Message from the Principal

Dear Parents

Congratulations to coach Mr Peter Bentley and to team members Andrew, Elvira, Josh, Sai and Tope which competed at the Malaysian National Science Olympiad last weekend. The five TISM students were selected to represent Miri, and of these Elvira and Josh qualified to the third and national-level round where they placed second. Congratulations also to coach Ms Chloe Hickinbottom and to the U13 Netball team who finished twelfth in the Borneo Netball Cup against mostly older competitors.

Further to my staffing announcement last week, I am thrilled to announce the appointment of Ms Jeanne Denyer as Secondary Humanities teacher (see below). She will replace Mr Hennie Smits who is moving to the Primary sector. Ms Denyer is South African and has recently been teaching in London and in Luton, and was also at one time a diplomat!

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Gaida Erlano as whole-school Physical Education Teacher (see below). Ms Erlano is Australian and was recently teaching in London and Sydney, and for three consecutive years the team she coached made the quarter-finals of the All English Schools Football Association (England and Wales) and London Football Association knock-out competitions.

This week, we confirmed the provisional timetable for the new year and which is available on the School Hours page of our website. We will review this over Term One so that we can make any adjustments from Term Two. The main improvement has been to increase the amount of instructional time available to the secondary classes, especially with the introduction of IGSCE, and to the older students’ clubs which may need longer practices or rehearsals. We also tried to co-ordinate drop off and pick up times for younger and older students and so will be paying close attention to traffic flow and any choke points.

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

Robert Young
Principal

The Move to Senadin - Update

The four main buildings are essentially complete and pre-handover deep-cleaning is underway. Furniture and other equipment will begin arriving in about two weeks and we will begin transferring some of our office functions. Pool tiling is almost complete, the roof is on the basketball court and the side panels will soon be erected. Recent rain has given the grass the encouragement it needs and it is growing in nicely.

Remember the Parent Informational Meeting 6.00pm Thursday 4 July. Please send any questions or discussion points or the meeting to Robert.Young@tenby.edu.my.
Message from the Head of Primary

Dear Parents

I hope your children enjoyed the trip to see our new Tenby School in Senadin. I am sure they would be very excited to give you a guided tour of their new school if you wish to pop down. It is on the road to Curtin University. Unfortunately, you would not be able to get on site but the view from the road is quite impressive!

Last week, we said farewell to Kamilla and Alina. We wish them all the best in Uzbekistan and then in England. As usual the following Students proudly received their certificates and became our Stars of last week! Well done!

Have a wonderful weekend and good luck to our swimmers at the swimming gala tomorrow and also those students taking part in the Chess tournament!

Best wishes
Yvette Jeffrey
yvette.jeffrey@tenby.edu.my

Teachers’ v Students

Football Special

Teachers’ v Students
Thursday 20th June 3:30pm
On school play field

Come and cheer on your favourite teacher or classmate!
See Mr Bert or Mr Charlie for more details
My Experience for Masmo 2013

Well to start off I was really surprised, and really happy to find out that I will be proceeding to Round 2 for Masmo Science. Not only that I was also really happy for my friends, Tope, Joshua, Andrew and Sai, who had also made it to Round 2. During one lunch time, Mr. Peter had called all of us, and told us that we had made it to Round 2 (he was also very proud of all of us).

The test we would do in Round 2 wasn’t going to be a written test, but a Model Building test. This time, Round 2 wouldn’t be held in our school, like Round 1 did. Round 2 would be held in KL. Because of this, we would have to travel to KL to be able to attend Round 2. The date and place where Round 2 will be held was in SJK Han Ming School, Puchong on Saturday 8th June 2013, at 09:30.

So on Saturday 8th June, we reached the exam hall after having our breakfast around 08:00. Mr. Peter and Miss Emma then went to register us. After they registered us, we had to wait patiently for about an hour, as the exam assistants were still setting everything up, and some people were still registering their students. After everything was completed, all the teachers, parents and other relatives had to leave the hall immediately; otherwise students that they support would’ve been disqualified.

After that was done, all the participants were separated into their different levels. There were 52 students in Level 2 and there were about 38 students in Level 3. Tope, Joshua and I (Elvira), were put into level 2. Andrew and Sai were put into Level 3. Everyone was separated according to their age. After that had happened, the Masmo Science Instructor gave everyone instructions about what they had to make. Level 2 participants had to make a Farm Reaper, while Level 3 participants had to make a Robotic Arm. We were also given questions related to what we had to make, as well as other hard Mechanical questions, which personally, we found difficult. We were given 10 minutes to finish answering the first small quiz. We were then given around 2 hours to create our model, as well as finish our second sheet of questions.

After we finished, we handed our worksheets and our model to be inspected by the Masmo Science Inspector. The Masmo Science Inspector also asked us a few questions, for example, “How does your model work?”

After all the inspections were finished, (it finished around 13:00), we had to leave the hall and return in 1 hour, to find out about the results, as who will be proceeding to the next round. Because of this, all of us were very nervous as to if we did well, if we impressed the judges, if we did our best and etc. We decided to have our lunch in a restaurant near the exam hall. We were all still very nervous, but we kept our hopes high, hoping that all of us will proceed to the next round, especially to make our School proud of our achievement.

As we finished our lunch and headed back to the exam hall, to hear the results, something extraordinary happened. They had started announcing the Top 10 for Level 2, and suddenly I had heard my name being said. Just then the sigh of relief, and that moment of joy came to me. After my name, Joshua’s name had also been said. This had also made me happy, that another student from Tenby had been chosen. Unfortunately it was only both of our names which had been said, Tope and Andrew and Sai’s names hadn’t been said. But actually they also deserved to be winners, as well as in the Top 10, as they had also worked hard in doing their model.

