



# Principally Speaking

*Tim Waley, Principal*

It is good to be almost back on my feet full time. At this point it will be a gradual reintroduction for me with attendance at school meetings along with other individual meetings via Skype, while I work from home for the next little while. I am hopeful of a gradual return soon, but write to say that I am in touch with what is occurring at School and in regular contact with the School leadership and administration.

I hope you all had a great break and enjoyed some quality time with your children. A special welcome to all new families this term. I hope everything falls into place smoothly for both you and your children as they begin their time at AISM.

Work has well and truly commenced on the new gym in terms of excavation and preparation work. We should see things starting to take shape with this wonderful new facility, very soon.



Extension of Gym



Construction of Multi purpose Court

Things have started off very busily already this term so I hope the couple of months ahead bring many good and positive outcomes for your children.

## Important Notice about Water Closures in Week 2 in Selangor

The School has been advised by the Selangor Water Authority that there will be major system works in Selangor that will disrupt the School's water supply from Tuesday 9 October at 9am until 3pm on Wednesday 10 October.

The School is preparing its use of water over those two days in an effort to enable full use of toilets, washing and drinking facilities. It is anticipated at this moment that we will therefore be able to operate classes fully, with limited disruption.



Student access to drinking water and regular cleaning of toilets should not be affected, but in an effort to ensure water supplies last for two days some PDHPE classes may adjust programs. In addition, the School Canteen will use disposable crockery and cutlery on those two days. However, students and staff are also welcome to bring their own cutlery and crockery to then take back home and wash (if water is available at home).

Please click [here](#) to access the notice as published on AIR SELANGOR website.

# Junior School

Graeme Naftel, Head of Junior School

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all of our returning children and their families. I trust you all had a restful and refreshing holiday break. Welcome also to the new families who have joined our community this term.

Welcome to Miss Zahra, who has commenced working as an Assistant Teacher in the Early Learning Centre. Miss Zahra has a Masters degree in Education from Monash University in Melbourne, and has worked in a number of Kindergartens and Pre-schools in the Puchong and Kajang areas.

## CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2019

In the last newsletter I outlined the factors that are taken into consideration when putting together classes. Most importantly we strive to achieve a balanced group in terms of gender, academic needs, and behavioural and social requirements. I will always attempt to ensure that each child is placed with at least one friend.

Parents who believe there is a significant factor that should be considered in relation to their child's class placement for 2019, should forward this confidential information in writing by Friday 19 October to the Head of Junior School at [hos.js@aism.edu.my](mailto:hos.js@aism.edu.my). An example of such a factor may include a child with specific emotional needs who would benefit greatly from being placed in a class with a particularly supportive friend, or alternatively, two students who would benefit from being separated. **Please do not request a specific teacher.** All teachers in the Junior School at AISM are experienced professionals fully capable of meeting the needs of students. It is impossible to achieve well balanced and productive classes as well as meeting requests by parents for specific teachers.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR 2019

I am pleased to be in a position to announce the Junior School teaching staff for 2019. A comprehensive transition program has been designed to ensure teachers are familiar with the needs of their students and Section Leaders have been tasked with ensuring this process is conducted thoroughly.

<b>Deputy Head of Junior School</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mrs Leigh Janett</li></ul>	<b>Early Learning Centre (ELC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ELC Coordinator – Ms Danielle McPherson</li><li>Mrs Yen Wey Ang</li><li>Ms Bianca Chep</li></ul>	<b>Foundation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mrs Jessica Redstone</li><li>Ms Helena Blair</li></ul>
<b>Year 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mrs Evelyn Ralph</li><li>Mr Jeremy Cox</li></ul>	<b>Year 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Nick Richards</li><li>Mrs Kos Pather-Spurr</li><li>Ms Keleigh O'Shea</li></ul>	<b>Year 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Mitchell Cooper</li><li>Ms Kirsten Shinn</li></ul>
<b>Year 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mrs Rachelle Griffin</li><li>Mr Jordan Redstone</li></ul>	<b>Year 5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Kristian Hickson – Upper Junior School Leader</li><li>Ms Tracie Murkin</li></ul>	<b>Learning Enrichment &amp; EAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mrs Di McLean – Lower Junior School Leader</li><li>Ms Alicia Low - EAL Teacher</li><li>Ms Siti Afsa - Learning Enrichment and EAL Support Teacher</li></ul>



