



# NEWSLETTER

## Dili International School

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Term 4, Week 2



Mizuo Nagayama, Liam Soares and Jessica Bouk took part in a Language and Culture Study Tour to Bali with Secondary Co-ordinator Linda Glasson late last month.

Here they are in a beautiful rice field near Ubud.

Ms Linda's story is on page four.

## Welcome back for Term Four!

We have some exciting developments to announce this term particularly with regards to class space.

Firstly, Ms Yvonne's Grade 2 class has moved to the Upper Campus into one of two newly-acquired and renovated class rooms there.

This has created more space in the Lower Campus. Ms Leila's Grade 1 class has moved to the portable rooms leaving Ms Candiece's class access to a larger area. This also means 15 less bodies sharing the playground area in the Lower Campus.

Mr Gus' Grade 3-4 class has also moved into the new building at the Upper Campus. The Assembly Room is being used as an indoor sports area by Ms Gaye's class to escape the heat.

Work is continuing at the Upper Campus with a new playground area opening in the next week, two newly-renovated classrooms completed which come on-line in 2011 and another two to also be on-line by January start-date.

This will all open up areas for a music room, an arts room, a science lab and possibly a theatrette.

*Right: Ms Yvonne's class in their new lodgings in the Upper Campus.*



# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE Middle Years Program Candidate Status for DIS

DIS this week received advice from the International Baccalaureate Organization that our application to conduct their Middle Years Program for our secondary grade students has been successful.

The criteria and assessment to meet Candidate status is extremely vigorous and acknowledges that DIS meets this high international standard.



*Above: Ajito putting the finishing touches to new playground equipment*

## LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure your all items are clearly labeled. Children from Lower Campus should have the outside of their bags clearly labeled.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Activities commence on Monday and there is an array of new and old activities on offer. Please pay fee payments where fees are charged. It is necessary to pay this to the office or to the class supervisor at the first lesson.

We are happy to provide these additional activities for your child's enjoyment. Please assist us by ensuring children are collected promptly from the class at 4.20. Children not collected on time will be placed with Afternoon Care and fees will be charged.

Children waiting for siblings who have booked to attend Afterschool Supervision until 4.20 are required to pay fees in advance or on the day. This is supervision only, activities are not provided and children are required to bring their own quiet activity or homework. A snack is also a good idea.

# From the Principal . . .



## **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 will be 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 commence in Week 3.

There is a maximum of 3 Extra-Curricular activities per student, due to the limited number of places. However, 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.

The correct telephone number for Mr. Joaquim, the Instrumental Music Teacher, is: 770 8041. It was incorrect on the Extra Curricular forms.

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

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

There will be two student free days in Term 4;

Monday 4th October (First Day Back)

Monday 15th November (Report Writing Day).

There will be two public holidays in Term 4; Tuesday the 2nd of November, Friday the 12th November.

## **Contagious Impetigo Alert**

As parents were informed, last week there were a number of cases of Impetigo identified at the Lower Campus. Impetigo is one or more red patchy sores that occur on the body or face. The sores generally start as a blister, which bursts, and continues to spread. If your child has any sores, spots or patches please take him or her to see a doctor as it needs to be treated with antibiotics.

Impetigo is highly contagious, and as such, children with symptoms are excluded from school until treatment becomes effective.

While we have not been notified of any new cases since last Thursday, please continue to check your child/ren daily. Please note that some parents have said that it looked more like an insect bite to begin with.

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

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# LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN BALI

A busy and exciting week of Indonesian language immersion and Balinese cultural experiences were had by three secondary students – Mizuo Nagayama, Liam Soares and Jessica Bouk – who were accompanied Ms Linda, Indonesian language teacher, Ms Carmel and a Balinese guide, Mr Wayan Sumarta.

The trip which spanned the last four days of Term 3 and the first four days of the school holidays aimed to give students cultural experiences not normally encountered by tourists. The group stayed two nights in Sanur, two nights in Ubud, and three nights in Dukuh, near the small town of Kerambitan, West Bali.

In Dukuh, students had the opportunity to make traditional decorations from palm leaves, make and fly kites, play in the local gamelan orchestra, attend ceremonies including a village procession and ceremony for the purification of the local well with holy water, as well as the famous Kerambitan Calonarang trance dance in which Mr Wayan, and his son, Kadek, participated. Kerambitan is one of the areas in Bali renowned for highly active spirits and the frequencies of trance possession.

In addition, the entire village of Dukuh turned out to extend an amazing traditional welcome or 'Penyambutan' to our group on their arrival. The students, as well as Ms Carmel & Ms Linda, wore traditional Balinese dress for the occasion.



