Whole School

Important Highway & ‘Pick-Up’ Issues
Firstly, a few parents/drivers have been dropping off and picking up students on the hard shoulder of the highway. This is extremely dangerous.

Secondly, parents/drivers are also discouraged from picking up students from outside the school compound (by the roundabout) as we cannot guarantee the safety of students once they leave the school compound.

Thirdly, students are supposed to be picked up on time as follows:
- Early Years: 13:15hrs
- Std 1 & 2: 14:20hrs
- Key Stage 1: 14:00hrs
- Key Stage 2/Std 3 upwards: 14:30hrs
  unless they have a CCA or are waiting for a sibling doing a CCA (KS2/Std2 and above only).

No students should be on campus after 16:00hrs unless they are participating in a school event led by staff e.g. tournament/match. The respective school offices close at 16:00hrs.

Despite numerous reminders to parents/drivers regarding these issues, our pleas continue to be ignored. Therefore, the following new rules have been put into action for the sake of students’ safety.

1) At the end of the school day, the guards will encourage students to wait at the designated pick up points within the school campus and NOT at the roundabout. If students continue to ignore the advice of the guards, we will be unable to guarantee their safety. Parents/Drivers who come to the roundabout to meet students will need to walk in or drive in to meet children at the designated pickup points.

2) Any student not picked up by 16:00hrs will need to gather in the Foyer (not any other designated point) to be picked up. This will enable the school to monitor students who are regularly picked up late.
**Influenza A H1N1**

One case of Influenza A H1N1 has been reported to the school by a parent in Early Years. Although this case has not been linked directly to the school, it is important that we work together as a school community to prevent any spread of viruses as a whole. As with any flu virus, the very young, frail and elderly are particularly at risk. We continue to ensure that the students wash their hands regularly during the day and that the classroom and equipment in daily use is cleaned regularly. This is in line with the guidance from the World Health Organisation on the prevention of the spread of viruses. Please help us to monitor your children at home. Remember that **students having a temperature of 38°C and above should not come to school and the respective School Secretary should be notified.** Conversely, students in school with these temperatures will be sent home.

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**REMEMBER: Students’ Personal Property**

**Lockers**

All students from Year 3/Std 1 are allocated a locker in which to keep their personal possessions. You should provide your child with a key-operated padlock to secure the locker. You are advised to keep a duplicate key at home in the event of loss. The locker is intended to provide reasonable security for books and other necessary educational equipment that a student needs to bring to school. They are not intended for valuable or expensive items of personal property that should be left at home. Although the school will do all it reasonably can to ensure the security of students’ possessions it cannot take responsibility for them in the event of loss.

**Valuables**

Students should not bring valuable items such as expensive watches, electronic equipment, cameras or large sums of money with them to school.

**Handphones**

There is not a “ban” on hand-phones, though, students are advised and encouraged to leave them at home and not bring them to school. If this advice is not followed the school cannot take responsibility for hand-phones which “go missing”. Hand-phones should be turned off during school hours.
2013 International Programmes
These programmes are jointly organised by the Kuala Lumpur International Club of Hiroshima and the Division of Curricular and Arts, Ministry of Education. Selection for this programme will be on a first come first serve basis for a specific quota of participants.

Interested students are to meet up with Pn Tsai, Deputy Principal (SST) during any break time as soon as possible to apply.

The following is the information for this year’s Homestay programmes:

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*These dates provided are tentative and may be changed.
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Dates

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is produced by the Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) from the University of New South Wales, Australia. These competitions are optional and open to parents who wish to enter their children. The school will be observing one **closing date, Friday 1st March** for entry for all competitions.

Registration forms are available at the respective school office. If you would like to register your son/daughter for these competitions, please complete the form and return it with payment **by Friday 1st March**. The **Registration Form and payment should be returned in a sealed envelope labelled clearly with your child’s name and class. Please note that payment can only be made via cheque or bank draft made payable to ‘Tenby World Sdn Bhd’**.

