How Time Flies!  The end-of-last-term …..

**Campus Update:**

Now installed tare wo pathways at the front of the main entrance, either side of the flagpoles, at Zone 1 to allow for drop-off at the pull-in of the road and not necessarily going under the covered way. It will allow several vehicles to drop off at the same time, in safety. I therefore urge more parents to use this location for primary and secondary drop-off: there are also more readily available parking spaces nearby.

Walkways and shading have been ordered for drop-off Zone 2 (Yellow Building) and for the Secondary Drop-Off near the Auditorium though these cannot be installed until the final visit from the municipality is completed for the new site, which, I understand, is filed against the site drawings.

Over the holiday period the team working on the second play area between the Blue Building and the Administration will be started and – weather holding – it is hoped to have it functional for more of the Primary School to use at the start of the next term. Similarly we hope the grass areas outside the Yellow Building and opposite the cafeteria will be ‘open-for-use’ by primary and secondary students in the New Year.

**Haiyan Fund Raising and Donation Weeks**

This has been a most successful week of Typhoon Haiyan Relief Action by Tenby School Miri. Fund-raising for cash and donation of articles can be a daunting thought yet organising a great fundraiser is a fantastic way to raise a caring awareness in our school community and encourage a shared cause between the students, staff and families.

All the fund raising ideas involved a lot of hard work and energy from our Tenby students in collaboration with our marvelous Class Parents and the support of PTA Committee Members. This combined enthusiasm has delivered a really successful programme. The great thing is that a successful fundraiser for such a deserving and harrowing cause, benefits all involved and delivers a lot more than money!

**Other Activities:**

- Competition for collection of aluminum cans is still ongoing.

- The collection for clean/washed used new or nearly new clothing, shoes and non-breakable household items.

- Pictures and writings for caring children showing their enthusiasm—a house point for each entry which will be displayed around school.
Art Sale at the Piasau Boat Club for the Philippines

After watching the coverage on the News from the Philippines of the recent disaster after the Typhoon Haiyan, Zuhayr Shaikh (Year 6) decided that he really wanted to do something to help. Earlier in the week he had spent some time drawing a number of different types of cars, all in various and exotic scenes. These included a ‘Pick-Up in the Artic’, a ‘Rally Car doing a Drift through Heathrow Airport’ and a ‘Luxury Coupe driving through the city of Johannesburg’.

Zuhayr thought that he could sell these drawings to raise some money at the Piasau Boat Club (PBC), but he knew that the number of pictures that he had would not raise that much money, so he scanned them all so he could make multiple copies of each.

Armed with a total number of twenty five pictures last Friday Zuhayr headed out to the PBC to see if any of the Boat Club Members would be willing to buy one of his pictures for charity. Once at the club Zuhayr met up with his friends Zugs, Tobi and Sophie who decided to give him a hand selling the pictures and the four children were soon busy announcing themselves to the Club Members and giving them the chance to buy one of the pictures. Slowly and carefully the children pitched the idea and showed off the pictures. The response was magnificent and after about an hour all the pictures had been sold, with some members paying cash and others pledging money as an IOU which they would either get to Zuhayr at school or his father at their office. One club member even went as far as putting in a ‘Commission Drawing’ which Zuhayr will deliver later next week – again for Charity.

On arriving home Zuhayr carefully counted out the money. On the night, he and his friends had managed to raise RM145 cash with another RM94 to come in pledges. Quite an extraordinary effort but every little bit counts. Zuhayr would like to thank each and every one of the Boat Club Members who took the time to look and his pictures and donate money to this worthwhile cause.

‘Well done Zuhayr and with your example other children have also used their imagination and talents to raise money for the relief appeal.’ Mr Phillip

And more…..from our Students

Some our Tenby Years 5 and 6 he girls sold homemade crafts at the ‘Animal Saving Club’ – they wore t-shirts they designed. In the photo are: Megan, Nagisa, Hana, Chloe, Bethany, Sophia, Elena, Naomi, Maya and Syzamin. Not in the photo are Anusha and Naqisha

They originally decided to raise money to help save Sharks who are 'finned' then thrown back into the sea. When they are thrown back into the sea without their fins they die a slow and painful death, unable to eat or breath properly. Some sharks are now endangered partly due to this.

They raised so much money that they decided they could give RM500 to the School Haiyan Appeal and are splitting the rest of the money between the sharks and polar bears. They are giving the money they raised to the WWF as it’s a well-respected organisation.

They plan to carry on their hard work raising money for endangered animals.

And some more...

