Photo from Junior School Talent Quest
Principal’s Address

Dr Deborah Priest

It is hard to fathom that we have now arrived at the final week of the 2015 school year. For new members of staff to the School, such as me, this first year may have been like being swept up in a powerful tidal wave of new colleagues, new routines and a new culture; there has been so much to learn in such a short time. For ongoing members of staff it has perhaps been comparable to running yet another marathon. Just when they think the last ounce of energy and motivation are exhausted and spent, they manage to summon a burst of creativity that gives them a boost to power on to the end of the school year.

Although each school year is similar in routines and procedures, each year is also as unique and individual as fingerprints. This year has been no exception with new challenges set and new achievements made. In one aspect or another, our teachers have continued to powerfully impact the lives of each one of our students. Every classroom is like an extended family where the teacher and students work, play and coexist together for the year. While the end of the year brings the end of these class groups, the relationships will endure into the following year with many friendly interactions around the school grounds.

With the closing of the school year all of our students face another transition. For some students the transition is from one year to another in the Junior, Middle or Senior Schools but for others it is the transition into the secondary phase of schooling. Our current Year 5 students will meet new teachers, be given new expectations, and surrounded by a larger peer group as new students join the School for Year 6. Children by their very nature are amazingly adaptable and resilient and we know that our Year 5 students have been well prepared for this transition. Indeed, they are very excited!

Thank you to all teachers, support staff and members of the School community who have contributed collaboratively to another successful and fun-filled year of learning at AISM. We wish those members of staff, who are leaving us, our very best wishes for their retirement or future career paths and we look forward to commencing the year with members of staff who are taking on new responsibilities and challenges in a new country. In particular I wish to extend my thanks to Mrs Fuller and Mr Martineau for their stewardship of the Middle and Senior School over the past two and five years respectively. Much of the development in this area of the school is directly attributable to these two members of staff.

Each school year remains a journey for both teachers and students. Both learn from each other, and will ultimately carry with them memories, knowledge and experiences that will last a lifetime. Next year will bring new opportunities for all of us but until then I wish you all a wonderful vacation with your families and a joyful New Year.
Speech Day

As we come to the close of the year it is a time to reflect back on the many things that have happened in 2015. Schools are always busy places and AISM is no different. When I began this year, I looked at our core values and believed that they provided a strong base to assist students in building a strong character and further develop toward becoming young global citizens and leaders. This has been evidenced in so many things that our students do. The opportunities that have been provided in the area of academic enrichment, cultural diversity, sporting activities, service learning and personal development have been many. I have enjoyed watching so many students getting involved in these activities and working together as a school community. The culminating event of Speech Day highlighted some of the amazing achievements accomplished by a number of our students across many different areas which demonstrated this diversity. Congratulations to the following students who were recipients of the Special Awards for 2015:

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I will also like to congratulate the elected Middle School Captains for 2016:

- Male Captain - Dash Emerson
- Female Captain - Ashleigh Boudeville
- Male Vice Captain - Rishi Krishnamurthi
- Female Vice Captain - Yasmine McKibbin

It has been such an enjoyable two years at AISM and I am proud to have been a part of this wonderful school community. I am also honoured to have met such beautiful young people who I believe will all go on to achieve great success.

I would also like to thank the teaching staff for their tremendous work this year in assisting our students to achieve their very best. To the staff who are departing, I wish you well in your future positions wherever your career may take you and thank you for being part of the AISM community.

As we head off on our holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of those families leaving us the very best in their future endeavors. To our students, I urge you to keep in touch with those friends that you have made and share your future stories with them. For those returning, I wish you an enjoyable break and a safe return. To all families who are moving on, I wish you and your children all of the very best in the next chapter of your journey.
Day 1 - 2016

Mr Ivan McLean, the incoming Head of Middle and Senior School along with Ms Kathryn Sutherland, Deputy Head of Middle and Senior School, will welcome students on the first day back, along with many of the new families that will join us. Please find below an outline of the program for the day.

**AISM Middle & Senior School Day One Program**

Wednesday 27 January 2016

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Years 11 and 12 students follow timetabled classes after Period 1.

**Year 6 Frozen Fractals in Mathematics Class**

*Dale Wells, Mathematics Teacher*

This activity focused on Rotational Symmetry taught to students and they experimented from then on. We had added a bit more fun by calling the activity "Frozen Fractals All Around"
Foundation Students Visit Year 6 French Class
Liliane Heininger, Head of Department Languages Other Than English

This week, Year 6 French students hosted Ms Barker’s Foundation class for an hour of Christmas fun activities. Each Foundation student was assigned a buddy and spent 5 minutes chatting and getting to know one another before having the opportunity to choose a French Christmas card, colour it in and take it home. The winners of the “best card” were Adam and Alice- both were awarded a Merit Certificate for an excellent effort.