The information below should be noted before registration of the competitions:

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| ICAS Computer Skills | Tuesday 9th April  | TIS & SST School Holidays | • Year 3/4; Std 3/4: 30 minutes  
• Year 5/6; Std 5/6: 35 minutes  
• Year 7/8; Form 1/2: 40 minutes  
• Year 9/10; Form 3/4: 45 minutes | Material needed: 2B or B pencil and eraser.  
* All students attending the competitions will need to be in their full school uniform. |
| ICAS Science | Tuesday 23rd April School Day | Tenby School Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) | • Year 3/4; Std 3/4: 45 minutes  
• Year 5/6; Std 5/6: 55 minutes  
• Year 7-12; Form 1-6: 60 minutes | Material needed: 2B or B pencil and eraser.  
Calculators and rulers may be used in all levels. |
| ICAS Writing | Wednesday 26th June School Day | Tenby School Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) | This competition will take 30 min for ALL levels. | In 2013, the ICAS – Writing task will assess persuasive writing.  
Participants are to use a 2B or B pencil for writing. They are NOT allowed to use a dictionary or an electronic translator. |
| ICAS English | Tuesday 16th July School Day | Tenby School Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) | • Year 3/4; Std 3/4: 45 minutes  
• Year 5/6; Std 5/6: 50 minutes  
• Year 7/8; Form 1/2: 55 minutes  
• Year 9-12; Form 3-6: 1 hour | Participants are to use a 2B or B pencil for writing. They are NOT allowed to use a dictionary or an electronic translator. |
| ICAS Mathematics | Tuesday 30th July | TIS & SST School Holidays | • Year 3→5; Std 3→5: 45 mins  
• Year 6; Std 6: 60 mins  
• Year 7→12; Form 1→6: 60 mins | Calculators are not permitted for levels Year 3-7 (Std 3-Form 1).  
Calculators are required for levels Year 8-12 (Form 2-6).  
* All students attending the competitions will need to be in their full school uniform. |

Owing to venue constraints and limited space, all places for the competitions will be in first come first serve basis. More information regarding the competitions by ICAS can be obtained via the following link:

[http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/)
Fixtures

**Tuesday 26th February**
16:00hrs - 17:30hrs : U13 Boys & Girls Basketball vs GIS @ Home

**Thursday 28th February**
16:00hrs - 17:30hrs : U13 Boys Basketball vs Nexus @ Home

**Saturday 2nd March**
08:00hrs - 16:00hrs : ISAC Track & Field Competition (hosted by Tenby) @ Stadium MPKj, Bangi. We welcome all parents, students and staff to come and support!

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**1000 Species Garden**

The following photos show the two plant species featured this week:

- **Scientific name:** *Celosia argentea*
  **Common name:** Feather Cockshomb
- **Scientific name:** *Pachystachys lutea*
  **Common name:** Golden Shrimp Plant

Garden activities will resume on Friday 1st March at 14:40hrs - 15:40hrs. For this activity, interested students and parents are to assemble at the Arena of Knowledge first before proceeding to the Garden.

To create the awareness of observing the Earth Hour at home, starting at 20:30hrs on Saturday 23rd March, there will be lots of excitement planned for in the Garden on Friday 22nd March at 14:40hrs.

Among the activities planned are the “Planting Session“ and the “Finding our favourite species to label“. Interested students are to give their names to their class School Councillors by Wednesday 6th March.
School-based Assessments (PBS) for PMR 2013
These assessments are carried out simultaneously for all national schools and for all subjects which have the following components starting from 1st February till 31st July:
- Course Work
- Projects
- Practicals
- Modules and
- Oral Tests

The implementation of PBS for Bahasa Melayu, Bahasa Inggeris, Science, Sejarah, Geografi, Kemahiran Hidup Bersepadu, Pendidikan Islam, and Ujian Perkara Asas Fardu Ain (PAFA) is in accordance to the “Jadual Kerja PMR 2013” of the Examination Syndicate of Malaysia.

At school level, the teachers are guiding the students in stages so that the assignments are completed at staggered intervals for these subjects.

2012 Superstar Awards Ceremony
On Thursday 22nd November 2012, 232 awards were presented to students from Stds 1-5 for Primary and from Forms 1-4 for Secondary in the presence of parents and guests in the Multipurpose Hall. Our thanks to all parents who turned up to give their moral support to the children.

The awards ranged from DEAR Reading Awards, Merits Awards, Sports Excellence Awards, Subject Awards to top Academic School Awards and Special Award.

