



MUTIARA INTERNATIONAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL SDN BHD

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DISCOVERING POTENTIAL • LEARNING TO CARE • RESPECTING DIFFERENCES

“mankind owes to the child the best it has to give”

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

The pace of learning and engagement continues here at MIGS with many events and opportunities for our students to develop and shine each and every week. I continue to applaud and thank our students and staff for their dedication and purpose. Allow me to share some items with you.

Some sixty years ago this week, the United Nations officially adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, a list of 10 basic rights of every young person. Among them were the right to receive an education, food, medical care and the right to play. Some of our children reacted with a little confusion when reading this as some parents also may, surely every child has the right to be fed, protected and educated? Why would we even need to write these points down? During the Junior school assembly this week we briefly outlined some of the children's rights and I was very pleased that so many of our children were happy to share their thoughts on this very important issue.

So here at MIGS we will celebrate Children's Day a little earlier than most of the world, this Friday the 15th of November. Each children's day has a nominated theme from Unicef, last year the #GoBlue theme called on world leaders to acknowledge that the rights of a child are non-negotiable. The #GoBlue theme will again be utilized around the world for this day, our theme will be focused on 'a childhood for every child'. Many events are planned for the day, but the first event is to wear something blue!

Both Junior and Senior schools will celebrate the day in their own unique way, with senior student presentations and performances during the assembly period and the Junior school filling the day with connected learning experiences! Junior and Senior Form tutors have shared the schedules with you children and remember to dress in blue! The Junior school students must wear suitable footwear for indoor and outdoor activities, and clothing that is appropriate for the school environment. Senior school students are also actively encouraged to ensure their selected blue outfits are indeed appropriate. We want everyone to take part in the day, so remember if you look in the mirror in the morning and are not sure if it's appropriate...unfortunately it probably is not.

School will finish at the usual time for both the Junior and Senior sections.

SCHOOL SPORTS

A whole host of teams have been competing in various competitions in the last few weeks. I am very pleased to see our students taking part; with some of our teams being very successful. I will ask the PE department for a full sports update in a separate letter and guide you through some of the recent successes...

JUNIOR SCHOOL UPDATES

A letter will be sent very shortly from the Head of Junior School with updates such as Children's day and the RAZ online reading programme.

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATES

University Matters

Our third visit and workshop was given by the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and facilitated by the Excel Education group who assist with study solutions and are based here in Malaysia. Ms Yi Ran Ng is the education consultant for the group and is happy to advise and assist students with selections. More details of the services offered are available through the website ; www.e2studysolutions.com. The UTS International Relations Coordinator took our Year 11 students through a series of challenges and were given a lot of interesting information on the University and Australia's many inventions. More information about UTS can be found at <https://www.uts.edu.au>

Senior School Debate

Our House teams have been very busy preparing for our first debate of the year! The competition starts at 8am sharp, with some very thought provoking topics, indeed an intense day is ahead for our debaters. Emerald House will take on the team from Sapphire in the first round, closely followed by the Topaz Team against the Ruby House students. 'Lots' will be drawn for the next round and students will prepare during break and lunch for the afternoon finals. May I take this opportunity to thank Datin Christie and her team as well as the students and officials involved in the day.

Senior School Day Trips and Camp - we are almost there

Students in Year 7,8,9 & 10 will each take a day to visit Outbac Broga next week and take part in various leadership and team building challenges! Please remember to check the recent kit list and be ready for the days!

Our Year 11 students also depart for their Senior Camp towards the end of next week, I am sure everyone will thoroughly enjoy it!

May I also thank the PE department for organising the trips and the teacher chaperones for taking part!

Please note that if you are not able to attend the day trip or camp; the days when your year group are away, there will be no regular school for those students in those particular year groups.

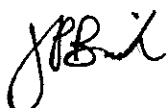
Dates for your Diary

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| • Senior School Inter House Debate | | <i>13th November</i> |
| • Whole School Childrens Day | | <i>15th November</i> |
| • Senior School Day Trips | <i>Year 7</i> | <i>19th November</i> |
| | <i>Year 8</i> | <i>20th November</i> |
| | <i>Year 9</i> | <i>21st November</i> |
| • Year 11 Camp | <i>Year 11</i> | <i>20th-22nd November</i> |

Please continue to follow us @migskl #migskl on our social media platforms on IG, FB, Twitter, Youtube to see the teaching and learning updates happening within our school campus and community this year.

Finally; I am pleased by the number of students now using the latest yellow Zebra style crossing, parents please continue to assist the security guards (particularly during pick-up time) by avoiding parking and or waiting on the yellow hatch or zebra crossings.

Best regards,



JOHN P BIRCH
Principal