



# NEWSLETTER

Dili International School

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Term 4, Week 5

## Happy Halloween!



*Playgroupers acknowledged Halloween last Friday with dress-ups.*

### Clean up the World Campaign

We will be having a Clean Up the World Campaign in Week 6, 8th-12th of November.

During this week, students will be learning more about taking care of the environment, and we will be having an 'emu bob' to clean up the local area, Pantai Kelapa.

There will be more information available over the coming weeks.

### REUSE AND RECYCLE

Please bring to school any clean household garbage that could be useful for students in Visual Art and Technology classes. We can use cereal boxes, yogurt containers, egg cartons, newspapers, magazines, bottles, boxes, foam packaging – just about anything that is clean!

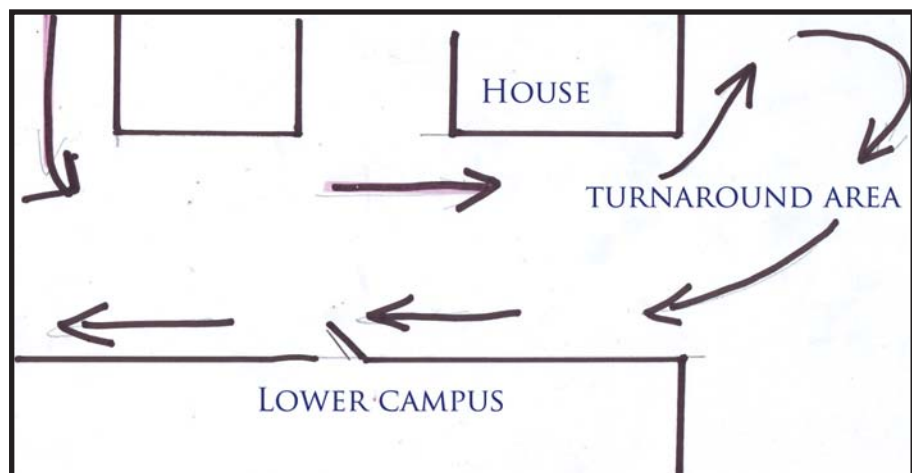
They can be left in the big baskets at the back of the main Junior Primary classroom area – beside the canteen order table. Thanks for your help!

### New turn-around area at Lower Campus

DIS has a new turn-around area for vehicles at the Lower Campus to alleviate congestion.

Parents please drive in past the gate entrance to the end of the School wall. To the left opposite the end of the school is a new area to turn around without the need for backing up.

Turn around there and come back to drop your children near the gate, then continue out. Thank you.



# From the Principal . . .



## **From the Principal**

### **Term Dates, Public Holidays, Student Free Days**

Term 4: Tuesday 5th October- Friday 10th December

#### **There will be two student free days in Term 4;**

the next is Monday 15th November (Report Writing Day).

#### **There will be two public holidays in Term 4;**

Tuesday the 2nd of November

Friday the 12th November.

### **Malaria Cases**

Three cases of malaria have been reported to teachers this week. If your child shows any malaria type symptoms, particularly if they have a fever, please take them to see a doctor for testing. DIS fogs twice weekly, and parents are asked to continue applying insect repellent on their children each morning.

### **New Afternoon Preschool Class**

The Afternoon Preschool Session successfully commenced at the beginning of this term. This session is open to students from either of the morning Preschool classes (Ms. Alison's/Ms. Jane's), and to students who would like to only attend in the afternoon. There are a limited number of places still available. Please inform us if you would like to secure a place for your child in this class.

This class is taught by Ms. Jane, and runs from 12:45pm-3:15pm. (For students staying the whole day, there is a supervised lunch eating and nap time between 12 and 12:45.)

The program for this class follows the same teaching pedagogies as the morning sessions but involves different activities. It includes emerging literacy and numeracy activities, investigative activities and structured developmental play. The learning areas covered are Mathematics, English, Visual Art, Performing Arts, Health & Physical Education, Humanities, and Science. If you have any questions about this new class, please speak to Ms. Jane or Ms. Alison.