The Special Award was presented to Jit Hong (Form 2S) who was bestowed with the Gold Medal for 2012 ICAS Computer Skills. Jit Hong was one of the 3 Gold medalists in Malaysia. His achievement had awarded Sekolah Sri Tenby the status of a GOLD Medalist School. Congratulations to him and all recipients of awards for their well-deserved achievements.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Ms. Dennis Sinclair, Tenby’s School Improvement Manager, Mr. Peter Phang, Chairman of Parents Association and Mr. Chua Yam Ken, Director of Schools and they too presented these awards to the students.

Congratulations to all award recipients of the day and we hope to see more students receiving these awards this year.
The following are the dates for this year’s PSEC Graduation Ceremony and Superstar Awards Ceremony:

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Parents, please post these dates in your diary so that you can attend giving encouragement and support to your children.

Special Presentations by our talented children for the Ceremony

Standard 1, 2 and 3 students put on a play after the awards presentation on Thursday, 22nd November, 2012 and they received big applause from the audience. The parents saw the skills the students had learned during the Speech and Drama classes when they staged the “The Fairy Tale Princess” play. The parents truly enjoyed the play and were happy seeing their kids performing on the stage. Every child in Lower Primary was involved in this performance.

The Upper Primary Std 4M students showcased their talents in singing with actions. They kept the audience captivated in complete silence with all eyes focused on the stage. This was followed by the choir’s appearance by Form 1S & 1M, solo singing, dancing, guitar recitals, piano recitals and the wonderful performance of the String Musical Orchestra.

All in all, it was a great performance of the talented children for almost one and half hour and their creativities and showmanship really amazed everyone who was present.
Reminders:

IGCSE Options Evening for Year 9
We would like to invite all the parents/guardian of Year 9 students to a Key Stage 4 Options Evening on **Tuesday 26th February at 18:00hrs (Auditorium)** and should last for approximately an hour and half.

The evening will commence with:
- presentation to provide background information about the IGCSE qualification awarded by Cambridge International Examinations
- outline the options process and requirements of different courses - compulsory and optional.
- an opportunity to visit ‘market stall’ presentations from different departments, where you will be able to ask specific questions relating to the make-up of different courses.
- Q & A session with staff members relating to any aspect of the options process.

Year 9 Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) will be held on **Tuesday 5th March** where you will have the chance to discuss progress so far this year and suitability of different courses. More details to follow.

Year 6 Checkpoint Meet
We would like to invite you to a Cambridge Checkpoint information meeting on Monday 25th February at 14:45hrs. The meeting will be held in Ms. Julie’s classroom (6T). This will be an opportunity to find out more about the exams your child will be taking in April.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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English Week - Promo

This is how we do poetry!

(Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10: March 18 - 22)

As part of English week, the English Department will be hosting its first **performance** poetry competition. This will involve students forming ‘groups’ or ‘going solo’ to act out a famous poem (or a poem of their own creation) in an original way. This could involve rapping or singing a poem to a beat, or to a live band. It could involve a dramatic performance like a small play, or it could involve a symbolic dance that conveys the poem’s meaning.

The competition to find Tenby’s greatest performance poet(s) will be held for each year group after the finals of the debating competition at the end of English week.

**TO ENTER**

Students simply give their English teacher the name of their group members and the poem that they are going to perform.

**Entries must be submitted to English teachers by Monday 4th March.**
The 1\textsuperscript{st} Annual TENBate

English Week: Debate Competition (Year 7, 8, 9 \& 10)

18\textsuperscript{th} – 22\textsuperscript{nd} March

Don’t spectate, TENBate!

- Teams need to have 3 members from the same year group
- There will be winners from the overall competition (one from Year 7, one from Year 8, one from Year 9)
- Winning teams (Year 7-Year 9 only) will then be invited to take part in the inter-school debate competition at Garden International School (20.04.13)
- There will be 2 hot topics to debate in the play offs (see below). Students will need to be prepared to argue for or against these.
- A secret topic will be used in the final round
- All rounds will take place during English lessons between 18.03.13 – 22.03.13 in front of their Year Group.

The Hot Topics
- The death penalty should be used for people who commit murder.
- Teenagers must work for their pocket money (allowances).
- Grades are the most important part of getting an education.
- School uniform should be abolished.
- The sciences and mathematics are more important than the humanity subjects and the expressive arts.
- It is always right to tell the truth.
- Music videos create negative role models for teenagers.
- Mobile phones and social media sites have destroyed close, meaningful relationships between people.

Take the bate!