



NEWSLETTER

Dili International School

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CROCODILE BEWARE!

The local 'NT News' newspaper in Darwin in the Northern Territory of Australia is famous for publishing as many crocodile stories as possible in a bid to sell more copies of every edition.

While not wanting to emulate that newspaper's quest for attention, and also not to scare parents unduly, we however feel it our duty to inform you that the parents of new students Tomás and Mathias, Tiago Guerra and Tammy Chan, went to Areia Branca for a swim several weeks ago and took these startling pictures.

Tiago said: "when I took Tomás and Mathias out of the water, about 50 meters away was the "friend" in the picture.

"I don't want to stop anyone from going to the beach, but just in case some are not aware of how close these

crocodiles are from the sand and little kids..." Thanks Tiago for the warning, so parents please be aware of the dangers even at this family beach.

Everyone, have a Safe and Happy Holiday Week!!!

From the Principal . . .



Several exciting events have happened over the past few weeks ... with the Sports Carnival, the Assembly in our new spacious assembly room, and the announcement below that we are shifting classrooms now we have more class space available at the Upper Campus.

2nd September Sports Carnival and Volleyball Competition

All Primary and Secondary students dressed in their house colours to participate in the Sports Carnival/Volleyball Competition in Week 7. A lot of fun was had with relay races, egg and spoon races, sack races, and, of course, the volleyball matches. The students (and staff!) were enthusiastic, and there was lots of cheering and good sportsmanship shown. Our secondary and older primary students in particular are to be commended for how they helped organise, marshal, encourage and cheer on our younger students. Thanks also goes to the parents who came to support this event.

Moving Classrooms

Over the one week break we will see a number of classes shifting to make the most of our first newly-renovated building. Classes will move as follows:

- Middle Primary and JP Yvonne will move into the two newly renovated classrooms at the Upper Campus.
- Secondary classes will be taught in the current Middle Primary classroom and as a result two smaller multi-use spaces will become available for staff and students in the existing Upper Campus building.
- JP Leila will move into the portable, JP Yvonne's current classroom.

.... From the Principal (continued.)

Assembly 23rd September

Last Thursday we had a lovely assembly in our newly renovated Multi Purpose Room! We saw a sneak peak of the Secondary Arts Play *Clive Clueless and the Case of the Missing Fairytales*, saw JP Candiece and JP Leila perform the "chicken dance", listened to some acrostic poems written by the Middle Primary students and much more. Thank you to the parents who joined us for the assembly.

Assembly Awards

The following awards were given out at the end of term assembly last week;

Preschool:	Fidelis York for being a Communicator Thicia Monteiro Acquisto for being a Risk Taker
JP Candiece:	Luka Tindale Biscoe for being a Risk Taker Toto Ezepue for being Reflective
JP Leila:	Sueilda Blaine for being a Risk Taker Sandriana Pereira for being a Thinker
JP Yvonne:	Mica Bano for being a Risk Taker and for being Caring Zana Gentile for being Knowledgeable and for being Reflective
Middle Primary:	Inacio Maxwell Lay for being an Inquirer Derinha Loreda Augusta X Macedo for being Balanced
Upper Primary:	Dylan Primary for being Balanced Prajita Neraula for being Knowledgeable
Junior Secondary:	Khadiga Fatima for being a Communicator
Middle Secondary:	Ratti Burduli for being Knowledgeable
Distance Education:	Nicholas Kettle for being Caring
Physical Education:	Ike Hardmann for being a Communicator Christmas Bocy for being Caring Hasan Murtaza for being a Thinker Ginger Niner for being a Risk Taker and for being a Thinker Luka Thierry Biscoe for being a Thinker and for being a Communicator Jordan Airey for being a Thinker Fitun Vitor for being Principled Derinha Loreda Augusta X Macedo for being a Risk Taker Alexandre Gusmao for being Balanced and for being Principled Rainer Cook-Tonkin for being a Communicator Heath Bruce Stenstrom for being Principled Yasmina Srdanovic Farrell for being a Risk Taker Danira Corbafo Da Costa for being a Risk Taker Kiara Soares for being Balanced Jack Symons for being Balanced and for being Principled

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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LATE FEES PAYMENTS

It is now the end of Term and some students tuition fees still have not been paid.

