Dear Parents,

This week saw the Term III TISM Board meeting where the 2013/2014 Budget was discussed, the introduction of “Bring Your Own Device”, and a proposed “Performance Management” policy amongst the usual reports. The Budget of course reflects our move to the new campus with the resultant increased expenses, and our anticipated enrolment growth. We will soon be hosting a parent informational meeting for Bring Your Own Device which we plan slowly to introduce as an optional programme in the Secondary Sector from August so please look for event announcements.

Performance Management is one element of our Quality Assurance / Quality Control (“QA/QC”) approaches, alongside such measures as student assessment, external examinations, competitions and so on, and relates specifically to academic and non-academic staff. We are discussing two thrusts to Performance Management at TISM: an evaluative aspect and a developmental aspect. As we further develop this policy, I will explain more.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please email me at Robert.Young@tenby.edu.my. Have a great week!

Robert Young
Principal

Upcoming Events:

24th May - 3rd June 2013
Half-term break, School closed

25th May 2013 (Sat)
Super-8 chess Tournament, TISM, 9:00am - 2:00pm

3rd - 4th June 2013
TISM closed for Gawai and Agong’s Birthday

11th June 2013 (Tue)
Parent Informational meeting for Y6 parents (Y5 invited) on TIMS Secondary programmes (RY to lead this event), 6:00pm - 7:30pm

16th June 2013 (Sun)
Sand Sculpture & Kite Festival, PBC Beach Area, 3:00pm - 5:00pm

17th June 2013 (Mon)
PTA Annual General Meeting, ICT Room, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

1st July 2013 (Mon)
Y6 visit to Y7 – a full day

The Move to Senadin - Update

The site looks more like a school campus every day; the two main classroom, administration / cafeteria and music/art blocks are close to completion, most of the grass has been panted (in clumps and not through seeding) and the city roads surrounding our campus will soon be carpeted. Internal testing of electrical and water systems has been completed and both will soon be connected to the city mains supplies. Tender documents for catering, security and transportation are being prepared.

We are preparing for some student visits to the site in small groups in the school van; permission slips will be sent home as each group is organised. Please note that student will stay in the van which will drive around the campus only, on occasions also through, and will not be able to get out and wander around the construction site. They will be able to see the different buildings and facilities and to get a sense of where they will be next year.

Miri Dance for Humanity 2013

Miri Dance for Humanity 2013 will be held on the 23rd June 2013, 1:00pm to 5:30pm at Miri Indoor Stadium. Admission is free however, we are collecting donation on behalf of the Miri Dance for Humanity group. Every RM5 donation will entitle you for a Lucky Draw ticket. Please see Ms Jenny at the school office for further details or contact Ms Elsie at events.miri@tenby.edu.my.

Elsie David
Admissions and Marketing Executive
I have received information about possible Summer vacation courses for students in Years 8 & 9, if you would like to explore this option then please go the relevant links below. If you wish your son/daughter to attend the New Perspectives summer course in Oxford then contact the school office or contact me direct at peter.bentley@tenby.edu.my and I can make the relevant booking or provide more information.

Oxford Royal Academy
St. Catherine's College
Manor Road
Oxford, OX1 3UJ
United Kingdom

Re: Recommended Oxford summer courses for students at Tenby International School (Miri)

There are less than 7 weeks to go until the start of our 2013 Oxford Summer School, and students from 95 countries have already signed up!

I am sure there are students at Tenby International School (Miri) who are still looking for the right summer program. With that in mind, I have included some recommendations on courses for your students below.

For students aged 13-15, we recommend our New Perspectives summer course in Oxford:

- New Perspectives is an academic programme with a choice of 10 classes
- Options include "Mathematics, Economics & Management", "Public Speaking & Debate", "Environmental Science & Human Geography" and many more.
- Students live and study in a college of the University of Oxford, and attendees make friends with kids their age from all over the world.
- To start your journey on this programme, head to http://www.oxford-royale.co.uk/np.

