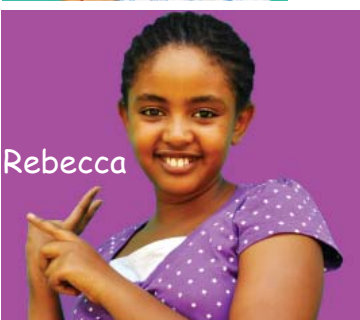
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Rebecca



Josh



Nahom



Helen

Classes for 2010

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Playgroup: *Playgroup Leaders: Ms Yen and Ms Glaucia (Coordinator: Ms Tess)*

Junior Preschool: *Teacher: Ms Tess Burrows*

Preschool: *Teacher: Ms Alison Bailey*

PRIMARY

Junior Primary A

Teacher: Ms Julia Prikhodko

Junior Primary B

Teacher: Ms Sam Brumpton

Junior Primary C

Teacher: New Teacher

Middle Primary:

Teacher: New Teacher

Upper Primary:

Teacher: Ms Jennifer Lobb

SECONDARY

Junior Secondary

Homeroom Teacher: Mr Chris Hyde

Middle Secondary

Homeroom Teacher: Ms Kirsty Hilson

(The Coordinator for the Secondary Program is Ms Kirsty Hilson. Junior and Middle Secondary students will have classes taught by Ms Kirsty, Mr Chris and Ms Lucy.)

SECONDARY DISTANCE EDUCATION

Coordinator: Ms Linda Glasson, Tutor: Ms Maricar

(Secondary Distance Education will be overseen by Ms Kirsty.)

SPECIALIST HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Teacher - Ms Lucy Clapham

(Ms Lucy will also continue in her role as Extra-Curricular Coordinator for 2010.)

From the Principal



Term Dates 2010

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Pupil Free Days

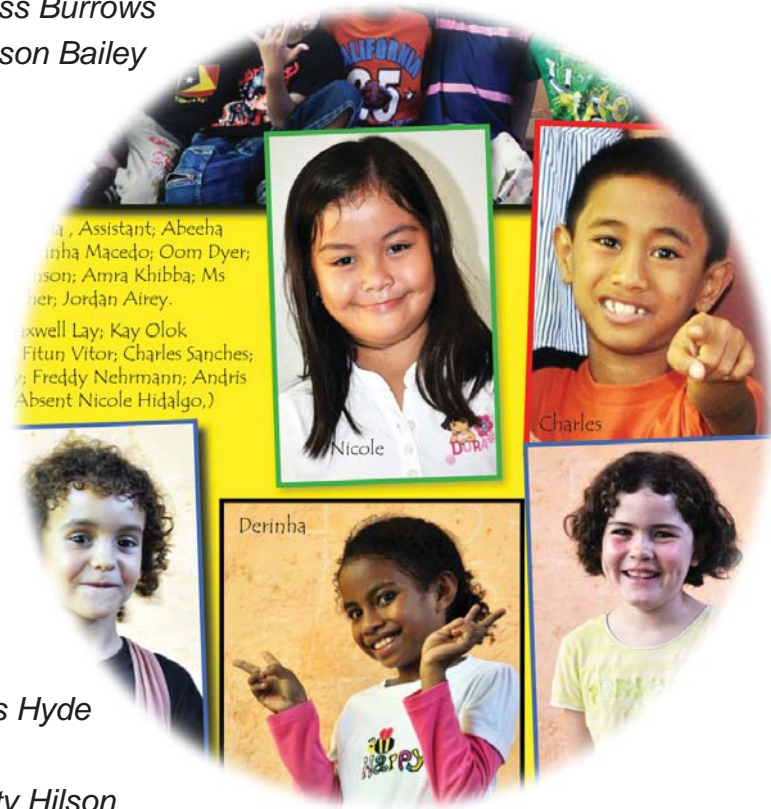
- Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th January

- Tuesday 6th (5th is Easter Monday) April
- Monday 19th July
- Monday 4th October.

