

SPECIAL EDITION

Australian International School Malaysia's Newsletter 1st March 2011

Dear parents,

We provide a **Special** Newsletter Edition to highlight some forthcoming events and opportunities.

On The Right Track

On the 26th of February, AISM began its assault on the ISAKL Championships with it's largest team ever. 71 eager athletes ranging from ages 6 to 18 year olds ran, jumped and threw their hearts out for their school. The school pride was overwhelming as they cheered each other on. On most occasions we were the only school that could be heard throughout the stadium with cries of Aussie, Aussie, Aussie! The cheers rang out consistently whether winning gold or just competing.



Students, parents and teachers supporting in the stands.

Overall, we scored 11 medals in total which is more than double the number of medals in past years.

GOLD

Jian Law - U/15 Boys Discus

Mitchell Booker - U/15 400 and 800m

BRONZE

Ben Wong - Open Shotput, Open Discus

Amirah Rahman - Open Discus

Hay Li Tan - U/15 100m and 200m

Alex McLaws - U/15 High Jump

Liam Clark - U/13 Discus

Jack Leatham - U/9 200m



Mitchell Booker starting the 800m. He blew the field away in a time of 2 min and 5 sec.

Most notably, improvement was shown by the number of athletes who finished much higher in their rankings. This can only get better as we continue to train and work together. Whilst we were able to run training sessions leading into this event, we will be taking steps towards greater involvement in Term 4 in preparation for next year's event. We will also continue to give opportunities for athletes to train during ASA later in the year. For now, it's time to focus and get ready for Cross Country in week 9!

Finally, there were so many great stories of athletes doing their best that we don't have room to tell them all. However one story in particular will go down in AISM folklore to show great sportsmanship. One of our 1500m runners was completing the last lap of her 1500 and noticed 2 girls from other schools struggling and in tears. She stopped and went back to pick them up, held their hand and helped them to complete the race. We are reminded of the great John Landy who did the same thing during a race in 1956, where he helped Ron Clarke finish the 1500m. This spontaneous gesture of sportsmanship showed the true Australian Spirit that will not be forgotten.

'Big occasions and races which have been eagerly anticipated almost to the point of dread, are where great deeds can be accomplished.'

Jack Lovelock – NZ 1936 Olympic Champion



Alex McLaws takes 3rd place in the high jumps.

Phil Wilkins and Terence Gallagher

Parents Association Notice of Annual General Meeting

Date: 11th March 2011 (Friday),
Time: 9.00am Venue: D2

Nominations are called for the election of the Parent Association Executive Committee. In line with the requirements of the (School) Parent Association Constitution the Annual General Meeting will elect the following officers:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 2 other committee members

Positions will be filled by nominations, and where necessary by ballot. Nominations can be handed to Mr David Kilpatrick who is serving as the returning officer for this election. Where there are more than one nomination for a position, a ballot of those present at the AGM will elect a nominee to the position. Nomination will be received via email address: admin@aism.edu.my to Estrella Del Mundo, Personal Assistant to David Kilpatrick advising name of nominee and position. Nominations close 5.00pm Wednesday, 9th March.

David Kilpatrick, Principal

School Building Upgrade

The building contractor was appointed on Friday 25th February 2011. The Project Manager and I met him yesterday afternoon to finalise the schedule of works. Things are moving very quickly.

BUILDING STARTS ON MONDAY 7th MARCH

All parents please note that an information leaflet will be distributed to every student on Friday this week, detailing the effect on school operations. It will be important to read this so that you are fully aware of the changes in routines and the steps we are taking to ensure the safety of the school community.

Wendy Gardiner, Assistant Principal

Invitation to Attend the BMW Malaysian Tennis Open

We would like to invite you and your children to watch and support your favourite players and compatriots live in action at the BMW Malaysian Tennis Open. Details are as follows:

Date: 28th February to 6th March 2011
Venue: Bukit Kiara Equestrian and Country Resort
Admission: Free of Charge (with student/staff ID)

The confirmed line-up of this year's event includes reigning French Open champion and World No. 4 Francesca Schiavone (ITA), Wimbledon finalist Marion Bartoli (FRA), Asian Games gold medallist Shuai Peng (CHN), Japanese All-Star Kimiko Date-Krumm and former World No. 1 and 2008 Olympic Games gold medallist Dinara Safina (RUS), Sania Mirza (IND), Jarmila Groth (AUS) plus many others stars from Japan, China, Russia and Europe. The WTA (Women Tennis Association) tournament will see 32 single players and 16 doubles teams' competing in a knockout competition over the course of the seven day tournament for the prize purse of USD 220,000.00.

Staff and students need to bring along their student pass or staff ID, present a valid AISM student card at the main entrance and fill-in the registration form to be granted free entry to the BMW Malaysian Open.

In addition to world-class tennis the event will offer a great entertainment programme and special activities at the Public Village at the Bukit Kiara Equestrian and Country Resort. BMW will present their newest models and attractive prizes are waiting to be picked-up during lucky draws and exciting competitions for you.

From Monday to Wednesday our Youth Days will offer special events, competition and give-aways for students and juniors. Meet & Greet Autograph Sessions with star-players will be arranged as well.

For more information, visit the website ***www.BWMMalaysianOpen.com*** or join them on ***Facebook (BMW Malaysian Open)*** to stay updated with the latest news and activities.

Today, the school stopped in a minute's silence to show respect to those lives lost in the recent tragic events in New Zealand.