After that the Masmo Science Instructor said whoever hadn’t been chosen should leave the exam hall immediately, as well as the teachers, parents and other relatives. This was because Round 3 was going to be held that same day till around 5 in the evening.

The next task was again Model Building, but his time we would be separated into teams of 2, by the Masmo Science Examiners. So in total there would be 5 teams. Luckily Joshua and I (Elvira) were put into the same team; this was good because at least we knew each other, it was also better than working with a complete stranger.

Our next task was to build a catapult, and a defense building (the example the Masmo Science Examiners gave us was Angry Birds, and how there is a catapult and a defense building). One member of the team had to build the catapult, and the other member had to build the defense building. The other member had to build the catapult. Joshua built the catapult, and I (Elvira) built the defense building.

After we finished we were to test our models against the other teams. So each member of the team, shooted 5 times using the catapult. As we did this objective, the Masmo Science Examiners graded us, and our work.

When all the grading was finished, all the teachers, parents and other relatives were invited back into the exam hall. This was because they were going to announce the Top 2. This is when I started getting nervous, as to if I would make it past Round 3, and to Round 4, which would be held in Florida, USA. Unfortunately Joshua and I (Elvira) didn’t make it to Round 4, but at least we did our best, and enjoyed ourselves, and that matters most! I am now looking forward to Masmo Science 2014, and this time I will work hard to do better!

By: Elvira Kanth (Year 7)
Dear Swimming Parents

I have attached the programme for tomorrow’s swimming gala at KRP. Please read through this to ensure that you are aware of all the races your child/children are involved in. The gala starts at 08:00 and will be finished at around 5:30pm with a 2 hour lunch break from 12:00-2:00pm. Last year seating was a problem so please make sure that you are there in time, and bring a fold-up chair in case they run out of chairs.

I am looking forward to watching our students perform in the water. This is a very good opportunity for them to get some exposure to competitive swimming, while having fun with their friends and teammates.

Yours in swimming,

Mr Hennie

Notices

Ms Jeanne Denyer

I am extremely pleased to be joining the staff of Tenby International School Miri in September. I have visited Malaysia and I was struck by the beauty of the country and the friendliness of the people. I hope that I can provide pupils with engaging learning opportunities which foster a love of the Humanities as well as helping them to develop into independent thinkers. I believe that, by working together with both parents and pupils, high outcomes can be achieved. I look forward to using my experience to implement the IGCSE History programme and I am keen to becoming part of the wider school community.

Jeanne Denyer
Secondary Humanities Teacher

Gaida Erlano

Ms Gaida Erlano is an energetic and committed educator who believes in providing lifelong learning experiences that will help them flourish into a young adult. She is dedicated teacher who takes the opportunity to continue developing herself and her profession. She completed two bachelor degrees at The University of Sydney; one in Applied Science (Leisure and Health) and another in Education (Secondary: Human Movement and Health Education). She has over six years’ experience in teaching and programming the Australian syllabus and the British National Curriculum, and is looking forward to guiding our first IGCSE candidates in the 2013/2014 academic year.

The Attic

As you may be aware the end of year production is due to take place next Friday 21st June. We still need the following items:

- Long coats
- Old style suit cases/carry cases
- Hats
- Beer crates
- Champagne bottles

If you are able to help out then please contact Mr Craig craig.jones@tenby.edu.my

SiWu Scholarships

For entry to Y10 for students who are now to TISM

Secondary Textbooks

If you would like your Y7 – 9 student (current Y6 students) to prepare for next year, limited numbers of most textbooks are available for purchase in the School Shop. We anticipate the Senadin campus School Shop will be stocked and operational early to mid-August. Please watch Facebook for announcements.

Staff v Student Soccer Match

Come and support the staff as they labour against a talented, energetic and youthful student side 3.30pm Thursday 20 June at the Piasau campus. See you there!

Secondary Exams

Next week is exams week for all secondary students, time table is:

Monday  – Y7 Maths, Y8 Maths
Tuesday – Y8 Science, Y9 Science, Y8 Maths, Y9 Maths, Y7 English
Wednesday – Y7 Science, Y9 Science, Y7 Maths, Y9 Maths, Y8 English

The secondary students visited the new school site last week to see the work in progress and how the buildings and sports areas have developed over recent weeks, lots of questions were asked and excitement about the prospects of learning for next academic year at the brand new Tenby school.
Thank you to everyone for their contributions to the paper/cardboard/newspaper collection. We have been overwhelmed with the volume of material received!

It’s not over yet – who will be victorious?

MiRecycle CAN – It’s back. Drinks cans (crushed flat!) is our next MiRecycle project. 1st-5th July. Get collecting!

At this time there is a fault with the temperature control at Pustaka Auditorium. The theatre have worked hard to help ease the problem and after having visited the venue we have decided that we are still able to perform the show at the auditorium. However, audience must be aware that the room may get warm. Drinking water will be available but you may also wish to bring your own, and dress appropriately for a hot temperature. It’s a bit stuffy up in The Attic!

Thanks!

Emma Withill
Teacher of Music and Drama
PTA Bake Sale

17th June 2013
Monday, 2:15 pm

Bake Sale @
Bike Stand
Bring Cash!

And please bring your baked goodies in the morning (during drop-off) for packing and pricing.
Proceeds of this bake sale will be utilized for the most-awaited
STAR DAY (Staff and Teachers Appreciation and Recognition Day)!
Donations in CASH or KIND will be greatly appreciated. Thank you! 😊