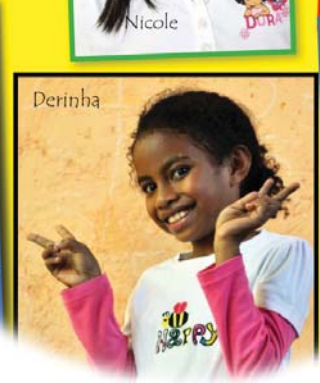
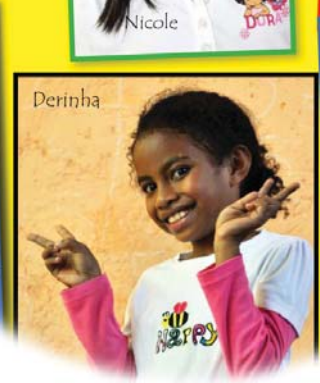
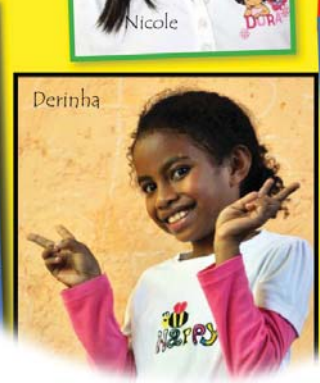
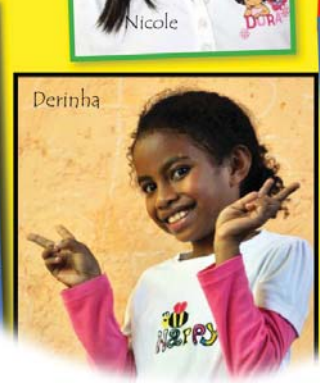
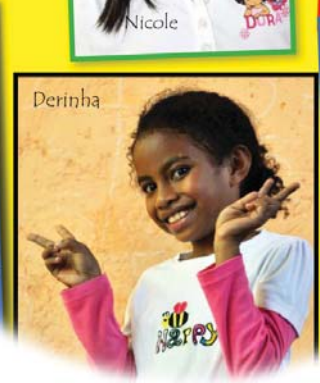
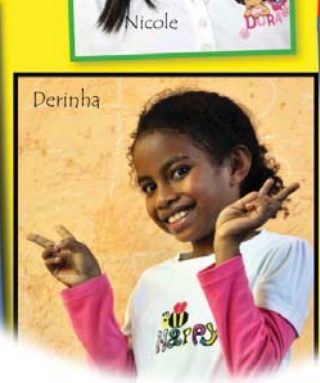
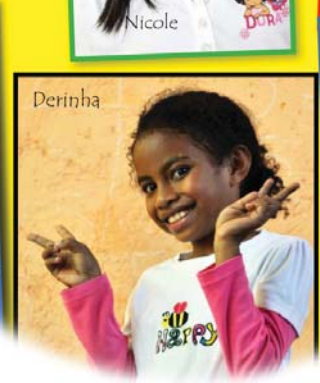
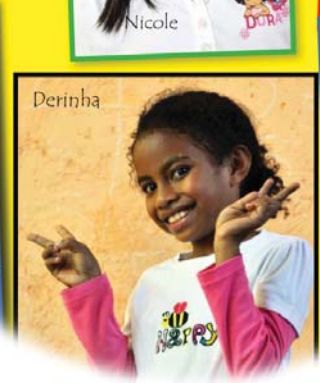
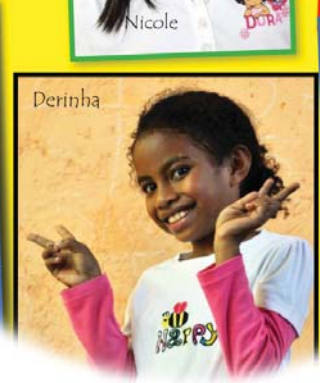
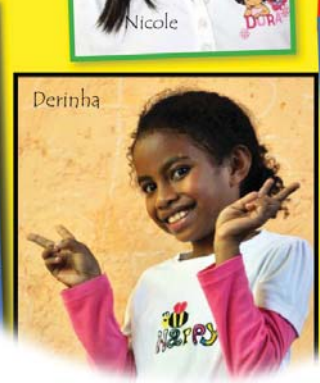
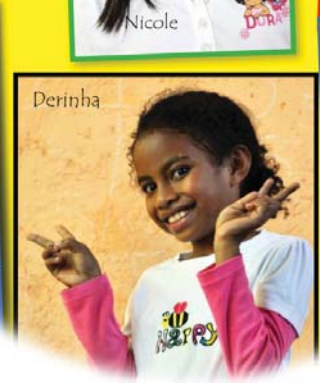
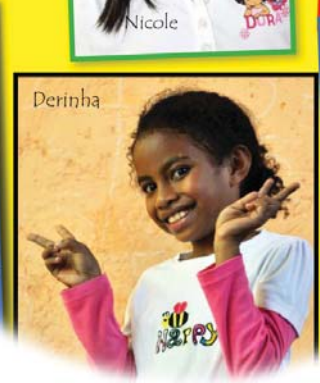