### **Term Four Extra-Curricular and After School Supervision**

Extra-Curricular and After School Supervision commenced last week.

For students who need to be at school until 4:20 and are not enrolled in an activity, we are offering very affordable After School Supervision at only \$2 an afternoon. Please let the office know if/when you would like to book your child into After School Supervision.

### **Late Arrivals and Late Pick-Ups**

Please make a note of your child/ren's class times, and ensure that they are on time every day.

Playgroup/Junior Preschool/Preschool: 9am-12am (The Afternoon Session finishes at 3:15pm.)

Primary Classes: 8:45am-3:15pm

Secondary Classes: 8:30am-3:00pm

Students who arrive late to school at the Lower Campus will be sent home with a late slip signed by their teacher. Students in Middle and Upper Primary will collect a late slip from Ms. Kirsty and hand it to their class teacher. These late slips must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to class teachers.

Please be on time to pick up your child. Teachers and teaching assistants need to use the time following classes for preparation and planning in order to provide quality learning experiences for all students.

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 weekdays.

**Alison Morias, Principal, (742 8402 / [alisonmorias@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmorias@gmail.com))**

**Tomorrow - Tuesday - is a holiday  
.... see you all Wednesday!**

# Having Fun with Nursery Rhymes in JPC

Over the last couple of weeks, in JPC we have been studying Nursery Rhymes as our Literacy focus. Nursery Rhymes are a great way to strengthen our rhyming skills, understanding of alliteration and learn new vocabulary. We made word banks, puppets and mice out of love hearts as well as role played, sung, acted out and danced to our rhymes. Our Nursery Rhymes even helped us with our mathematics; telling the time (Hickory Dickory Dock) and learning about columns and rows (Mary Mary Quite Contrary). We have thoroughly enjoyed this unit and we can now boast that we know six new rhymes. We sing them in class all the time now. Maybe ask us sometime to teach you one of them!

Here is a very special one that many of us didn't know before the start of this unit- it helps us make wishes:

*Star light Star bright,  
First star I see tonight,  
I wish I may,  
I wish I might,  
Have the wish I wish tonight*



*Making Hickory Dickory Dock Clocks*

**.... by Ms Candiece**

# Learning to play together in After-School games

After School Games started again last week with the students enjoying a variety of outdoor and indoor games. Students enjoyed playing games outside such as Simon Says, Crocodile, and Pirate Ships. After playing outside, we headed into JPL's classroom to participate in a variety of indoor activities.

Students choose between playing board games such as Monopoly and Chinese checkers, and playing musical instruments such as the recorder or harmonica. They can also choose to draw, or play with the Lego or blocks. It is great fun in After School Games!

... by Ms Yvonne



## DIS Afternoon Community Preschool

DIS conducts a community preschool for the benefit of local children twice a week.

Here is Ms Zelia - in white - with the group last week.



# OUR COMMUNITY

In Preschool and Junior Preschool

Preschool and Junior Preschool have been learning about Our Community-Dili as a part of our integrated unit. We have been looking at maps, talking about who and what we find in our community, and meeting different people from our community. So far we have met Mr. Seeko who is a driver, Ms. Nina, who works in the office, Dr. Simon and his patient Meika, and Ms. Vinnie who is a ballerina.



# Our Teachers ...

## PLAYGROUP

Leaders: Glaucia Miqueletti [miqueletti.glaucia@gmail.com](mailto:miqueletti.glaucia@gmail.com), Yen Serrano [yenserrano@yahoo.com](mailto:yenserrano@yahoo.com)



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## PRESCHOOL / PRINCIPAL

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## JUNIOR PRIMARY C (TRANSITION)

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Teacher: Yvonne Abey [yvonneabey@yahoo.com.au](mailto:yvonneabey@yahoo.com.au)

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## SECONDARY MATHS / SCIENCE / HUMANITIES

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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, IB MYP COORDINATOR, SECONDARY TEACHER ENGLISH, ARTS

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## SPECIALIST HEALTH/ PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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

### School Holidays

**Pupil Free Days** 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6<sup>th</sup> Apr, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

2011 School commences Jan 19<sup>th</sup>  
(Staff commence on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>)