Dear Parents,

**Dates for Your Diary**

**INSET** : Monday 18.10.10. School closed for students

Deepavali Holiday : Thursday 04.11.10 – Friday 05.11.10.

Hari Raya Haji : Wednesday 17.11.10.

End of Term 3 (SST) : Tuesday 30.11.10.

End of Term 1 (TIS) : Friday 03.12.10.

Start of Term 2 (TIS) & Term 1 (SST) : Monday 03.01.2011.

**INSET** : Monday 24.01.11. School closed for students

Chinese New Year Holiday : Monday 31.01.11. – Friday 04.02.11.

Thaipusam Holiday : Tuesday 08.02.11.

Birthday of Prophet Muhammad : Tuesday 15.02.11

End of Term 2 (TIS) & Term 1 (SST) : Friday 08.04.11.

Start of Term 2 (SST) : Wednesday 20.04.11

Start of Term 3 (TIS) : Monday 25.04.11.

Labour Day Replacement Holiday : Monday 02.05.11.

Wesak Day Holiday : Wednesday 11.05.11.

Mid-term Holiday : Monday 06.06.11. – Friday 10.06.11.

End of Term 3 (TIS) : Friday 22.07.11.

End of Term 2 (SST) : Wednesday 27.07.11.

**Coffee Morning (From Mr. Y.K. Chua: Director of Schools and Chief Operating Officer)**

Parents are cordially invited to the first Coffee Morning to be held in the School Auditorium on Wednesday, 20th October 2010 from 8.15 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. This is an opportunity for parents to meet each other and this will be the start of regular coffee mornings which in the future will include topics for discussion. As this is the first event it is purely a chance for a chat and an introduction. We are positive this event will foster greater understanding, communication, cooperation and unity of purpose between parents and the School in its strategic development over time.

**Improving Security on Campus – Revised Arrangements**

Please remember that parents/drivers of Early Years students are expected to leave the campus by 08:45hrs. Other parents are expected to leave the campus by 08:00hrs. Effective from Monday 4th October, parents/drivers will not be allowed back on campus after exiting without a prior appointment. Parents will only be allowed in later to collect students from the following times:

- Early Years/Key Stage 1 parents : From 13:00hrs; and
- Other parents : From 14:10hrs.

We would be grateful if all parents, guardians and drivers adhere to the revised arrangements so that the procedure can be implemented effectively.

**PMR Examination**

The PMR examinations will take place between Tuesday 5th October and Tuesday 12th October. Students are expected to be in school for the entire examination period. Parents are reminded to make sure that their children have proper breakfast before they come to school. The school day will be as normal with students arriving at 07:30hrs.

**International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) 2011 – Year 11**

There are two key periods:  
- **Period One** (Tuesday 1st March to Friday 29th April)  
- **Period Two** (Monday 9th May to Friday 10th June)

The mock examinations will take place during the first two weeks of Term 2, immediately after the December holiday. Please note that some of the above dates fall during school holidays. Therefore,
please ensure that your son/daughter is available during these dates to sit the examinations. Details of your child’s individual examination timetable will be issued nearer the time.

‘Homework Club’ & Pickup Time
The Homework Club is primarily for students in Key Stage 2 upwards who are waiting for their siblings doing a CCA. Students still waiting to be picked up in the Cafeteria from 14:45hrs will be asked to go to the Homework Club. Therefore, if your child chooses to bring a mobile phone to school, please call 5 minutes ahead of arrival so that they can go to the pickup point to meet you. If your child does not choose to bring a mobile phone to school and you arrive after 14:45hrs, please park your car and go to the appropriate venue to collect your child. The venues are as follows:

- SST Primary & Secondary students : SST Block, Ground Floor;
- TIS Primary students : TIS Block, Ground Floor (occasionally second Floor); and
- TIS Secondary students : TIS Block, First Floor.

Student Smartcards
More and more students are using cash in the Cafeteria and Bookshop. The purpose of the Smartcard is to limit the amount of cash brought into school. Therefore, please could you arrange to top up your child(ren)’s Smartcards so that they can use them to purchase food and items from the Bookshop.