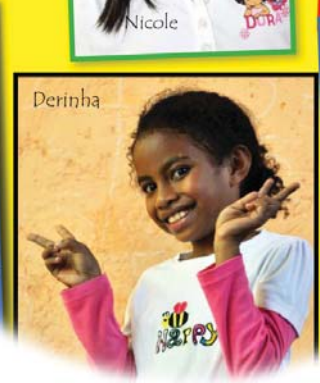
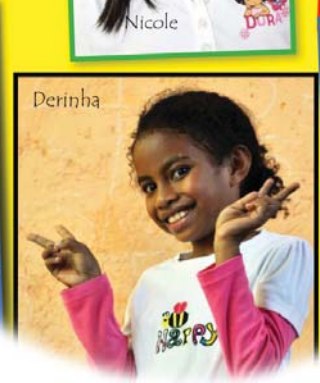
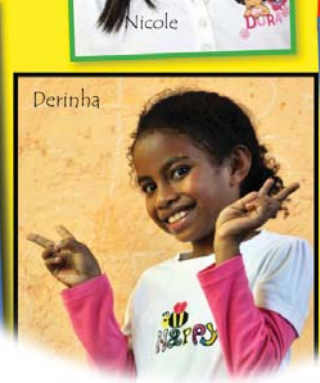
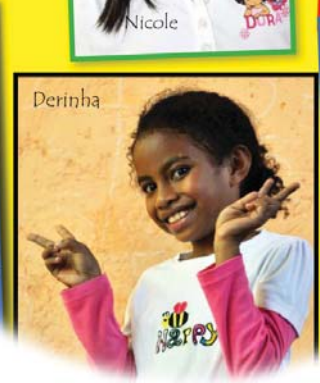
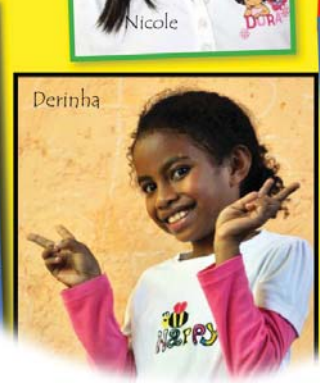
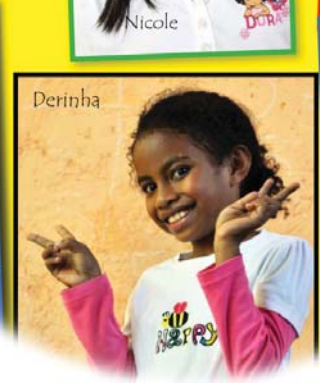
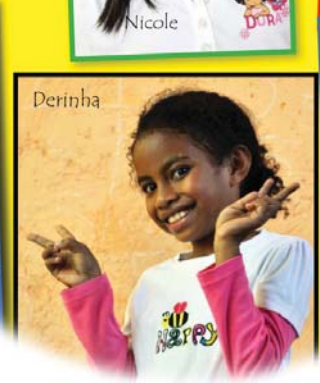
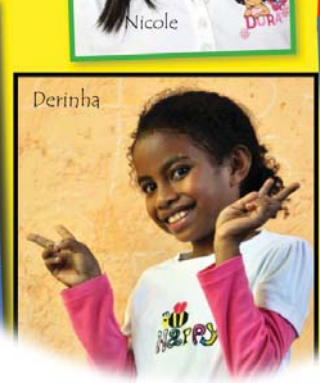
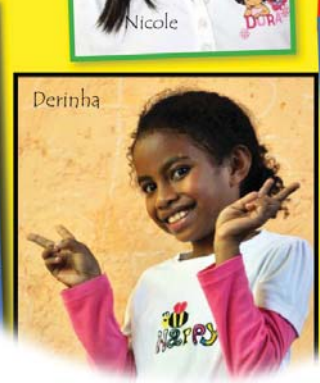
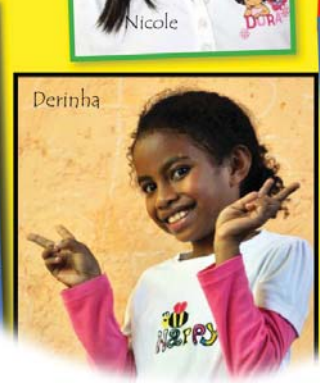
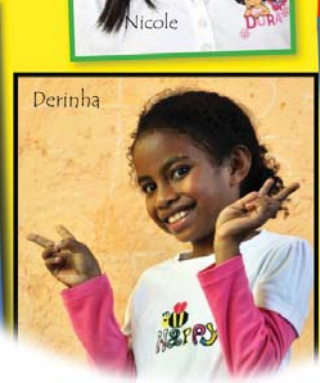
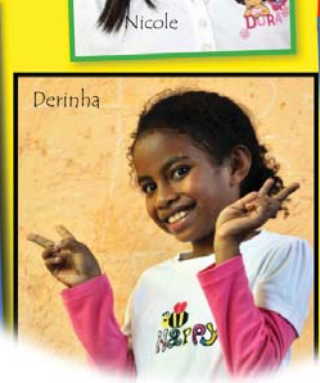
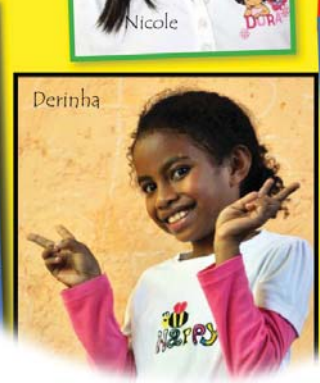