House T-Shirt Orders

Represent your House with pride school events by donning the logo of your House. House T-shirts in the colours of the three houses with the winning Logo design are now available to order from school. RM30 per item.

Complete the order form that you can get from Ms Linda or Ms Jenny in the school office and return with cash to the correct amount to the main school office or class teacher by 23rd May to ensure prompt delivery. Please see Ms Melissa in the School Bookshop for T-shirts size sample.

Don’t forget, parents and siblings are also members of the same house!

Thanks,
Heads of Houses.
Jessica doesn’t care about history. Why should she? It doesn’t have anything to do with her. Or so she thinks. Join Jessica, Spider and DW as they explore the histories and mysteries waiting to unfold in The Attic.

Featuring students from Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 at Tenby International School, The Attic is a musical historical adventure, and will be performed at Pustaka Miri (Auditorium) at 7pm on 21st June. Tickets will be available from the main school office from Monday, or at the main reception at Pustaka Miri.

Shoebox Appeal

For our thoughtfulness focus some of the classes will be taking part in the our own shoebox appeal. The shoebox appeal involves pupils putting together a gift box for children less fortunate than themselves. Our aim is to donate to the local ‘Ten Ringgit Charity’.

The children at the charity are aged between 5-18 years old. The aim is to make the boxes age and gender appropriate. We will indicate who the recipient would be suitable for. For example Girl aged 10-15. Ideally the items should include things like school stationary, hygiene items, and toys. Ideally the items should be new. An example has been shown to each participating class. The box needs to be in school on Monday 20th May as they will be delivered later that day.

Please speak to Mr Craig for further details.

Craig Jones
Year 5 Teacher

Kuching Trip

All the permission slips, deposits and photocopies of passports for the Kuching trip must be in by Monday 20th of May so that we can book the flights and accommodation.

Craig Jones
TISM Chess
Super-Eight
Saturday 25 May 2013

Sectional Play    Rounds 1 – 3    9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am
Two approximately-equal sections of four players play each in a round robin. If numbers allow, we will have two levels of two sections, thus sixteen players.

Post Section Play    Round 4    12:00pm
The winner of Section A plays the second-placed in Section B and vice versa.
The third-placed in Section A plays the fourth placed in Section B and vice versa.

Finals    Round 5    1:00pm
The first two winners play for overall first and second; the two losers play for overall third and fourth.
The second two winners play for overall fifth and sixth; the two losers play for overall seventh and eighth.

Awards
At the end of Round 5, approximately 2.00pm. Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third places.

Entries
The first eight entries to reach Mr Young by email (Robert.Young@tenby.edu.my), with one extra “stand-by”, will be accepted. The entry fee is RM 0.

Rules
- Sets and boards will be provided in the game room.
- The FIDE “Laws of Chess” apply.
- No non-players in the game room.
- No kibitzing or talking in the game room.
- One point for a win, half for a draw.
- To determine Sectional rankings, where players have equal points, an extra point will be awarded to the winner of the game between them. If they are still tied, an extra point will be awarded to a player who won while playing black. If they are still tied, a coin will be tossed.
- TISM regular uniform should be worn.
- Notation is not required but is recommended.
Do you want to know what has happened in all the different groups in nursery, reception, primary and secondary? You want to be part of the excitement of the different assemblies through the year? You want to see the children having all that fun again during special events like International Day, Book Week and Swimming Gala?

Well, you can and all of that and so much more will be in the Tenby School Yearbook.

This book is a great gift for every child in the school, but it is also a wonderful present for family members, like the grandparents who will enjoy going through the book with the children and learn all about the excitement that was part of our school the last year.

The price of the book will be **RM35.**-
The deadline for ordering the books is **Wednesday 12th June**.

Please, can you let us know how many books you would like to order, by handing in this slip at the reception, with the money included. This way we know how many need to be printed.

Regards,

The Year Book Committee.

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**Year Book Order Form**

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wants to order ...................................... copies of the Year Book.

Signature: .................................................................