TIS Reporting and Assessment
With the enrolment increasing to full capacity we are currently reviewing the way in which we report to parents on students’ progress. More details of the changes will be published to you via the newsletter in the next few weeks.

Dress code for PSEC Graduation Ceremony
The dress code for this ceremony is formal and all graduating students of Std 6S and Form 5S have to be dressed in their school uniforms and blazers for the ceremony. The blazers have to be dark navy blue or black. Please get the blazers ready for your children before the ceremony which will be held on Tuesday 16th November.

Scholastic Book Club (From Ms. Fiona Phua: Library)
On Monday 4th October you should receive a catalogue from the Scholastic Book Club. If you would like to purchase any books, please fill in the Order Form indicating the quantity and total amount. Payment can be made via cheque (made payable to ‘Grolier (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.’) or Credit Card (details to be filled in on the Order Form). NO CASH will be accepted for ease of organisation and to ensure no missing funds. All orders need to be in by Monday 11th October and handed to either the homeroom teachers or class/form teachers. Books will take approximately four weeks to arrive.

‘Curiouser and Curiouser’ (From Mr. Sathi: Art Coordinator)
The art department is looking for interesting objects to make up still life sets for observation studies. Animal skulls/skeletons, broken bicycles, large sea shells, rubber plants, Lobster pots, broken vases…anything at all that is visually interesting. We are looking for a variety of shapes, sizes, colours, textures… All donations will be received with much appreciation. Please leave donations at the Reception. Thank you.

Ski Trip 2011 to Brienz, Switzerland: Friday 28.01.10. – Sunday 06.02.10. (From Mr. Robinson: Deputy Head Pastoral & Trip Organiser)
Following the success of last year’s ski trip we are now in the process of planning the Tenby Ski Trip 2. This is a tremendous opportunity for students not only to learn to ski (or improve their existing ability) but to experience the breathtaking scenery and interesting culture of Switzerland and further their global awareness.

The trip includes:
- return flights to Zurich from KLIA
- transfer to and from airport/hotel
- full board accommodation
- 5 hours of ski lessons per day (for 6 days) with experienced instructors
- lift pass
- skis, boots, poles,
- insurance
- great fun!
We will be trying to keep the cost down as much as possible but we are of course dependent upon the cost of flights from the airlines and exchange rates. It is expected that the trip will cost somewhere between RM7000.00 and RM8000.00, part of which will be payable in Swiss Francs. The final figure will be confirmed nearer the time. The trip is very good value for a ski trip, given the overall package offered. If you are interested in allowing your son/daughter to go on the trip, please collect a letter from the TIS Office.

‘Supercamp’
‘Supercamp’ is part of Quantum Learning Network, U.S. who run camps for children worldwide, teaching them life and academic skills. ‘Supercamp’ have the following camps coming up:

- **2-Day SuperCamp Workshop for students aged 9 – 17 years**
  Date: Saturday 30.10.10. & Sunday 31.10.10. 09:00hrs
  Time: 15:00hrs
  Cost: RM480.00 less 10% for Tenby students.

- **Junior Forum for students aged 9 – 12 years**
  Date: Sunday 12.12.10. – Saturday 18.12.10.
  Duration: 7 days/6 nights residential camp in Puteri Resort, Ayer Keroh, Melaka
  Cost: Tenby students RM2850.00 (usual price RM3950.00)

- **Senior Forum for students aged 13 – 17 years**
  Date: Sunday 12.12.10. – Saturday 18.12.10.
  Duration: 7 days/6 nights residential camp in Puteri Resort, Ayer Keroh, Melaka
  Cost: Tenby students RM2850.00 (usual price RM3950.00)

- **Leadership Forum for ex-SuperCampers aged 15 – 18 years**
  Date: Sunday 12.12.10. – Saturday 18.12.10.
  Duration: 7 days/6 nights residential camp in Puteri Resort, Ayer Keroh, Melaka
  Cost: Tenby students RM2850.00 (usual price RM3950.00)

If you are interested in sending your child along to any of the above camps, please collect more information from Reception.