At the PBC Charity Bazaar, Georgette Warrlich was given the opportunity to sell her drawings and she raised RM82 for the Haiyan Appeal, well done. Ben Banna also made items himself and raised RM 23 today as well! This caring spirit is obviously being contagious and we should be proud of all our children as this is how we mould caring and intelligent leaders.
Pictures from some of the Haiyan Appeal Activities so far.....

On our ‘dress down day’ when students and staff could wear day clothes but they needed to pay a RM5.00 fee to the Appeal. It was well supported—as shown in this lunchtime photograph—and raised in excess of a thousand ringit. On Wednesday we saw the Swimming Squad raising funds through laps swum!

As announced in the Bulletin, as the School Community had raised over RM1000.00 by Wednesday Lunchtime, the Principal, Mr Phillip, had announced he would shave his moustache. Well, the money was raised so, with the ‘assistance’ of Mr Nicholas and Mr Peter, watched by over 150 students Mr Phillip’s moustache slowly disappeared—for the first time in over fifteen years!

Many Many Thanks

As well as our huge expression of thanks to our children, families and staff for their support of all the activities undertaken to support the survivors so far in response to the terrible events following the landfall of Typhoon Haiyan in the central Philippines. From the generous donation of clothing, household goods, shoes and small soft toys to the pictures and writings as well as the cans and the cash activities the response has been exceptional. This element of corporate social responsibility reflects our desire to encourage an understanding of issues outside of our community.

In addition to all the work of groups and individual children these activities have also benefitted from the dedication, commitment and energy of people to co-ordinate everything. Leading this has been Yvette Warrlich who has linked with Class Parents, members of the PTA and other interested parents. I also need to specifically mention Shin Yang Berhad who have kindly & generously offered to arrange shipment of goods to the Philippines and since making this initial commitment have expanded it to other local organisations for their contributions to be added to the container. Then we had Sin Poh Boon & Sons Sdn Berhad who arranged the boxes for the goods to be sorted and packed for shipping: with Little Laundry who ‘saved the day’ when a pipe split and caused a flood in the donations room—they kindly washed and dried all affected clothing which had been stacked on the floor, a mammoth task. Finally there were the teams of ‘Mums’, Students and Staff who sorted the donated items for us.

There will be a full Haiyan Newsletter detailing all aspects of this wonderful effort in the coming weeks and more thank-yous too.

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The last few weeks the Netherlands were the topic during the culture module on the Wednesday afternoons. At the beginning of the afternoon all children came together in an assembly and after that they moved on to different classes where they were told about different aspects of the Netherlands.

This way they were able to gather some information about a famous painter like Vincent van Gogh, they learned about and tasted from real Dutch cheese, they were introduced to some music from the Netherlands, they were able to have a look at some food the Dutch really like and in my class I did tell them a bit about Sinterklaas.

All together a great series of lessons, and the children really enjoyed all they were able to experience from a little country on the other side of the world.
Dear Parents,

What a super term we have had and there has been lots of great learning happening across the school. Many of the class have been extending their learning through class visits to certain locations in Miri: Nursery, Reception and Year 3 have all been to the airport, Year 2 went to the Crocodile Farm and Year 6 visited the Shell Offices. All these trips supporting the children’s learning beyond that what is taught in the classroom.

We all look forward to the exciting exit points that many of the classes will have organised for them in the coming 2 weeks, starting with Nursery this Wednesday morning.

In October you were invited to come and meet your children’s class teachers to find out how they are doing with regard to their learning. We really value these events as we see your child’s learning as a shared partnership between, You, the parents and Us the School.

Next term we look forward to welcoming you into school in February for our ‘drop in’ morning. We will tell you more about this nearer the time.

With only 2 weeks till the end of term we still have more events organised, the School Performance on Thursday, where the Year 3 – Year 10 children will be performing. This is sure to be a great event to show the work they have been doing with Miss Sarah, our music teacher and their class teachers.

I know some classes are starting to look at starting their class blogs again, please look at the class blogs to catch up with what is happening in your child’s class. You can then become more involved with their learning! I can’t quite believe that we have managed to pack so much into this term.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2014 in the new year, if you are travelling, please be safe and have a great holiday break.

Best wishes,

Nicholas Roe

New Staff: We are very pleased to welcome Miss Bethan to Tenby International School, Miri. Miss Bethan will be replacing Mr Stan in Year 2 at the end of this term. Previously, Miss Bethan had been working in the UK since July 2013, and previously was working in Qatar International School for three years, so comes to us with international experience.