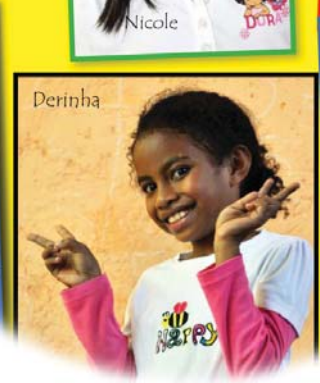
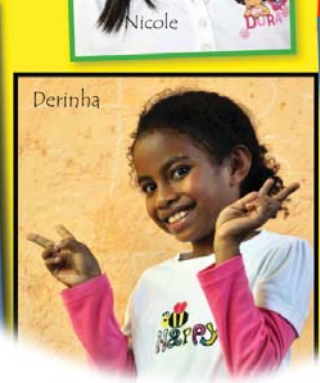
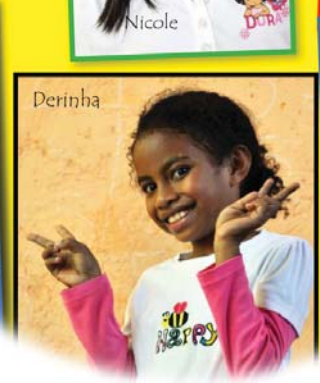
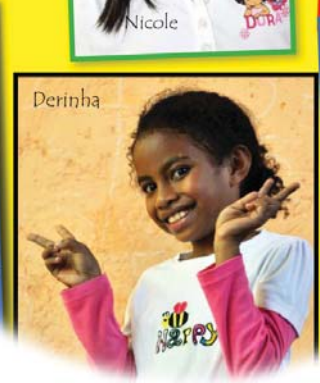
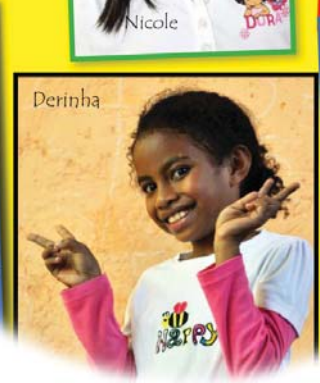
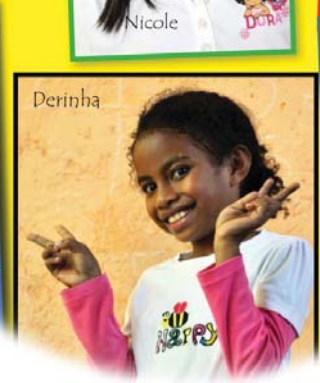
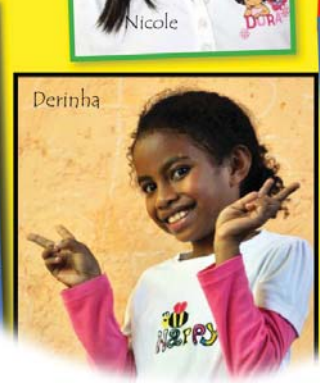
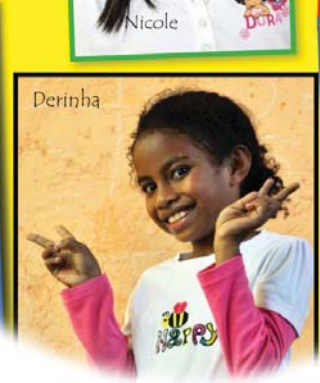
This week families received progress reports for all students from Junior Preschool to Secondary. Each student also received our newly-published DIS Yearbook 2009.