Regrettably there are still many families whose fee payments are regularly paid late. For this reason the School Advisory Committee decided in Term One on a penalty for late fees.

A \$30 per week penalty will be imposed on fees which remain unpaid after the end of Week Two of each Term.

We regret the need to take this action but late fee payments create great difficulties for managing day to day activity as well as longer term planning, and impacts on the education provided to all children. As such families who have made timely payments are unfairly disadvantaged.

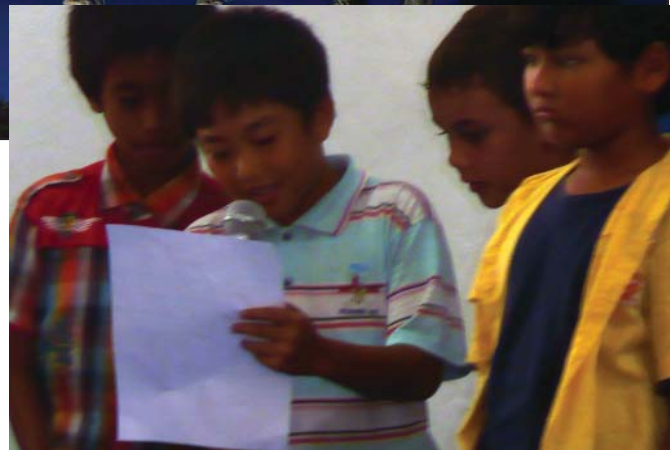
Can parents please ensure fees are fully paid by the end of this week.

Assembly in new building



Dili International School held its' first Assembly in the new Multi Purpose Room room this month. Here are some of the pictures from the exciting and historic day.

Refurbishment of the newly acquired buildings is continuing with a range of new class and activities rooms planned, as well as a new playground.



NEW AFTERNOON PRESCHOOL CLASS

An afternoon Preschool class will be starting at the beginning of Term Four in just over a week.

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.

Please inform us if you would like to secure a place for your child in this class. Some parents have already confirmed places.

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

The program for this class will follow the same teaching pedagogies as the morning sessions but will involve different activities.

It will include 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 (pictured above) or Ms. Alison.



Secondary Distance Ed update

Our Distance Education group comprises of six students across four different year- levels (Yrs 9-12) following programs from four different educational institutions.

This term we have been fortunate to have the invaluable assistance of Ms Maricar, the unit's tutor, who returned from maternity leave after the mid-year holidays. Two students departed at the end of last term with the graduation of Valeria Sandino Cruz and Jade Waqaliva's return to Fiji.

Several Distance Education students have been actively involved in the running of the SRC. The Distance Education group also has the role of organising end of term assemblies.

For the usual Distance Education student studying at home can be very lonely and challenging. Students need to be well organised and motivated in order to achieve.

DIS Distance Education students are fortunate as they have the support of classmates, classroom tutors in addition to their own learning institution's teachers, the benefit of the DIS Health and Physical Education program, and social interactions that they would miss out on if studying at home alone.

... with Linda Glasson

ANIMAL HABITATS AND CONSERVATION



Middle Primary has been studying animal habitats and the effects that people and pollution have on habitats and the animals that are living in them.

The students understand that the conservation of many animal species and habitats is the responsibility of everyone.

... with Mr Gus.



Dili's film critics

Every Friday afternoon, 32 young film buffs from Pre-school to Grade 4 arrive with popcorn and snacks in hand, ready to expand their imagination and explore the wonderful world of cinema, writes Ms Candiece.

At the same time, they are also turning themselves into Dili's youngest group of film critics.

Before and after every session, we as a group analyse what has happened and predict what will happen next. We also discuss plot, characters and how the movie was made (effects such as computer animation etc).

After every movie, each of us have the opportunity to contribute a review or critique of the film we have just watched.

We answer questions such as: Would we recommend this movie to a friend or family member? Why or Why not? What was the best part of the film?

What made it interesting, or uninteresting?