Sport	Music	LOTE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms Rachel Thompson – Junior School PE Teacher</li><li>Mr Ivan Yoong - Junior School CCA Coordinator</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Anthony Gredig</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cikgu Adila - BM Teacher</li><li>Cikgu Fadhly - BM Teacher</li><li>Ms Wan - Mandarin Teacher</li><li>Ms Hor - Mandarin Teacher</li></ul>

## NEW TEACHERS

We look forward to welcoming four new teachers to the Junior School team in 2019. Each of these teachers will be introduced to the students at ‘Move Up Morning’ on Wednesday 28 November. They have created welcome videos for their classes, so children will know a little about their teacher before they start in 2019.



**Dani McPherson (ELC Coordinator)**

Ms Dani comes from Palmerston North, on the North Island of New Zealand. She has a 10 and a 12 year old daughter and is currently Team Leader at Turitea Child Care Centre.



**Rachel Thompson (JS PE Teacher)**

Ms Thompson is originally from the UK. She was Director of Learning (PE and Dance) at Folkstone School before moving to Sydney, Australia in 2014, where she worked as Sports Coordinator at Wenona School and PLC.



**Kos Pather-Spurr (Year 2 Teacher)**

Mrs Pather-Spurr has two children currently enrolled at AISM. Prior to moving to Malaysia at the start of the year, she taught for 15 years across all Junior School grades in schools throughout Western Sydney.



**Kirsten Shinn (Year 3 Teacher)**

Ms Shinn is currently Head of Sport and Health and Year 4/5 Class Teacher at Enner Glynn School, located in Nelson on the South Island of New Zealand.

## ISA ASSESSMENTS

This week, the students in Years 3 to 5 have participated in the annual International School Assessments (ISA). These assessments are undertaken by thousands of students in international schools around the world. Whilst our students all complete basic practice papers to ensure they are not caught out by unfamiliar formatting, we do not specifically prepare our children for these assessments, as we want to know what the children genuinely know and how they compare to other learners in similar contexts. Results are released in December, and they will be distributed to parents early next year.





