

### Educational Question of the Week

Do we have to make a mistake before we truly learn?

**Peter Round**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



A very warm welcome to returning and new families. It has been wonderful seeing students fill the school this week; they seem happy, excited and looking forward to the year. Both Mrs Linda and myself have been very well looked after and while our heads are still spinning with lots of new information, the friendliness of everyone has been truly exceptional and appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher evening (24th August), and at the many events that are coming up throughout the semester. KICS is a busy place so start marking your calendars!

Best wishes to you and your children for the school year, and please don't hesitate to drop into the office and say hello if you are passing and see my door open.

**Mr Peter**



### CALENDAR

| Week 2  | Week 3  |
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| <b>Sun Aug 20</b><br>14:30-15:30 2 Lanes Community Swimming   | <b>Sun Aug 27</b><br>ECA Season 1 begins<br>14:30-15:30 2 Lanes Community Swimming        |
| <b>Mon Aug 21</b><br>19:00 ECA online Registration Opens<br>15:30-16:30 Ladies Only swimming<br>17:30-19:00 Community swimming  | <b>Mon Aug 28</b><br>15:30-16:30 Ladies Only swimming<br>17:30-19:00 Community swimming   |
| <b>Tues Aug 22</b>  | <b>Tues Aug 29</b>  |
| <b>Weds Aug 23</b>  | <b>Weds Aug 30</b>  |
| <b>Thurs Aug 24</b><br>PSTUCO Elections<br>15:30-16:30 Ladies Only swimming<br>17:30-19:00 Community swimming<br>18:00-19:00 Primary Meet The Teacher<br>19:00-20:00 Seniors Meet The Teacher | <b>Thurs Aug 31</b><br>15:30-16:30 Ladies Only swimming<br>17:30-19:00 Community swimming |
| <b>Fri Aug 25</b>   | <b>Fri Sept 1</b><br>Eid al Adha Holiday  |
| <b>Sat Aug 26</b><br>10:00-12:00 Silver Band Rehearsal<br>12:00-13:00 Ladies only swimming<br>13:00-18:30 Community Swimming  | <b>Sat Sept 2</b><br>Eid Al Adha Holiday  |

### FROM THE KICS RIDING SCHOOL



### KICS CAFETERIA



**COME AND VISIT US**

CLICK BELOW TO SEE OUR WEEKLY MENU

**KICS COFFEE SHOP IS OPEN DAILY:**

**Sunday - Thursday** - 7:30am- 4pm

**Saturdays** - 8am - 1pm

KICS Cafeteria - Mrs. Mina

AROUND THE PRIMARY SECTION

Welcome back from the Head of primary

As Head of Primary at Khartoum International Community School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year in KICS. We are all excited to have the students back in our classrooms and playgrounds, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected and a part of our KICS community. Additionally, we strive to challenge each student to grow in his or her academic abilities and to be ready for the next grade by the end of the year. At KICS we have great teachers and assistants who spend hours planning and creating classroom activities to engage students in learning. Our teachers use research based best practices, analyse data to determine students current skill levels and to set goals for growth for growth and improvement.

We hope that you will find all information we send via the twice-weekly Primary Parent bulletin helpful and informative. Our weekly newsletters can be found via a link at the top of the bulletin

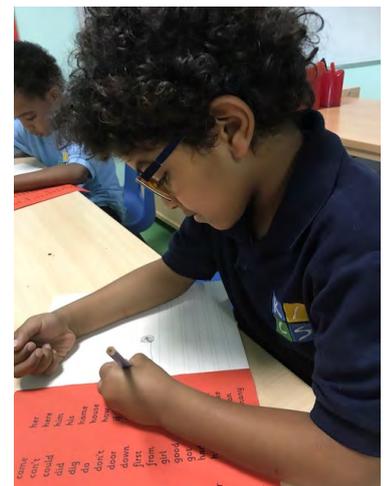


on Thursdays and we upload a copy to our KICS website under "Weekly News". We have also entered dates for all events and activities into the "KICS Calendar" feature of our KICS website. Additionally we have a Twitter account @KICSprimary that we will use to send out updates and quick announcements as we go through the school year, so make sure you follow us.

I am honoured to serve as KICS Head of Primary for the fourth year running. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth.

Once again welcome back and I look forward to the new school year with all of you.

Meet the Primary Team



Mrs. Maria

## AROUND THE SENIOR SECTION

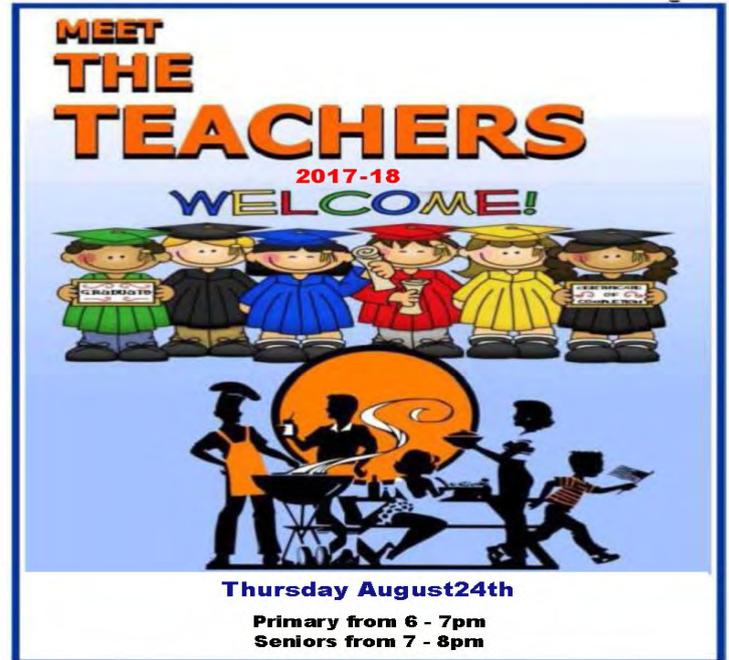
A very warm welcome back to all of our returning students and parents. To all of our new students and parent's I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the KICS community, I hope you are settling in well and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about KICS. It was good to see so many parents this Sunday as school started, fortunately this year the weather obliged and we did not have to run undercover to avoid the rain, like last year.