Already the children have warmed to Miss Bethan and I know they will enjoy learning with her. We thank Mr Stan for all his hard work that he has undertaken with his class and the great learning that he has started with them in Year 2. I know the children have enjoyed learning with Mr Stan this term and we wish him all the best as he returns to Ipoh.

Second place to Hana Kusoge, Year 3 from Tenby International School, Miri.

Earlier this year Hana from Year 3 entered a writing competition in Japan. This contest was originally established by Japan’s Juvenile Writers Association, Kumon and Kumon publishing company in 2000. It is held once a year and this year was their 14th year of holding this contest. The competition is split into 3 age groups; lower primary (4-8 years), upper primary (9-12 years) and secondary (13-15 years). In her category; Lower Primary, Hanna gained one of the second places. Earlier this month she went back to Tokyo, Japan to receive her prize. Hanna’s story was called ‘The Toilet Bug.’ Some of the winning story will have a chance to be published by Kumon publishing company. Well done Hana! We look forward to hopefully seeing the story that Hana wrote in print in the near future.
Over the last few of months many children from Tenby have embarked on an exciting new adventure—learning how to Scuba Dive! They have had so much fun learning how to use dive equipment, breathe underwater and skills such as clearing their masks, regulator recovery, emergency air source etc as well as playing underwater games like Frisbee!

**Seal Team**

Congratulations to the following children on becoming the FIRST PADI Seal Team not just at Tenby but in the whole of Sarawak!

- Cole Manuel - Year 4
- Nathaniel Davey - Year 5
- Chandresh Prakasa - Year 5
- Parth Shinde - Year 5
- Zuhayr Shaikh - Year 6
- Adrian Tan - Year 5
- Sofia Van Alebeek Alonso - Year 6
- Chloe Stevens - Year 5
- Jason Pruimboom - Year 4
- Chandresh Prakasa - Year 5
- Parth Shinde - Year 5
- Zuhayr Shaikh - Year 6
- Chloe Stevens - Year 5
- Jason Pruimboom - Year 4

They loved it so much they have already started the Master Seal Team course!

**Junior Open Water Course**

After a few weeks of theory and pool sessions the boys and girls were thrilled to complete their course in the open water and put everything they had learned into practise.

Congratulations to the following children who are now PADI Junior Open Water Divers:

- Joshua Davey - Year 7
- Arturo Van Alebeek Alonso - Year 7
- Andrew Victor - Year 9
- Abhishek Patil - Year 7
- Faiza Shaikh - Year 8
- Elvira Praisey - Year 8
- Sai Vijapurapu - Year 9
- Ameer Haziq Wahab - Year 9
- Leelaram Elangovan - Year 9

If you would like to sign up for the next course starting in January or want more details please contact Ross (Co.co Dive) on 0105 367 158 or email miri.cocodive@gmail.com

Check out Co.Co Dive Facebook page for more pictures and even a video of the girls doing the Macarena dance underwater!!
String Performance
It was a pleasure to welcome James’ Lau, from Symphony Accademy of Music, to perform with some of his fellow sting players, in a special assembly on Friday 8th November. The performances demonstrated a range of repertoire, including highlights from Abba alongside other inspiring numbers. The assembly provided an excellent platform to launch the String Instrumental Lesson Programme which will start next term. We look forward to working more closely with James, who will be teaching the violin and cello, and seeing more string players in TISM.

Musical Moments—an afternoon of music
Congratulations to all the musicians who performed in TISM’s first Musical Moments Recital of this academic year! The recital, held on 13th November, was an opportunity for all children of different musical abilities to perform to each other in an informal setting after school. It was super to see the range of musical talent in our school: from beginners to advanced players; from pianists, to Japanese drummers! Everyone who performed in the recital rose to the occasion with confidence and did themselves proud!

An Afternoon of Talents
For those of you able to attend the ‘Musical Moments’ recital in November, you will have been as thrilled as I to have been entertained by some of our talented musicians. They took to the stage with confidence and with minimal fuss produced some musical moments to be cherished. Many thanks to all our performers and to Ms Sarah for galvanising them into action as well as a thanks to their families for assisting with instruments, encouragement and, of course, the lessons. It is hoped that such events will become a feature of our school life and will encourage others to consider music-making as a valuable learning experience, bringing joy to the performer and audience alike. PBR

Mr Giles Montier, Head of Secondary Schools, Penang Visits Tenby Miri
Members of our Administration Team were given an update and refresher course on Tenby’s Double First ‘Engage’ data management system. Mr Montier has worked thoroughly with the system since it was introduced to Tenby Penang two years ago and has headed much of the specifics that have been adjusted to Tenby Schools’ requirements.