**Sports Updates (From Mr. MacInnes: Head of PE)**

**Senior Girls’ and Boys’ Soccer**
Last weekend saw Tenby take sporting teams away to Penang to compete in soccer tournaments. All pupils were a credit to themselves and the school both on and off of the field. The girls faced very challenging matches against Dalat, ISKL and Uplands who all have older and more experienced players in their sides. After losing their opening three games, the girls picked themselves up to perform at their peak in the bronze medal match and beat Uplands 1-0 after a wavy run from Airen resulted in the only goal of the game. The effort that all the players put into the day was amazing even though their coach now has more grey hair!

The boys' tournament had 14 teams, a mix of international and local schools. In our group of 5 teams, we beat Maz 1-0, Tenby Penang 5-0 and Uplands 4-0 but lost out narrowly to state champions Penang Free School. In the quarter-finals against ISKL, 30mins of play could not separate the teams and a nail biting penalty shoot-out was to follow. ISKL eventually ran out 4-3 winners in the shoot-out, a difficult way to get knocked out of the tournament. The boys can take pride in the fact that they only lost two games and these were against the teams which went on to finish in 1st and 3rd place out of the 14 competing sides.
Boys’ Volleyball
In an effort to increase the diversity of sporting programmes at the school, we have begun inter-school volleyball matches this term. The boys hosted ISKL last Tuesday in what was their first fixture and gained some valuable game practice. We lost all 3 sets narrowly but showed some promising signs for the future. The boys are preparing for a big tournament on the 9th October which has International Schools from Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and India competing. This will be a great experience for the Tenby team.

Cross Country
Tenby have over 30 athletes running in the event this Saturday. Good luck to all competitors!

ISKL U18 Girls’ Soccer Tournament
It is great to see so many girls playing enjoying playing soccer at the school. To encourage participation in sport and expose more of our students to competition we have entered two teams in this weekend’s tournament, more than any other school have!

Swimming Trials
We will be holding trials for the Tenby Swim Team on Saturday, 16th October at the school pool. This trial is aimed only at those swimmers from Years 3 to 11 who are serious about competitive swimming. The trial for Primary children will be from 08.00am – 09.30am and Secondary will be from 09.30am – 11.00am. The following Friday, we will be taking our Team to AISM for a friendly meet in preparation for the annual ISAKL swim meet in December.

Duathlons/Triathlons
There are numerous duathlons and triathlons this term for various age groups. This is a great way to monitor improvements in your fitness as well as an opportunity to make new friends in other international schools. See Mr Danny for more details.

Upcoming Events
- Saturday, 2nd October – Senior Girls Soccer Tournament @ ISKL
- Saturday, 2nd October – U9-U18 Boys’ and Girls’ X-Country @ Bukit Jalil Park
- Wednesday, 7th October – U13 Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer @ Tenby (v Alice Smith)
- Saturday, 9th October – Senior Boys’ Volleyball Tournament @ ISKL
- Saturday, 9th October – Senior Boys’ Soccer Tournament @ ISKL
- Saturday, 16th October – U9-U18 Swimming Trials @ Tenby
- Friday, 22nd October – U9-U18 Swimming @ AISM
- Friday, 22nd October – O15 Girls’ Netball @ AISM

Cerdik Baca Programme
The objective of this reading programme is to improve students’ command of the Bahasa Melayu language through reading small passages prepared by the Bahasa Melayu Panel teachers and articles from magazines such as Dewan Pelajar (Primary), Dewan Siswa (Lower Secondary) and Dewan Masyarakat (Upper Secondary). These reading times are the last 15minutes of the lunch hour for the Primary on Wednesday and Thursday whereas the Secondary session will be the last 15minutes of the Wednesday lunchtime.

Students are required to buy their own copies of these magazines to read every week. These magazines are also made available for sale in the school bookshop. The school is also getting Dewan Bahasa & Pustaka sales personnel to do a promotion for yearly subscription in school and the dates are as follows:-
- Primary : Monday 11th October
- Secondary : Wednesday 13th October

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