Dear Parents,

**Dates for Your Diary**

- **Start of Term (TIS & SST)**: Monday 04.01.10.
- **Secondary PTCs Year 7 & 8**: Tuesday 12.01.10. (Years 7 & 8)
- **Secondary PTCs Year 9 & 10**: Thursday 14.01.10. (Years 9 & 10)
- **Primary PTCs (TIS)**: Tuesday 19.01.10. & Thursday 21.01.10.
- **Junior Sports Day**: Wednesday 20.01.10
  - Y3-4/Std2-3 – 8:00am-10:00am
  - Y5-6/Std4-5 – 12:00pm-2:00pm
- **Secondary PTCs Year 7 & 8**: Tuesday 12.01.10.
- **Primary PTCs (TIS)**: Tuesday 19.01.10. & Thursday 21.01.10.
- **Junior Sports Day**: Wednesday 20.01.10
  - Y3-4/Std2-3 – 8:00am-10:00am
  - Y5-6/Std4-5 – 12:00pm-2:00pm

- **Chinese New Year Holiday**: Monday 15.02.10. – Friday 19.02.10.
- **Prophet Muhammad's Birthday**: Friday 26.02.10.
- **Early Years/Key Stage 1 Sports Day**: Tuesday 23.03.10.
- **End of Term 2 (TIS)/Term 1 (SST)**: Wednesday 31.03.10. (12 noon finish)
- **Senior Sports Day**: Thursday 04.02.10
- **Wesak Day Holiday**: Friday 28.05.10.
- **School Holiday**: Monday 07.06.10. – Wednesday 09.06.10.
- **Start of Term 3 (TIS)/Term 2 (SST)**: Thursday 15.04.10.
- **Wesak Day Holiday**: Friday 28.05.10.
- **End of Term 3 (TIS)**: Wednesday 21.07.10.
- **End of Term 2 (SST)**: Wednesday 28.07.10.
- **Start of Term 3 (SST)**: Monday 16.08.10 (Term End 30.11.10)
- **Start of Term 1, 2010/11 (TIS)**: Wednesday 25.08.10

**TIS: New Academic Staff**

We would like to welcome the following new staff to Tenby International School:

- **Ms. Shirley Loo**: 3N Teacher
- **Mr. Danny Chang**: PE Teacher
- **Ms. Daini Navaratnam**: Assistant Teacher
- **Ms. Patsy Sim**: Assistant Teacher

**News from Mr. MacInnes: Head of P.E.**

**PE Kit**

Information for new students (and a reminder to existing students) that they must wear black school shorts with their house t-shirt for PE lessons. Students should bring the correct footwear for activities (more details on kit policy displayed outside MPH) as well as sunscreen and a water bottle. Pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery during PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

**2010 Sports Days**

Dates and details:

- Early Years/Key Stage One – Tuesday 23rd March
- Junior Sports Day – Wednesday 20th January
  - Y3-4/Std2-3 – 08:00hrs - 10:00hrs
  - Y5-6/Std4-5 – 12:00hrs - 14:00hrs
- Senior Sports Day – Thursday 4th February

Please take note that **Std. 6** will join in the Senior Sports Day to ensure that they race with and against pupils of the same age in Year 7.
For Junior Sports Day, we have split the age groups up to ensure maximum inclusion of pupils and to decrease the time spent in the hot weather for younger children. All pupils will require a House T-shirt, school shorts, school hat, sunscreen and a water bottle. Water will be provided but pupils must have a bottle to fill. Pupils will not be allowed to take part if they do not come prepared with the correct attire. Parents are invited to come in to support their children and their house.

Kinaesthetics Club (From Mr. Sathi)
The first meeting of the Kinaesthetics club was held on Tuesday 12.01.10. and the following official records were set:
3x3 Rubik’s cube score : Chin How Yi (9N) – 35.44secs
Speed Stacking : Eugene Ong (7E) – 19.05secs
Watch this space!

