

## Educational Question of the Week

The classroom is made up students with varying strengths and challenges. Are students better served in an integrated classroom or a segregated one?

Jeanette Sy

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



### International Mindedness

An expression that floats around in International Schools is "how do we develop students that are Internationally Minded?" To help answer that question here are Seven signs of an internationally-minded person from the IB:

- Knowledge, understanding and appreciation of different cultures
- Increased self-awareness
- Increased empathy
- Ability to collaborate with peers from different backgrounds
- Deepening knowledge and understanding of global issues
- Ability to see themselves as responsible, global citizens
- Language skills

So how can parents help to develop these signs? Try these:

- Explore new countries on holiday
- Try different international foods
- Watch a foreign film together
- Read translations of books that provide cultural insights
- Learn a new language together
- Discuss over the dinner table world news and events, and how they may be perceived by other societies and cultures.

Mr Peter

## Board and Community Coffee Morning

As part of the Board's commitment to improving communications with the school community we will be holding 4 coffee mornings over the school year. Each Coffee Morning will involve a very short presentation about an educational topic of general interest to us all.

The first Board and Community Coffee Morning will take place on **Tuesday October 17th at 8 am** in the School Cafeteria.

Mr Peter Round will give us a short introduction about the upcoming CIS Reaccreditation Process that will begin next Semester.

We do hope that you will be able to come and attend this Coffee Morning and take the opportunity to meet with and get to know some members of the Board.

Samia Omar

## CALENDAR

Week 5	Week 6
<b>Sun Sept 17</b> 14:30-16:00 Swim Squad Training 14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice	<b>Sun Sept 24</b> 8:00-9:00 Primary Parent Introduction to PYP 14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice 14:30-16:00 Swim Squad Training
<b>Mon Sept 18</b>	<b>Mon Sept 25</b>
<b>Tues Sept 19</b> 8:00-9:00 Flag Raising Ceremony Rehearsal 14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice	<b>Tues Sept 26</b> 14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice
<b>Weds Sept 20</b> 8:00-10:00 Peace Day Flag Raising Ceremony 15:30-18:00 Basketball Game day V NVA @ KICS	<b>Weds Sept 27</b> 15:30-18:00 KICS V UHS @ KICS
<b>Thurs Sept 21</b> 15:00-18:00 Y5/6 Boys/Girls Basketball @ KICS	<b>Thurs Sept 28</b> 14:30-16:00 Basketball Practice
<b>Fri Sept 22</b>	<b>Fri Sept 29</b>
<b>Sat Sept 23</b> 10:00-12:00 Silver Band Rehearsal	<b>Sat Sept 30</b> 10:00-12:00 Silver Band Rehearsal



**WELCOME BACK**  
**PICNIC**  
 Bring your mat and come!



**School Field**  
**Date: 16th Sept, 2017**  
**Time: 17:00-20:00**

*Come prepared to join the fun!*

All Students under 14 must be accompanied by a responsible adult

## AROUND THE PRIMARY SECTION

## From Year 3

Y3 students have been very busy with their first UOI, *Who We Are*. They created their own neighborhood map, in which they had to decide what a community needs (shops, a park, a school, etc.) and where each of these items should go. Everybody had different ideas, so students worked hard to cooperate and make compromises. As we continue in this unit, students will explore what rules and regulations will help their community function at its best.

This year KICS Primary is using the Readers, Writers Workshop program for literacy. Year 3 has made a great start in both Reading and Writing. In Reading we began by learning how to choose just right books. Also we have been reading tricky words by using various strategies. An important part of this program is building stamina. Students are working on building up their ability to read in a sustained way for longer and longer without giving up or getting tired. Likewise, for writing, students are building their stamina and writing for longer. We are working on personal narratives and students have been identifying small moments that can be expanded into interesting stories.



Mrs. Joanne and Mrs. Stephanie

## From Primary Art

I am Kezia Otoa, and I am very excited to join the KICS community. I am teaching PYP Art in the Primary Section and sharing my experiences as a visual artist with the students. So far, the art lessons have been exciting and it has been much fun getting to know the students and exploring Art from different contexts and media.

The Year 1 students have been exploring the technical aspects of the Arts and how these apply to a range of media and situations. They have been using a limited number of tools such as paint and marbles to create art.

I look forward to sharing more artistic experiences with your children.



Mrs. Kezia



**AROUND THE SENIOR SECTION**

I hope everyone had a pleasant and restful vacation. It was really pleasing to see that, as always, we were able to maintain very good attendance both on the last and the first day back from the holiday. Again, as always, we will be working hard right up to the winter vacation and if you are in the process of planning a holiday I would ask that you take this into consideration.

The period of time until the October vacation involves a lot of sport and preparation for activities in the final part of the semester, when we have cooler weather. Rehearsals have started for both the play and radio show. As a parent myself, I know only too well how any school event requires parents to give of their time and on behalf of all the teams and arts events organisers I do want to thank you, in advance, for your help and time that goes towards making both KICS teams and events so successful every year.



Our basketball teams were in action this week and the senior girls' teams look like they will be very strong this season with some very accomplished players joining the team. Parents are encouraged to come and watch matches and I would also like to warmly welcome you to all school sports events. Matches take place both inside and outside the gym but they are short and fiercely contested.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the welcome back picnic on the school field from 5-8pm on Saturday September 16th.

Mr. Andrew

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 2017 KICS PEACE DAY & FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**



**55 NATIONALITIES ONE COMMUNITY**

Wednesday, 20th September 2017, 8:00 - 10:00 am

Refreshments will be served after the event

**READING CORNER**



**Q&A**

**From the Senior Library**

With the internet we are able to access the news 24/7 and find out what is happening in the world. KICS has recently subscribed to an online electronic daily newspaper The Day, that is designed for Senior students and teachers. It connects news to school subjects and to the IB learner profile. Parents are encouraged to use this resource with their children as well to create discussion and further their child's understanding of the world. For each news story it contains questions, further links and Questions and Answers. If you would like to get access to The Day newspaper please e-mail [senior.library@kics.sd](mailto:senior.library@kics.sd) to get the log in details.

**Visiting Author Announced**



Not every school gets to invite authors to visit, but we do. Guest authors provide authentic experiences for students. This creates a powerful opportunity for students to make connections between reading and writing. Students get the opportunity to learn about the process of writing, developing characters and expressing their creativity. Most of all, this experience makes students excited

about books and reading, which should last them a life time.

The KICS Library is delighted to announce that this year's visiting author is Nikki Sheehan who will be at KICS from October 8-12. Nikki has written 3 books:

1. Who Framed Klaris Cliff
2. Swan Boy
3. Goodnight, Boy by Nikki Sheehan

There will be the opportunity shortly for you to order her books when she is at KICS. Order forms will be available from the Senior Library shortly. You can find more about Nikki at <http://www.nikkisheehan.co.uk>



Ms Jeanette