Year 6 Colouring in Competition
A colouring in competition was held during Language and students produced outstanding work. Congratulations to all who participated.
Awards Assembly

Congratulations to all the award recipients at last week’s Awards Assembly and congratulations to Sauvage for winning the 2015 House Shield.

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HALL OF EXCELLENCE

SPORT

- Daniel Morris
- Eliza Tan
- Tania Thong

Winning Age Champion in all three School Carnivals
- Athletics
- Cross Country
- Swimming

PERFORMING ARTS

- Mia Tan

- Selected for Permata Seni Muzik Program (Malaysia’s national development program for gifted musicians)
- Symphonia Fantasia String Ensemble
- Finalist in the AIMS Young Musician Award – Primary Category
Speech Day

Congratulations to all those students recognised for their exceptional performances throughout the year at Tuesday’s Speech Day. The 2015 Junior School Captains delivered an outstanding address, and the 2016 Junior School Captains were announced. We were treated to two outstanding musical items by the Junior School String Orchestra and Ru En How.

**Academic Excellence**
- Year 1 - Daryl Lee
- Year 2 - Zo Ee Teh
- Year 3 - Shin Yi Pan
- Year 4 - Amelia Lee

**Performing Arts Encouragement Award**
- Ru En How

**Performing Arts**
- Mia Tan

**Physical Education Encouragement Award**
- Boy - Sam Henderson Kelly
- Girl - Harper Pain

**Sports Person of the Year**
- Boy - Daniel Morris
- Girl - Tania Thong

**Principal’s Award**
- Lara Genet-Parry

**Leadership Award**
- Mia Tan

**Dux**
- Megan Yap

**JS Captains for 2016**
- Mieke Duncan
- Jeremy Lau

**JS Vice Captains for 2016**
- Sara Yap
- Andrew Gilbert

**Move up Morning**

This morning our students participated in our first ‘Move Up Morning’. All students moved into their new classes for 2016 with their new classmates. Returning teachers greeted their new classes and all new teachers sent through videos, introducing themselves and telling the students how much they were looking forward to joining them next year. I trust this new initiative will go some way to relieving the nerves some of our students feel at the beginning of the new school year.

**2016**

The first day for returning students is Wednesday 27 January. All Junior School students will start the day by gathering in the Gym, where all students will be welcomed to the 2016 school year and new teachers will be introduced.

**Happy Holidays**

What an extraordinarily busy year! Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered their time and energy to supporting our children, to all of our teachers for their hard work and dedication, and to our students, whose seemingly limitless energy and zest have made the year such a rewarding one. I wish all members of the Junior School community a safe and happy holiday. To those who are moving on, I wish you all the very best of luck with your new adventure, and to those of you who are returning in 2016, I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.
On 4 December AISM held a Talent Quest for all of the Junior School. As an Student Representative Council (SRC) member, I got to help with the props and to introduce the acts. At first I was nervous but I knew I had to make myself do it and I'm glad I did. There were many great acts. There was singing, drama and dancing. My personal favourite act was Isabella Orth with her banana.

In the end the Talent Quest was one of the most exciting things I have ever done. I think that the Talent Quest was a great experience and that everyone should do it.

- Caelan Brown (4G SRC Rep)

We are so proud of all of the students and would like to congratulations them for their wonderful work and amazing talent.

1. Rance Wong
2. William and Elise Bagnall
3. Tamay Delavar, Rosie Grosse and Lucy Nolan
4. Jasmin Unsworth
5. Ameena Ayoub
6. Louisa Wolf, Nicole Ong, Jemma Roberts and Carina Sheikh
7. Anna Huggel
8. Abhig Ravichandran
9. Isabella Orth
10. Tara Heaton
11. Jordan Butler, Isabella Chesterman, Caleigh Brown and Nathania Goh
12. Alex Coulter
13. Valencia Santhara
14. Kok Jyn, Philomena Goh, Olivia Annandale James, Emma Gnemmi and Hannah Ju
15. Zo Ee Teh
16. Wei Wen Lim and Christine Tan
17. Alya Azhar, Felia Sigalingging, Kira Tachikawa, Wing Sum Lee,
18. William Clayton and Hayley Yap
19. Sara Allenspach and Rachel Lal
20. Kevin Lal and Cedric Boudeville
21. Miley Sawler, Lucy Stevens and Kendra Clacher
22. Alexandros Komorous
23. The Foundation Group - Oliver Bradley, Jacobo Morales Redondo, Asha Arriana Murugan, Cherry Li, Jamison Kennedy, Rain Au
24. Isha Krishna, Manami Kuno and Yuan Teratani
25. All of the Year 1 Students
26. All of the Year 5 Students
27. All SRC Reps

Well done everyone!

For more photos click here: Talent Quest
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Taiitsu Masunaga: Bronze medal in the 50m Breaststroke
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I would like to congratulate all swimmers who gave up their precious time on the weekend to represent AISM at The ISAC carnival. I would also like to thank the parents who came along to support and help out on the day.