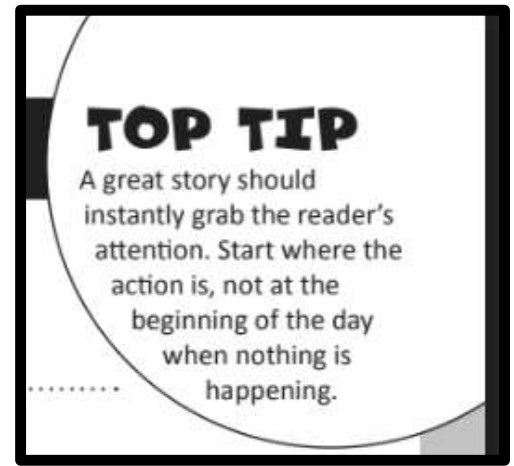


## GRADE OF THE WEEK - YEAR 1

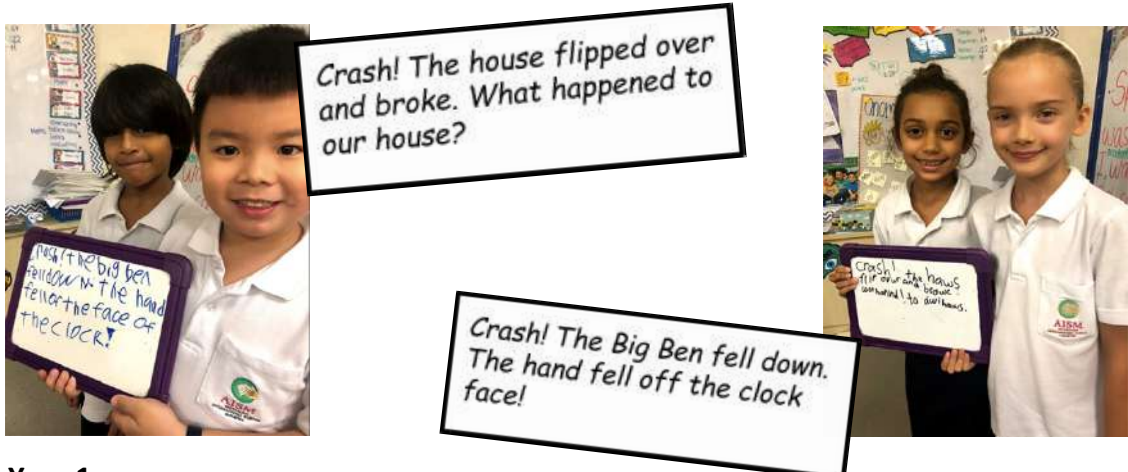
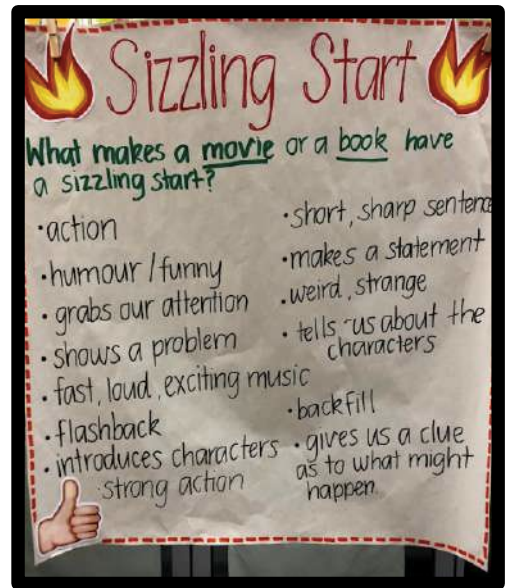
### Seven Steps

Year 1 have embraced the *Seven Steps to Writing Success* program as they continue to improve their writing, working towards reaching their full potential as authors. This program has allowed students to explore the following range of techniques to write an interesting narrative:

1. Plan for Success
2. Sizzling Starts
3. Tightening Tension - *pebble, rock, boulder sized problems*
4. Dynamic Dialogue
5. Show, Don't Tell
6. Ban the Boring
7. Exciting Endings



As students delved into the program, they began to consider what makes a story have a *Sizzling Start*? They explored a range of texts and even movies, putting on their detective hats to determine if the story began with a *sizzle* or, in some cases, a *fizzle*! Students enthusiastically took on this role and learnt to explain their reasoning. Through this, they were able to build a bank of ideas and techniques that help a story to *sizzle*. Our budding authors have eagerly applied their understanding to their own work, writing some incredibly imaginative and creative *Sizzling Starts*. They have shared their work with their peers and have learnt when presenting **to read it like you mean it!** It has been very rewarding and encouraging to see their hard work and progress as authors throughout the year.



### ICT in Year 1

Year 1 have come so far in their learning journey in ICT this year. Students confidently log in to the computers using their unique usernames and passwords and access Google Suites. Most recently, students have been using Google Slides to create presentations that include colourful backgrounds, text, pictures and even special effects. Students have transferred their knowledge of Google Slides into their 'Kids Rave', creating colourful presentations to complement their talks.

Year 1 have continued to expand their repertoire of technology, collaborating with their Year 4 buddies to begin to create a Comic Strip using an iPad. Students have already shown great maturity in being able to share and listen to ideas and problem solve with their peers to create a comic strip. We are looking forward to seeing the finished products!