Thank-you to all families, students and staff for a productive and successful Term Four.

Have a safe and happy holidays! - Alison Bailey



Assistant; Abecha
Machado; Oom Dyer;
son; Amra Khibba; Ms
ner; Jordan Airey.
Maxwell Lay; Kay Olok
Fitun Vitor; Charles Sanches;
y; Freddy Nehrmann; Andris
Absent Nicole Hidalgo.)



Access to new buildings denied

DIS enrolment has increased considerably over the course of this year. We have not only outgrown our classroom spaces but those who were at the final assembly yesterday will attest to us bursting at the seams in the assembly area.

In the upcoming year, as we are establishing the new Secondary Program, as well as setting up an additional primary class, the need for additional space is even more apparent.

In anticipation of this growth, in January of this year, 2009, DIS pursued and secured a lease through the Ministry of Land and Property and acquired the remainder of the Upper Campus.

Our aim is to move some of the Lower Campus classes to the Upper Campus. The property also contains a large multi-purpose room, which would be ideal for many school activities, including assemblies.

There has however been a major hitch in us being able to occupy these buildings as another party has claimed that they too have a lease over this same property. This party has stationed security personal at the property and prevented us from accessing it.

DIS possesses a lease signed by the Justice Minister and paid rent back to January 2009. DIS has made numerous attempts through the appropriate channels, Land and Property Department, to have the situation reviewed and rectified. These attempts have occurred over the preceding six months but unfortunately with no success.

This situation is causing extreme difficulties in our day-to-day operations as well as our plans to expand and accommodate our students comfortably in the future.

We had anticipated that the situation would be resolved earlier in the year and that we could commence renovations on the buildings during the holiday break, ready for the commencement of the 2010 year.

We remain hopeful that this will be the case and have made appeals to the Prime Minister and President.

If anyone has any suggestions as to something further we can do please contact School Management.



Large empty classroom.

Above: multi-purpose assembly area.

Assembly Highlights



'Janka and Andris Kakuk's mum Krisztina was an enthusiastic bidder in the Jewellery Auction. Bidding was high spirited! Janka's piece went to Helen Fisseha.



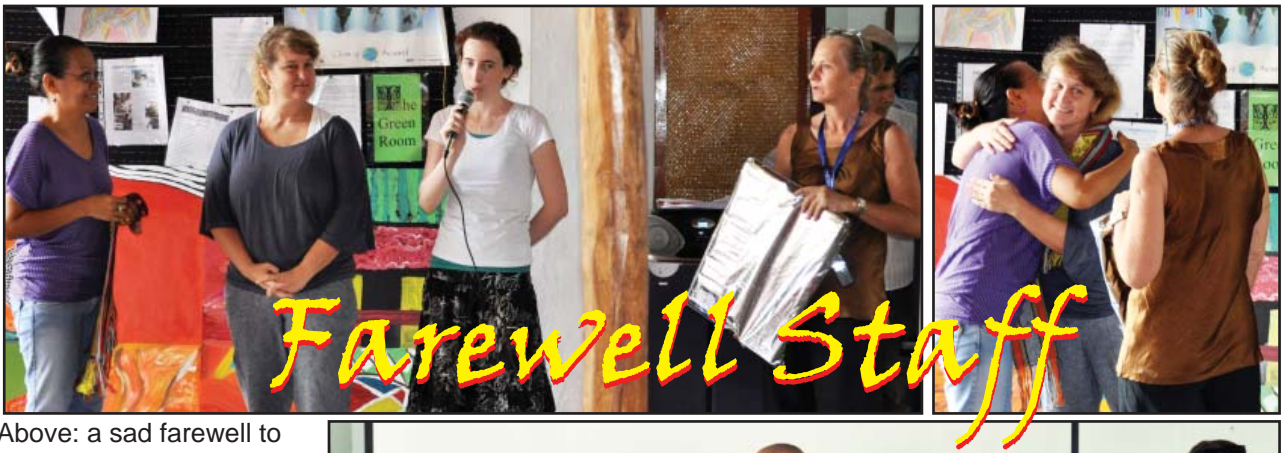
Left: Yasmina Farrell describes her style of painting on the fish theme collage put together by Ms Sarah's class while fellow artists watch on.