The ceremony included a procession of villagers carrying bamboo torches, a large wooden gong orchestra (similar to cow bells of varying sizes) accompanied by traditional gamelan orchestra, village women carrying traditional offerings, and young women carrying flowers.

The students also enjoyed a non-traditional day with free time at Waterbom Park, a trip to the cinema, and to the Ramada Hotel to see Mr Wayan's daughter Putu, a professional singer, perform with her band.

All the students believe the trip improved their Indonesian language skills and they certainly experienced things the average traveler to Bali never experiences!



# Brito Academy visit

Middle and Junior Secondary students have been working hard and having fun at Brito Academy, a local gym owned and run by Carlos Brito.

Over the course of five sessions, students have learned some mixed martial arts skills, core body strength exercises using the stability ball, boxing techniques and the safe and proper use of free weights, universal, and cardiovascular machines.

It has been a successful part of continuing our work in the area of life fitness in the Physical Education curriculum. ... by Ms. Gaye



# Secondary camp to Atauro

In the last week of Term 3 Ms Kirsty, Ms Gaye and Mr Adam took the Secondary students on a two night adventure to Atauro Island. The intrepid travellers battled strong winds, seasickness and soakings with seawater, and that was just on the trip over!

The group was well fed and looked after at Tua Koin Eco-Village, which is right on the beach in an idyllic location just north of the town of Vila.

A variety of activities were squeezed into the time on the island including an energetic uphill walk to a vantage point over the island, from where we made charcoal sketches of the fantastic scenery. In addition we visited a local Secondary school and Boneca de Atauro. There was even time left to play soccer and volleyball on the beach with lots of local children.

The DIS students were a credit to the school and I think they enjoyed the trip as much as the staff did. Thanks to everyone who participated.  
.... Ms. Kirsty



# EXCURSION TO THE BEACH



At the end of last term, JPC, JPL and JPY had an excursion to the Jesus Statue and Area Branca. The morning started off with a walk up to the statue. It was a lot of fun looking at the story of Jesus on the way up.

At the half way point we stopped for a break and a much needed drink of water. We then lined up again to walk the rest of the way. At the top we had a break so we could play and enjoy the beautiful view of the beach as well as a helicopter that was flying past.

After walking back down we drove to Caz Bar for a much needed drink and some food.

We then had the opportunity to cool down in the water across the road before heading

back to school.



The staff would like to thank all the parents who donated their time and/or cars to help make this trip possible.

We also would like to thank all the students for their great work all last term including their excellent behaviour on the trip.

.... With  
Ms Yvonne.

# Our Teachers ...

## PLAYGROUP AND JUNIOR PRESCHOOL

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

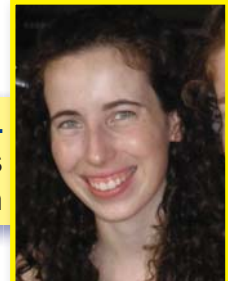


## JUNIOR PRESCHOOL (AND AFTERNOON PRESCHOOL)

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## PRESCHOOL / PRINCIPAL

Principal/Teacher: Alison Morias [alisonmorias@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmorias@gmail.com)



## JUNIOR PRIMARY C (TRANSITION)

Teacher: Candiece Tappin [c.m.tappin@gmail.com](mailto:c.m.tappin@gmail.com)

## JUNIOR PRIMARY L (TRANSITION / GRADE 1)

Teacher: Leila Reilly [le\\_reilly@hotmail.com](mailto:le_reilly@hotmail.com)



## JUNIOR PRIMARY Y (GRADE 2)

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

## MIDDLE PRIMARY GRADE 3/4

Teacher: Robert (Gus) Zieran [rzieran@gmail.com](mailto:rzieran@gmail.com)

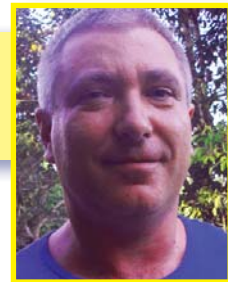


## UPPER PRIMARY

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## SECONDARY MATHS / SCIENCE / HUMANITIES

Teacher: Felix Goldstein [felix.goldstein@mac.com](mailto:felix.goldstein@mac.com)



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

Teacher: Kirsty Hilson [kirstyhilson@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kirstyhilson@yahoo.com.au)

## SECONDARY DISTANCE PROGRAM

Coordinator: Linda Glasson [lindaglasson@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lindaglasson@yahoo.com.au)



## SPECIALIST HEALTH/ PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Teacher: Gaye Macpherson [gaye.macpherson@yahoo.com.au](mailto:gaye.macpherson@yahoo.com.au)

# 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>)