Sports Corner
Kim Bradley, Middle & Senior School Sports Coordinator

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Message from Library

Mrs Denise Miller, Library Services Coordinator

This year AISM Library has once again been a very diverse teaching and learning area. Activities have included story sessions, wide reading, research, Power Learning area group work, Fairytale and Australiana quizzes, displays, board games and special guests.

Students said the following were highlights of AISM library life during 2015 ...........

Popular Books
The Harry Potter series
Science books
Believe It or Not
Guiness Book of Records
Geronimo Stilton titles
Tin Tin books
Reading on iPads

Guests
Author - Nadia Sunde. She was very entertaining
Cartoonist - Dave Hackett. He gave amazing ideas for drawing.
Poet - Stan Cullimore. His songs were fun.
Storyteller - Tanya Batt. Her sound effects were awesome.

Other Highlights
The Fairytale Quiz Castle. It was fun finding all the characters from traditional fairytales.
Library displays - Halloween, Circus and Deepavali. They are always so interesting.
Using Mac Books because students have easy access to them in the library
Doing research in the library environment because it is quiet.
Wide Reading sessions - They are so relaxing
The beanbags - They are so comfortable

Library Helpers
Many thanks to all the parent helpers this year. I would particularly like to thank Mrs. Mei Tan for her amazing and very creative contributions to library activities.

Happy holiday reading!
Last Thursday, 10 December, AISM held the Giving Tree assembly.

AISM is committed to developing service learning in the school and to developing links with the local community. The assembly was an opportunity to reflect on, and acknowledge, the involvement of our students in contributing to the wider community through Service Learning.

Earlier this year, a group of Year 8, 9 and 10 students and two teachers travelled to Sabah as part of the Matilda Project to work with the children at Asrama Desa Pukak, and four representatives - Marius, Jeremy, Kaveen and Sydney spoke about their life changing experiences of this trip.

Two of our Student Representative Council members gave their feedback on the contributions of the SRC to the life of the school.

The focus of the assembly was to acknowledge the work of the AISM community over the year in raising funds for two Malaysian-based welfare organisations. First, we welcomed Theresa and PohChoo from the Good Shepherd group. This is an organisation whose main focus is on the care of children and families - often in remote communities. AISM has been supporting this group for a number of years via the Matilda Project, and our main fundraising activity for this is The Walkathon, held in Term 2. Two of our students, Xuan Lin and Qi Lin presented a cheque for RM60,085.30 to Theresa. This donation goes towards the Matilda Project and the Asrama Desa Pukak hostel in Sabah. This donation will mean that children from remote communities have a place to stay while they attend school.

Our second Service Learning commitment is to Pastor Jacob and his organisation also called the Good Shepherd. Pastor Jacob’s organisation is based in Semiyah and provides food and shelter for children in difficult circumstances. The AISM community generously donated hundreds of gifts for these children. Sam Henderson-Kelly (Grade 2 SRC rep) presented a gift to Pastor Jacob as a symbol of the hundreds of gifts donated by our community.

We also had numerous wonderful creative and musical performances as part of the assembly - Miss Wendy’s CCA group performed ‘The Grinch Who Stole Christmas’; Miss Ratha and her tambourine dance; the Young Voices singing group, lead by Mr. Herron; Mr Parry, Ms Genet and Miss Rebecca’s lead the ukulele group in an awesome range of songs. A great celebration of talent and another form of contribution to the school community.

On behalf of Miss Derham, Mr. Broadbent and myself, thank you to the AISM community for your wonderful support over the year in supporting our students in their Service Learning endeavours.
Lots of empty boxes were delivered to AISM recently by Crown Relocations. Students are being asked to donate their books and stationery items to ‘The Reading Room’ charity as they tidy up at the end of term. This project is jointly organised by AISM teacher, Ms Colleen Derham, MANZA (Malaysian Australian and New Zealand Association) and Crown Relocations.

Here is a little information from Aggie, the MANZA Charity Co-ordinator.

“The Reading Room has 2 classrooms, both are used as reading and study areas. It also has a small dining area and a kitchen. Kids there get a clean and safe place to go to after and before school, on weekends and public holidays. They get 2 meals a day there, help with school work, and get to be involved in lots of activities. Susie runs a boys' and a girls' football team, they run a music program (some of the older boys are learning to play the guitar, and are hoping to become a band Susie's says they are not that great, but are having fun, and are off the streets, not getting into trouble). OR they simply have somewhere fun and inspiring to go to whenever they can.”

The donations from AISM can make a big difference to Library and helping the students to study with donated stationery items.

Here is ‘The Reading Room’ library a few years ago.

The Reading Room Library has grown to this as shown in the pictures. There is plenty of space in the library for more donations.

Thank you for your donations of books and stationery items to help students at ‘The Reading Room’.