



NEWSLETTER

Dili International School

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Term 3, Week 2

Welcome back all!



A warm welcome back to DIS to all students and parents for Term Three.

Introducing three new teachers Candiece Tappin (left) with Leila Reilly, and Felix Goldstein, below.

Welcome to new teachers Candiece Tappin, Leila Reilly, Gaye Macpherson and Felix Goldstein. All teachers bring an expanse of experience and talent to our existing, dynamic teaching team.

Candiece Tappin - Transition

Candiece comes from Australia where she has taught mainstream and indigenous classes. She has travelled extensively throughout Europe, Asia and the Americas. Candiece completed some of her own schooling at our sister school Bali International School.

Leila Reilly - Transition / Grade 1

Leila too is Australian who has also taught in both mainstream and indigenous Schools. In Australia Leila volunteered with the NGO Timor Leste Vision. Here as part of a small team she coordinated fundraising events and marketing to contribute funds to programs run in the rural areas of Timor Leste.

Leila has had a long standing desire to work in Timor Leste and is delighted to have this come to fruition through her appointment with DIS.

Felix Goldstein - Secondary Maths, Science, Humanities

Felix is from Austria where he has taught in the capital Vienna. He has also worked and studied in Helsinki, Chicago, Jerusalem and Bucharest. Felix speaks seven languages and has interests in the arts and in particular photography and film as well as sports.

Gaye Macpherson - Whole-School PE, Health

Gaye is from Toronto, Canada, however has already spent two years teaching in Timor Leste. She loves the life-style and so is pleased to take up the position with DIS and stay here longer.

Gaye as expected has a great interest in sports and participates in many activities in Dili.

CONGRATULATIONS ALISON AND BRENDAN!



If you are confused by Principal Ms Alison's new email address there's a very good reason!

Alison and Brendan Morias were married in Melbourne at the Frankston Church of Christ on Saturday July 3, with guests from Singapore, Timor Leste and Australia.

Brendan comes from Singapore and met Ali in Dili. DIS staff, students and parents congratulate you both and wish you a long and happy union!



From the Principal . . .



Welcome back to Term 3

Welcome back to all students, staff and families to Term 3 at DIS.

Teachers will be sending home timetables and other class related information with students over the next few days.

Please take time to read through this information, and

contact the class teacher if you have any questions.

Term Dates and Public Holidays

There will be one public holiday this term, Friday the 10th of September.

Term 3: Tuesday 20th July- Friday 24th September

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

Staying Sun Safe

DIS encourages all students to be safe in the sun. Please ensure that your child brings a clearly labelled hat to school each day, as all students must wear a hat at all times when in the sun. In addition to this, we recommend that students apply sunscreen each morning before school, and wear

long sleeved, loose clothing.

Healthy Snacks and Lunches

Please ensure that your child brings to school a healthy snack for morning tea and a healthy meal for lunch. Teachers have observed some students regularly eating food that is high in sugar, which can have a negative effect on both concentration and behaviour. Eating healthy, nutritious food enables children and teenagers to have sustained energy for all the activities involved in the school day.

Arriving at School on Time

Teachers have noticed that a number of students regularly arrive at school late. This is very disruptive to both their learning and the learning of their classmates. A record of late arrivals is made by class teachers.

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

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

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

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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Counting our chickens ...



The Junior and Middle Secondary students used their Week 1 technology lessons to design, build and improve a device to enclose and protect a raw egg when impacting with concrete.

The aim of the lesson was to demonstrate the relevance of the phases of designing, testing, modifying and re-testing in technology.

Students discussed these phases and their importance in the real

world, for example for motor vehicle safety and the manufacturing industry.

Working in pairs, the students were given a limited range of materials including packing foam, tape, wooden skewers, cardboard, and fabric with which to design and construct their devices. In the first test phase, 6 out of 7 eggs survived a drop onto concrete from a height of approx 9'. After modification, 7 out of 7 raw eggs survived the re-test - being pitched in an arc along the length of the basketball court.

Thanks to Mr Amio, our upper campus janitor for his assistance as the 'dropper' and 'pitcher'! ... with Ms Linda.



PRESCHOOL GOES ON A BUG HUNT!

Chae's looking for hidden creatures.



Examining what we found.

This term in Preschool students are finding out about bugs-insects and spiders, as a part of our Integrated Unit. We have started discussing what we already know about bugs, and we went on a Bug Hunt in the school yard to see what we could find. We were lucky enough to see three different types of ants, and a black bug with pincers!



Sofia and Fidelis are checking the leaves for anything that moves!



Anything could be hiding under a bush!



Essential to the functioning of DIS are two women you would know well by now.

Admin Manager Seldonia Guterres, left, and assistant Felismina de Araujo.

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Donia and Nina in Admin

HAVING FUN IN PROJECT TIME

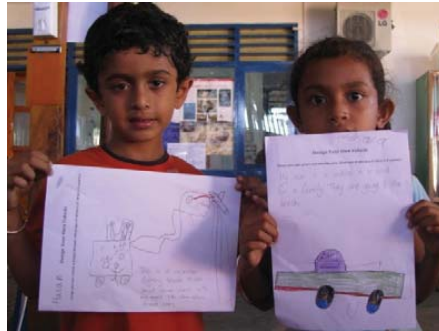
Last term, in Project Time, Stars made Volcanoes. It was a lot of fun and mess!



This term, in Project Time, we are making Vehicles. So far we have focused on the different types of road vehicles available and their purposes. We discussed the various parts of a car and their uses. We made a collage of different cars using pictures found in old magazines. We also designed our own vehicle using ideas we read from a book about Trucks. Soon we are going to be making our vehicles. Here are some of our vehicle designs so far –



Yuji – It is a truck.
Kienan – It s a rainbow monster truck.



Hasan – It is a monster fighting truck.
Sandriana – It is a sedan. It is used by a family.



Rosie - It is a sedan.
Amra – This is a Suzuki Vitara. And it's for driving.



.... with Ms Yvonne.

Ebube – It is used for fun. It has a roof, window, door, boot, engine, wheels and bonnet.
Glomano – This is a monster truck. It is used for fun. We ride in them and crash them.
Bruno – UN Police Car with engine, bonnet, roof, sirens, windows, boot, antenna, light, wheels and door.
Nicole – Family car with bonnet, window, roof, engine, door and wheels.

Our Teachers ...

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Jen



Gulnara

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

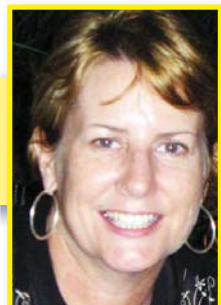
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Kirsty

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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 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)