



# TENBY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIRI

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER 19/09/14

### ARISE HOUSE CAPTAINS!



**Democracy in Action!**

**TIS Miri believes in House spirit, fostering healthy competitiveness and a desire to work hard to support your fellow students.**

House membership has become more visible than ever before, with all secondary students wearing house ties proclaiming their membership of one of the three houses at Tenby Miri.

Gaida Erlano continues in her role as House Patron of the Dragons, and is joined this year by Daniel Johnston who takes the lead as Patron of Lions, with Suzanne Palumbo in the same position

for the Cobras. They are now supported by House Captains in both the Primary and Secondary School, and all will be pivotal in our first House competition of the term, the Miri Mile fun run which takes place on 2 October.

The Houses act as families within the School, where support runs across year groups and students have opportunities to mentor and lead younger colleagues. Together, the House Patrons and their captains will extend the good work already in place to ensure the houses are at the heart of all the School does.

## SIXTH FORM STUDIES IN 2015

**On Thursday evening, fifty families from across the School attended our first Sixth form and University Entrance information evening.**

The presentation given by the Principal was intended to focus on both the future of sixth form studies at TIS Miri, and furthermore, to increase our student's awareness of the necessity of obtaining academic evidence that shows an admissions tutor that they are capable of going beyond the classroom and taking ownership for their education.

Jonathan explored the different strategies and advice staff can provide to help students navigate the complex and differing nature of university applications across the globe.

Jonathan was also pleased to announce the appointment of Alan Miles as Head of the Sixth Form, a position which he will hold under the management of Peter Shearer, Head of Secondary. Alan's special mix of high academic standards and genuine care for the students are precisely the right blend for this highly important role.



**Sixth Form and University Entrance: an international perspective—the first of a series of presentations on the way forward**

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# TIS Miri: LEARN LOCALLY, EXCEL GLOBALLY

The PTA Annual General Meeting held in the Library Lounge at 8.15 am on Thursday was a great success. More than forty parents attended, together with the outgoing committee members and a number of representatives from the Academic Staff of the School.

The PTA have had a superb year, raising money for both charities and the School, acting as a bridge of communication between teachers, students and parents. This was outlined in the reports given by both the Chairperson and Treasurer. The new members of the committee were elected to general acclaim, and are listed below.

- **Chairperson—Isabelle Nicole**
- **Vice-Chair—Tricia Ann Schmidt**



**Members of the new PTA committee**

- **Secretary— Andrea Conrad**
- **Treasurer—Tan Mung Sar**
- **Public relations—Domini Gordon**

Jonathan Warner gave his first Principal's address focusing on his vision for the next five years. Touching on Academic Standards and

educational innovation, pupil recruitments and the size of the School, staff retention, financial planning and the nature of future projects and plans, Jonathan explained the key role of the PTA in helping achieve our aims. Teachers also make up part of this body and so both Heads of School, David Horn and Peter Shearer, are members, together with Martin Shelley.

Please remember that even if you are not yet ready to stand for a committee position, you can still get involved in supporting individual events or standing as a Class Parent. The PTA is a great way to meet other parents and help shape the future development of TIS Miri.

## CURRICULUM FOCUS: YEAR 5

To inform you about developments in the classroom, we shall look at different year groups in turn each week. To start, we focus on Year 5, who have been studying "Our Place in Space".

As part of a science lessons, the children tested how the size of a crater changes with the size of the asteroid and the force of the fall. The children used different size dice to act as their 'asteroids' and dropped them from different heights onto their 'moon surface' of flour. The test showed that generally bigger asteroids create bigger craters as do asteroids dropping with

more force. Children also experimented with different trajectory angles and different terrain (i.e. hills and valleys), and although no conclusive data was collected, they had a lot of fun!

As part of their IPC unit, the Year 5 children studied different satellite images and chose one to recreate. Using clay and paint, the children created 3-D models of their satellite picture. They showed excellent observation skills and worked hard to mix the paint to create appropriate colours. Their finished projects are really quite impressive.



**Inventive lessons, active learning**

## CALENDAR FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK

	Saturday 20	0800-1500	Curtin Sarawak Open Day, Curtin University Sarawak
	Sunday 21		
WEEK 5 Sept	Monday 22	1455-1545 1500-1600 1545-1700	<b>Learning Walks start this Week</b> PADI Seal Team Scuba Training, Swimming Pool and Classrooms Academic Staff Meeting, Library PADI Jnr. Open Water Scuba Training, Swimming Pool and Classrooms
	Tuesday 23	0900-1600	<b>Tenby National Schools Conference, Tenby Schools Ipoh</b>
	Wednesday 24		Engage Training Sessions, Tenby Schools Setia Eco Park
	Thursday 25	0930-0950 1210-1240	<b>Visit of Denise Sinclair, Tenby Schools Development Manager</b> <b>Learning Walks: Secondary Core subjects and PE</b> House Patrons Meeting, Meeting Room Health and Safety Committee, Conference Room Engage Training Sessions, Tenby Schools Setia Eco Park
	Friday 26	0800-0845	Primary Assembly, Auditorium Engage Training Sessions, Tenby Schools Setia Eco Park
	Saturday 27	0900-1500	<b>CIDTT Training Session, Library</b>
	Sunday 28		