Registration for International Mathematics Competitions 2010
Three International Mathematics Competitions are on offer for the second year running to encourage Tenby Schools’ students to develop their problem-solving skills in Mathematics. This will also give them an opportunity to know how they fair internationally. Interested parents are reminded to register their children to participate in these competitions before the deadline for registration. More info is given in the table below:-

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<th>Competition</th>
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<td>Canadian Mathematics Competition</td>
<td>Saturday 15.05.10. 09:00 hrs – 10:00hrs</td>
<td>10 Feb 2010 RM20 (Public) RM 15 (Tenby students)</td>
<td>Group 7: Yr 6 /7 Std5,6,Form 1 Group 8: Yr 8 Form 2</td>
<td>Objective Questions</td>
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<td>Australian Mathematics Competition</td>
<td>Thursday 05.08.10. 11:00hrs – 12:15hrs</td>
<td>10 Feb 2010 RM33 (Tenby students only)</td>
<td>Junior : Yr 7,8 Form 1,2 Intermediate : Yr 9,10 Form 3,4 Senior : Yr 11 Form 5</td>
<td>25 Objective Questions 5 Subjective Questions Answers range from digit 0-999</td>
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<td>International Competition &amp; Assessment for Schools (ICAS)</td>
<td>Tuesday 03.08.10. Time to be notified later (either 45minutes or 1 hr)</td>
<td>3 June 2010 RM20 (Tenby students only)</td>
<td>Yr 4 – 11 Std 3- Form 5</td>
<td>Yr3-5 / Std 3- 5 40 MCQ (45minutes) Yr 6- 11 Std6,Form1- 5 35 MCQ,5 free response items(1hr)</td>
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All cheques should be made payable to “Tenby World Sdn Bhd”. We have also invited 30 schools around Klang, Shah Alam and Petaling Jaya to participate in the Canadian Mathematics Competition.

SST’s Assessments & Examinations Information
All parents will receive the above info via their children on Tuesday 19th January. There will be a covering letter for all information circulated to parents and we would appreciate that all parents return the acknowledgement slips to us upon receipt of the information.

All parents are advised to make sure that their children do their homework and revision regularly every night. The child’s homework schedule has already been pasted on the inside (back or front) cover of the School Diary. Starting from Wednesday 20th January, the First Term Homework listing will be given to all students and they will be instructed to paste it on the inside of the front cover of the subject’s exercise book.
Parents will also be able to see the Assessment and Examination papers pasted at the back of the subject’s exercise books. The “My Performance Chart” will also be pasted on the inside of the back cover of the same exercise book from January 20th onwards.

**Change to Vehicular Traffic Flow Within the School Campus**

All vehicles entering the School campus are reminded to follow road and traffic signs in the campus. This is to ensure orderliness and efficient traffic dispersal, especially during peak hours in the mornings and in the afternoons.

The School Management has decided that, effective Monday 18th January, the side road in front of the School foyer will be used solely for staff and closed to other traffic. This is to help ease traffic congestion and avoid any untoward accident happening during peak hours caused by vehicles that wait on the road approaching the School foyer to drop off children. Hence, we need your support and kind cooperation in this matter.

Parents and/or their drivers will NOT be allowed to drop off/pick up pupils at the School foyer. Instead, they are expected to drop students off and pick them up at two designated locations:

a) The Cafeteria area (for TIS and SST pupils);

b) The Early Years Department covered entrance (for Early Years/Key Stage 1 pupils).

Parents need not come to School as early as 13:40hrs to wait for their children. They are urged to come just before school dismissal time at 14:30hrs. Understanding and kind cooperation from all parents and/or their drivers will definitely facilitate a smoother and less stressful flow of vehicular traffic around the School campus during peak times.

**Visit to the Orphanages**

Five (5) orphanages located near the school were selected as the recipients of the money raised from the Christmas Bazaar, 2009. During the holidays, we bought additional presents (to match the ages of the children in each orphanage) from the funds raised to add to the ones that parents/students donated to ensure that every child at these orphanages received a wrapped gift. It was lovely to see that many of the orphans attended school and were given the opportunity to have a future. Representatives from all the orphanages visited the school last week to receive a cheque donation, the amounts of which are stated below:

- Good Samaritan Home: RM 3,581.00
- Rumah Anak Gembira: RM 2,493.15
- Padmasambhava CLA Klang: RM 4,108.00
- Pusat Jagaan Anbe Sivam: RM 7,165.00
- Pusat Kasih Sayang YWCA Klang: RM 2,685.00

An additional RM1000.00 was given to Savong School in Cambodia.

Thank you to everyone in the school community for their generous donations and tremendous efforts in raising funds to support those who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

**No Newsletter Next Week**

Please note that there will not be a Newsletter next week.

Jane Kuok  
Principal  
Tenby International School

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Sekolah Sri Tenby