# Middle and Senior School

*Ivan McLean, Head of Middle and Senior Schools*

Welcome to all students, staff and families for Term 4. I hope all of our families had a relaxing break over the past weeks. It is always joyous to return back to school to see students full of energy and smiles, as well as parents. I also extend a very warm welcome to all of the new families who have joined us this term and trust that the transition of your children into our School will be enjoyable. Homeroom teachers should be in contact with you early next week to ensure that your child is settling well.

We have a very busy term ahead and it is important for students to be planning their time. The assessment calendars for Semester 2 are available on the Parent Portal and via the link I sent out earlier this year. If you need another copy of the link, please let me know.

Term 4 is a significant term for summative assessment. There will be an examination block held in Week 5 for some students; into Week 6 for Years 6 to 10. It is important to ensure that this is a time for student focus and engagement. No additional school activities will take place the week prior to exams.

Year 12 students start their HSC written examination period on Thursday of Week 3. I wish them all the very best as they complete this important set of examinations. Support from staff will continue to be offered to students up to and between examinations, if needed.







## Reports

The reports for Year 11 Preliminary HSC will be released to the parent portal at the end of Week 3. Please contact the School if you have any problems accessing the reports on the portal. Year 6 to 10 Final Reports will be released at or around the time of the last day of the school year, namely Friday 7 December 2018.

## Year 12 Formal Dinner

The students, along with their Year Level Coordinator Mrs Jessica Stagg and the Year 12 Homeroom teachers, have been working hard to put together a wonderful programme for the Year 12 Formal Graduation Dinner. Mrs Stagg will continue to communicate with students and families about this important day to celebrate the end of high schooling for our Year 12 students.



## Year 6 to 10 Examinations

*Kathryn Sutherland, Deputy Head of Middle Senior School*

Year 6 to 8 examinations will take place from Monday 5 November to Friday 9 November (Week 6), while Year 9 and 10 examinations will take place from Friday 2 November to Friday 9 November (Weeks 5 and 6).

All students are required to attend their usual timetabled classes in between examinations, although Year 7 to 10 Homeroom will be cancelled throughout the examination period.

Examination timetables are available via the links listed below. These have also been emailed to students and parents/guardians. Also attached is a list of study tips to help students prepare for the examinations.

Please note the Examinations Rules and Responsibilities for Year 7 to 10 students, following each examination timetable. It is important that students take the time to read the guidelines and ensure that they clarify any queries prior to the examinations.

[Year 6 Examination Timetable  
Term Four 2018](#)

[Year 9 & 10 Examination  
Timetable Term Four 2018](#)

[Year 7 & 8 Examination  
Timetable Term Four 2018](#)

[Year 6-10 Examination Study  
Tips 2018](#)

Please contact Kathryn Sutherland ([dep.hos.mss@aism.edu.my](mailto:dep.hos.mss@aism.edu.my)) should any questions or queries arise.





# Sports Corner

**Upcoming Sports Events in Term 4**  
*Kim Bradley, MSS CCA Coordinator*

Please click [THIS LINK](#) for a list of upcoming sports events happening this term.

**ISAC Swimming competition**  
*Ivan Yoong, Development Coordinator and Head Coach - Swimming and Triathlon*

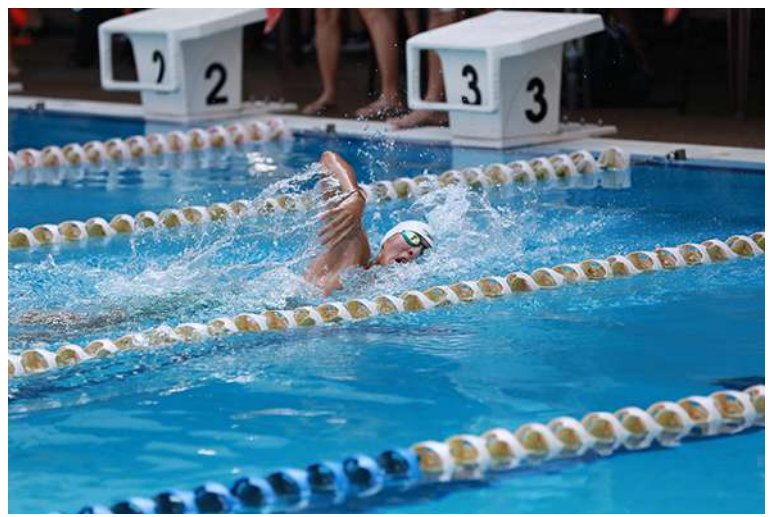
Here is a brief update on this year's ISAC Swimming competition.