We start the year with news of excellent IB results and scores well above the world average, which see our students off to top universities all around the world. IGCSE scores were also stronger than expected with 18 of our 21 students achieving their ICE diploma at either Merit or Distinction. The ICE diploma is offered by CIE and requires a balance of subjects to be passed in a single session. We are the only school in Sudan who offers the correct balance of subjects at the requisite level to qualify for the diploma, so it is a real mark of success for our students.

This week has seen the start of IMYC in year 7 and they marked the beginning of their topic on Adaptability with series of cross curricular activities organised by Mr James our MS curriculum coordinator

The year 12 induction led by Ms Linda, our new IB coordinator, was very successful. With a larger than expected IB cohort joining the school this year, we had to expand the program slightly but it is pleasing to see so many students already hard at work in the IB Centre. As a reminder to parents, the IB Centre is open to students until 5pm every day except Friday so that students can have full access to the school resources, even at the weekend and can work collaboratively on projects in a dedicated space.

I am very much looking forward to meeting everyone at the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Thursday the 24th August at 7:00 in the cafeteria, we will introduce all of the teachers and you can then introduce yourself to them and get more information about your children's courses. Bring your phones, as the course information will be paperless this year, delivered by QR code at each subject table. Course information is always available on your child's KICLearns course pages in case you miss any information on Thursday.



Mr. Andrew

## READING CORNER



**Welcome to the new school year.**

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and managed to open a book and enjoy some reading over the long break. I was back in New Zealand and enjoyed visiting my local library and borrowing lots of books. I hope that many of our students enjoyed visiting bookshops/libraries over the holidays as well.

The Library staff have been busy issuing new books and iPads/laptops to students so that they can start off the school year with everything that they need. Primary students library classes start next week and students will be issued with a special book bag that they will need to bring weekly when they borrow their books. Parents please make sure your child brings their book bag the day they have library class.

Parents are welcome to come into any of our 3 libraries and browse the bookshelves at any time. We have a large selection of adult fiction and books on Sudan in the Senior Library. If you would like to have your own borrowing membership please contact the Senior Library [senior.library@kics.sd](mailto:senior.library@kics.sd). The library catalogue (called Oliver) can be accessed online at [www.oliver.kics.sd](http://www.oliver.kics.sd)



Ms Jeanette

FROM THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT



Please allow me to introduce myself, I am Gerben Silvis the new ODE Coordinator and Athletic Director. I was born, raised and educated in the Netherlands. Before I became a teacher, I played professional Water polo and participated in the Sydney Olympic Games. I picked up teaching again when we (my wife and I) moved to Thailand. After 3 years Thailand, we moved to Qatar where my family grew to a family of 5. We moved to Egypt and stayed there for 2 years. Now, we are very happy to be in Sudan. My wife is teaching ToK, my daughter is in year three, my son is in year one and my youngest goes to Gina's nursery. They all love to go to school and a happy child is a happy parent, except at 5 in the morning on a Friday.

I would like to welcome you to the KICS Outdoor Education and Athletics program. I look forward to getting to know you (as we all progress through) during the various activities we offer through the Athletic and Outdoor Education program at KICS.

I believe that successful programs include dedicated coaches, active support from the student body, outstanding leadership from school administrators, and most importantly, a great sense of pride fostered by the entire KICS community. It will be my mission to facilitate all those facets together to create the best athletic and ODE program possible. To KICS students I would like to say, dedicate yourself to be the best you can possibly be, but most importantly, have fun! The rewards will stay with you for the rest of your life.

I hope that you are all excited for the new school year, I know I am.

I am honored to be associated with KICS, and I will work hard on your child's behalf to promote and strengthen the values of our programs and KICS mission.



**BASKETBALL TRY-OUTS**

2:30 till 4:00

- 20 Aug Y10 - Y13 Girls
- 21 Aug Y11 - Y13 Boys
- 22 Aug Y7-Y8 and Y9-Y10 Boys
- 23 Aug Y7 - Y9 Girls
- 23 Aug Y5 - Y6 Boys and Girls



**SWIM TEAM TRY-OUTS**

2:30 till 4:00 - 20 Aug y5-y13



Mr Ben

FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT



The Art Department has the pleasure of welcoming two new members of staff this year, Sarah and Gary Cockerill.

Sarah will be teaching Y7 to 9 Art / DT and Gary will be teaching Y7 and 9 IT as well as IGCS ICT and Y12 ITGS.

The department will be positively busy as always and will kick start the year with Radio Live Show on 25th October 2017.

All Senior section students, all members of staff and all adults from the KICS community are eligible to perform in this very popular musical event.

Please see Mr. Bob for an application. Auditions will be announced shortly.

**Instrument Tuition Program (ITP)** will also be starting shortly. ITP applications can be found both on-line on the Parent Portal under ECA's as well as paper copies in the Music Studios in the Senior Section. ITP is open to all students from Year 2-13, staff members and adults in the KICS community. See Mr. Bob for more details.

Wishing the whole KICS community a creative and overall wonderful school year.

Y9 Artists have started their first Unit on Patterns.

Artists: Seina, Talia and Andrew.



Ms Paula