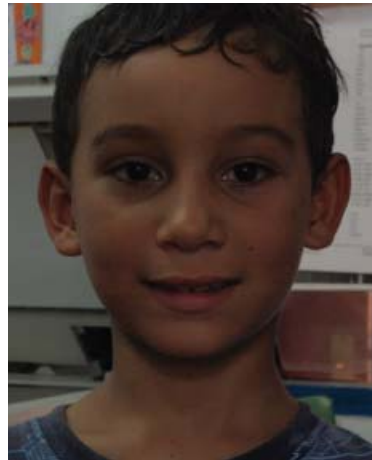
How many stars would we give it out of 5?

Here is what some of our film critics have to say about the three films we have already watched, Toy Story 3, Hoodwinked and Kung Fu Panda 3:



Ebube (JPY)- "Toy Story 3 is interesting because it is about adventure. I give it 5 out of 5 stars"

Jude (JPL)- "I would tell friends and family to watch Kung Fu Panda



3 because Kung Fu Panda gets the love potion and throws it and it's funny. 5 Stars.

Kay Olok (JPY)- "I would recommend Toy Story 3 because Buzz Lightyear acts funny when they switch the wrong button.

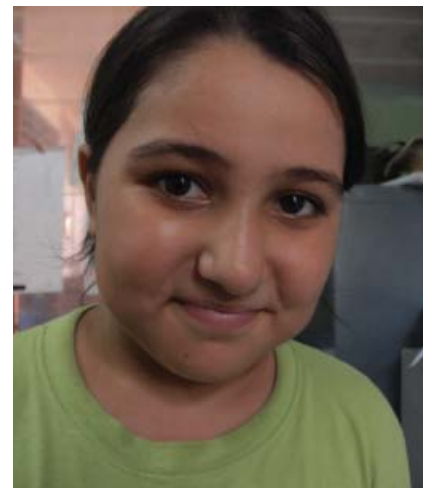
I think adults

would like some of the movie too"

Ian (JPC)- "I liked Kung Fu Panda 3 because it was so funny. I think other people would find it funny too. 10 stars."



Amra (JPY)- "I think Kung Fu Panda 3 was the best movie we have watched because it was interesting and with lots of action. I also liked that it looked like a video game."



Ginger (JPC)- "I would tell my friends to see Hoodwinked because it was a good movie and I loved it and I think you would love it too. 10 stars."



MAKING NACHOS & YUMMY PUDDINGS!

Each Monday afternoon Cooking Club has been making a range of yummy treats and practicing handy cooking skills they can show off at home. From Nachos to Chocolate self-saucing pudding there has been something for everyone to enjoy, writes Ms Leila.

One week we created Chocolate logs that needed to be refrigerated overnight.

Each student also compiled a recipe book of all the recipes we have cooked this term that they took home in week 9.



Marica's favourite recipe was making Chocolate Milkshakes in week 5.

Ebube loved the Nachos in week 3.

Marie Fei Yi enjoyed our delicious pancakes in week 3.



Top: Marica, left Ebube, above Marie Fei Yi

Crafting mosaics and paper dolls

The students attending Junior Craft extra-curricular activity are all enthusiastic. Everyone has natural skills and talents and our goal is to encourage and boost them.

The students have been learning to do familiar things in new ways and developing their perseverance with challenging tasks.

They are eager to see the results of their work and they apply themselves well. And when the task is completed, they have a sense of satisfaction.

During Term 3 the students learnt how to make a crown, a birthday hat,



different hair styles for their

paper dolls, mosaics and more. Mosaics were especially challenging for some of these students, because they require a lot of concentration.

Mary Fei Yi: "Craft is my favorite activity."

Farin: "It is fun to make all these things by myself."

Amra: "I love craft so much and I always keep everything I have created at home."

Ginger: "It is a bit hard sometimes, but I like it."
.... with Ms Gulnara



Our Teachers ...

PLAYGROUP AND JUNIOR PRESCHOOL

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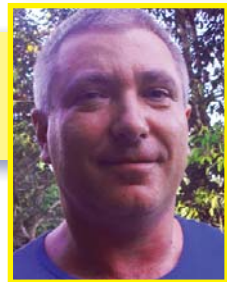


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DIS Calendar 2010

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)