Right: Sheridan O'Neill in singing and dancing action.

Below: Students from Ms Julia's class perform "Jingle Bell Rock"





Above: a sad farewell to our wonderful Principal, Ms Sarah. Some of our equally wonderful staff are moving on to other parts of the world and new life experiences.

Sarah Brown, left is presented with a Tais by Ms Sonia and Ms Carmel. Sarah returns to Vancouver, Canada.

Mr Adam is returning to Tasmania, Mr Antranik to California, and Ms Severen to Melbourne.

We wish you all well!!!



Above left: Mr Antranik's class perform "All Star".

Above right: Ms Sarah's class do a great rendition of the music they have performed over the year.

Right: Mr Chris's class bring their dancing video clip to life!





*Santa
comes to
Playgroup
on last
day of
School*



Soccer in Timor always a win!

Senior Soccer proved this semester that it's not whether you win or lose but how you play the game.



Playing and losing to a younger group of local Timorese youth group week after week was not easy; other teams might have given up.

But the DIS squad showed up to play every Monday and while it might not have been reflected in the score, the improvement of our players was significant.

By the end of the semester Tony had to be triple, sometimes quadruple teamed.

Helen, Natalia, and Kennedy played so aggressively they had the other team shaking in their boots.

Nick consistently

frustrated opposing attackers with diving saves and deflections.

Alex, Rainer, Noah, and Liam started to thread passes and make moves just like their technically sound opponents.

Jessica volleyball spiked balls in the air and Aditia went from ground zero to mixing it up. Hannah, Jack, and Heath played sound defense, and showed heaps of maturity and leadership. And Rhea and Mayer should fortify the group next year.

But our opponents, Esperanca, were tough, and talented, and quick, and feisty, and honestly.... just better. And they beat us every game except for the first one.

Though I believe that as a team we were successful in fostering a relationship with a local group from the community with a punctuating moment coming 4 weeks ago when our team gave Esperanca stacks of writing journals and lined paper notebooks that we recycled from last term.

And nobody was seriously injured all season long, always a good thing.

Perhaps next year DIS will find better results in the Win-Loss column...but playing the great game of soccer against our local brethren, on a field that we sometimes share with goats, chickens, pigs, oxen, and small fires, in beautiful Timor-Leste, should definitely be considered a win.

Thanks for a great season everyone,
Antranik

NOTES ... Notes ... notes

Bus

Interested in utilising a School bus in 2010? Please send us an email and let us know.

Tenders invited for DIS Canteen

Persons or restaurants/café's are invited to provide a 'Healthy Food2' - lunch and snack facility for students and staff. This can operate from our existing canteen facility or your premises and will commence January 2010.

For further information please contact managerdis@gmail.com



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Ms. Jen's Class



Last week we learnt about similes. Here are two of the wonderful poems that we created. We hope that you enjoy them.

MAYER

Her smile is like an angels kiss,
Gently pressed against your
cheek.
Her hair is like golden streaks of
sunshine,
Peeping through the mountains.
Her laugh is like a fairies voice,
Far off in the distance.
Her personality is like a prin-
cess,
Dragging her dress across the
floor,
Her generosity is like a blooming
blossom tree,
Never stops giving.
Her skin is like a piece of white
chocolate,
Creamy and Silky.
Her smell is like a blooming wa-
ter lily,
Floating across the flowing river.
By Nazlee

HIM

He's as serious as a judge,
Sitting on a court.
He's as funny as a clown,
Acting on the stage.
His smile is like a fairy,
Flying around me.
He's as kind as an angel,
Waiting at the door.
He's as brave as a lion,
The king of the forest.
He's as cute as a fluffy puppy,
Waiting for me to come.
He's as friendly as a dolphin,
Calling out my name.

By Helen



2010 Term Dates

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Pupil Free Days

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- Monday 4th October.

Staff will use these days for planning and preparation. Please see the calendar, page 3.

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)