1. Friday, 7 December (Last day of term 4)  
Age group: 8 and Under 9-10
2. Saturday, 8 December (First day of school holidays)  
Age groups: 11-12  
13-14  
15 and Above

Team selections for any Junior School students who are NOT PART of the Barracuda squad will be held on Tuesday, 9 October at 3.30 pm at the pool. Please note that you must be able to swim the below times to be considered for selection.

**50m Freestyle**  
Boys : below 50 seconds  
Girls : below 55 seconds

Swimwear, goggles and swimming caps are required on that day.



**AGE ELIGIBILITY  
REFERENCE GUIDE  
for 2018-19**

Age Category	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11	Under 13	Under 14	Under 15	15 and Over
Born on or after:	1 Aug, 2009	1 Aug, 2008	1 Aug, 2007	1 Aug, 2005	Aug 2004	1 Aug, 2003	1 Aug 2002





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# FANTASY

Individual entries can be a drawing, painting, construction, collage, photography or sculpture.

Artwork needs to be A3 size or less.

Kindly submit the artwork to your class teacher before the date of:

**1ST NOVEMBER, 2018**

Kindly send your inquiries to:  
[anthonyg@aism.edu.my](mailto:anthonyg@aism.edu.my)  
[adilap@aism.edu.my](mailto:adilap@aism.edu.my)



**Open to all Parents and Students**



**AISM**  
AUSTRALIAN  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
MALAYSIA

School Nurses  
**Networking Day**

American Heart Association

**First Aid and  
BLS (CPR/AED)  
Training**



**Fees: RM300.00 (per person)**

\*only 10 seats available

**Instructor: Vivian Hanniel**

**Location : AISM Library**

**Date : Tuesday, 20 November 2018 (Public Holiday)**

**Time : 9.00am to 5.00pm**

One-day Course with Certification. Refreshments and Lunch served.

**Please RSVP by 1 November 2018**

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**DATE : 24<sup>TH</sup> OCT 18**  
**TIME : 10AM – 1PM**  
**TITLE : SIP & PAINT**  
**COST : RM130/PAX** (PLS DROP THE CASH WITH  
YOUR NAME & CONTACT IN AN ENVELOPE TO FINANCE OFFICE BY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCT 18).

## JOIN US!

Package Including:

Painting duration (3 hours), 30x 40 canvas, Free Flow Coffee & Tea,

Free Flow Premium Belgium Chocolate & Snacks,

All art materials (acrylic paints, apron, paint brush etc),

One artwork full artist guidance RM150 (waived at minimum order 10pax),

1 bottle of wine for every 5 pax (eg. If you have 15pax, there will be 3 bottles).

NOTE: CLOSING DATE ON 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018 (FRIDAY)



Please email [pa@aism.edu.my](mailto:pa@aism.edu.my) , contact Lai Ngee @  
0123992699 or any of the PA committees you see at school.

AIMS PA  
PRESENT

A PARENTS  
EXCURSION FOR  
2018

EVER DREAMED OF  
PAINTING AN ART  
PIECE LIKE A PRO?

LIKE A VAN GOGH'S  
SUNFLOWER  
MASTERPIECE

WHILE SIPPING A  
GLASS OF WINE?  
OR CUPPA  
COFFEE/TEA?

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24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 @ 10am