



NEWSLETTER

Dili International School

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WELCOME TO DIS!



Welcome to DIS to three new students in Lower Primary for Term Three, Tochukwu Ezepue "Toto" (left), Sueilda Blaine and Apon Jahid Hossain. (Toto and Sueilda are in fact returning students)

From the Principal . . .



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

Late Arrivals in Preschool and Primary Classes

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-3:00pm

Commencing next week, students who arrive late to school at the Lower Campus will need to collect a late slip from the Administration Office, and hand it to their class teacher. Students in Middle and Upper Primary will collect a late slip from their class teachers. These late slips must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to class teachers.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued ...)

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.

Sports Carnival/Competition

All Primary and Secondary students will participate in a Sports Carnival in Week 7. Students will be assigned to four colour houses, and represent these houses in the Carnival. There will be more information available about this in the coming weeks.

Sleep is Important at All Ages

Teachers have noticed that some children have been coming to school overtired. Please ensure that your child or teenager is having enough sleep each day.

A good night's sleep improves concentration and behaviour, and is vital to your child's social and academic development.

The recommended amount of sleep is different for different age groups. Please take note of how much sleep your child/teenager needs each day:

Age and condition	Average amount of sleep per day
Newborn	up to 18 hours
1–12 months	14–18 hours
1–3 years	12–15 hours
3–5 years	11–13 hours
5–12 years	9–11 hours
Adolescents	9–10 hours[26
Adults, including elderly	7–8 (+) hours
Pregnant women	8 (+) hours

For more information about sleep, please see the following articles;

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/preschoolers_sleep_nutshell.html/context/322

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_age_sleep_nutshell.html/context/325

http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Sleep_deprivation

<http://www.sleepfoundation.org/article/hot-topics/background-earlier-school-start-times>

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.

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DRESS CODE REMINDER

While the uniform provided at DIS is not compulsory, it is expected that students will dress appropriately for school. Below is a reminder of the DIS dress code.

Students should wear:

- Sun hats outside
- Sandals or trainers
- Shorts and tee shirts (long or short sleeved)
- Mid length shorts/skirts (not higher than 10cm above knee)
- Long pants/skirt/jeans
- Appropriate clothing for practical activities (eg trainers for tennis)

Students may not wear:

- Shoe-string straps, low-cut tops, mid-riff tops, see through tops, tee shirts with offensive transfers
- Short shorts or skirts
- Clogs, rubber thongs, high heels
- Hats inside buildings

Please ensure your child is dressed according to our code, because participation in some timetabled activities is difficult if students are unsuitably dressed.



English tutor Valentina Gentile with Silvia De Jesus Silva.

SAVANNAH CREATURES

This term in our Integrated Unit of Work the Upper Primary students are studying African biomes, savannahs and rainforests. We have discussed three general types of biomes in Africa and how different animals are adapted to the particular conditions of the habitat that exists there.



As wild imagination is a distinguishing feature of the Upper Primary students, they were happy to create their own fantastic savannah creatures, using all possible materials.

The students had to name their imaginary animal and describe how it is adapted to living in the savannah. Here are some animals designed by the students. Look closely, I bet you can see them in real life one day!

Amara – My animal's name is Ananas. It's a carnivore, it has sharp teeth and claws and can easily kill lions and tigers. They give birth to 15-17 babies and drink blood instead of water. This species is on the verge of extinction.



Rainer – This is double-winged Raptora. This animal has sharp claws, a long tongue to get insects and it can fly.

Noor – My animal's name is Wonka. It has small legs, a long tail, which is used to fan itself, big ears and it can store water in its round belly and tail.



Ebere – This is Stalius. It can fly using its head wigs. Stalius has poisonous coloration, it can store water in its body and head and swim using its tail.

Prajita – My animal's name is Siga. It has long wings and can fly at a speed of 25 km/h. It feeds on insects and fish and can store food in its belly. Siga lives in trees and is a good jumper.



Nazlee – This is Wakamaboo. Its skin keeps it cool and it can jump up to 3 meters high. Wakamaboo's attractive coloration is extremely poisonous and it changes its color to blend into the surrounding environment.

If you are interested and want to see more, do not hesitate to visit our classroom!



- with Ms Gulnara

Transition has a Handa's Surprise Morning Tea ...

For the past two weeks in literacy, Ms Candiece's Transition class has been using "Handa's Surprise" by Eileen Browne as their book focus.

This means that we have been doing all sorts of fun and creative literacy activities that surround this vibrant picture book.

This book is about a young girl called Handa, who fills a basket with special fruit to give as a surprise to her friend Akeyo. On the way to Akeyo's village, the fruit is mysteriously taken one-by-one by cheeky animals. At the end, it is



Handa that gets the surprise by what she finds in her basket! (I won't give it away, you will all just have to go out and read it yourselves.)

Some of the things we have done with this book include story sequencing and retell, making masks of the animals and characters in Handa's Surprise and then using them in role play activities, creating our own Handa's Surprise baskets, as well as phonetic and phonological awareness activities using the book's characters and themes.

We've also had class discussions on where this book is set (Africa) and the different fruits and animals that they have there compared to places like Timor-Leste, Australia or Europe.

As a grand finale for this book, we had a special morning tea where we all got to try and taste the fruits that were in Handa's basket (well, the ones that Ms Candiece could find at the markets!).

We loved sharing and enjoying the fruit together and I think our favourite was the orange!

.... with Ms Candiece

Our Teachers ...



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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)