

Dear Parents

We wish all students, parents and teachers strength and wisdom during the fasting period of the holy month of Ramadan. We heard about the meaning of the fast during last Monday's assembly, and we have made special provisions for those students who are fasting.

***Mohon Maaf Lahir dan Batin!***

### **INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY GAMES**

On Monday, 16 August, JIMS will celebrate Indonesian Independence Day with several traditional games for the students. Please join us this Monday from 8am till 9.20am to watch the games and see the students in their colourful shirts and T-shirts represent their HOUSES. JIMS has 3 houses: **Java** House (red), **Sumatra** House (green) and **Kalimantan** House (blue). Parents may wish to support their children by wearing outfits in the colour of their house.

### **PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)**

Please remember the PTA Annual General Meeting **THIS Thursday 19 August** which will be held in the library at 8.30am. **All parents are most welcome!**

### **ASA STARTS ON MON, 16 AUGUST**

ASA recommences **THIS Monday**. Have you filled in your enrolment form? **First come first served!** Please remember that some activities have minimum numbers before they can run, other have a maximum number of participants they can take.

### **GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHS**

Those parents who had students graduate last year have an opportunity of collecting their graduating photos (at **COST** price) from Ms Wulan in the front office.

### **JIMS LANGUAGE CENTRE**

The JIMS Language Centre will start operation on Monday, at the same time as the ASA. This Centre is a support for those students who need to improve their English. Sessions will be arranged as required. We offer ESL **every afternoon** of ASA. The first regular **IMMERSION COURSE** will run every Monday & Wednesday from 2.35 till 4.00pm.

If there is a demand, we could also start a class for mothers, during school hours. We're also contemplating a class in Indonesian - if there is demand. Please let us know if you're interested. Letters for the Language Centre went home last Wednesday.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION IS COMPULSORY!**

Please support us by reinforcing to your child that PE is a compulsory subject and as important as any other subject in the school. Therefore, PLEASE **GIVE YOUR CHILD A NOTE** IF S/HE CAN'T DO PE FOR A SPECIFIC REASON.

### **PE UNIFORMS**

This is a reminder that, for PE classes, students **must wear PE uniforms**: blue shorts and JIMS T-shirt. They are not allowed to wear their regular batik uniforms on the sporting field where they get dirty, smelly and torn.

Some students come to the office to borrow a PE set and then bring it back all cleaned. Of course, sometimes students do forget their uniforms, but if they borrow the school's stock for a second time, parents are expected to **buy** the set, and they'll receive an invoice for the PE uniform. We don't like doing this, but if students make a habit of it, we have no other option to teach young people responsibility.

### NEW UNIFORMS

The new uniforms are now available from the front office. If you buy the material and have your tailor make the uniforms, please note they must be uniform. Therefore, **no changes to the sleeve length, or the dress length is allowed.** All uniforms should be **UNIFORM.**

### STUDENT ID BADGES

All students will be given a new ID badge. Please make certain they wear the card every day. It also has a bar code on it which allows students to borrow books from the library. Please note that the students will have to pay for a new card if the first one is lost. This will also train the students in looking after their belongings.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### August

Mon 16 - ASA starts  
Mon 16 - Independence Games @ JIMS  
Tue 17 - Independence Day Public Holiday  
Thurs 19 - PTA AGM (8.30am: Library)

### NEW SCHOOL RULE

Thank you to all parents who - over the last two weeks - have assisted us with our new school rule where, for security reasons, you are requested not to go beyond the gates at the top of the black stairs that lead down into the school.

If you should wish to talk to your Class Teacher or to any of the specialist teachers, please make an appointment with our Senior Secretary, Ms Tari (744 4864).

There are of course many special occasions for parents, such as this Monday's Independence Games, or parent/teacher meetings, school functions, PTA meetings, assembly performances, library loans (ONLY on Mon mornings after the assembly), etc.

On these special occasions, when you enter the school, **please collect a Visitor's badge from the security officer** at the top of the black steps.

We thank you for your cooperation.

### ICE CREAM

Our cafeteria serves meals that are healthy and well balanced. Fried food is rarely served, and French fries are on the menu no more than once a month. Also, we do not sell sugary sweets that are harmful to our students' teeth. We have made an exception for ice creams: they are available only **ONCE A WEEK ON FRIDAYS.**

### LOST PROPERTY

**Please mark your child's possessions and clothes.** Ms Windri (Penguins) looks after all lost property and has a basket full of items that are found around the school. Please go and see her to check that none of the uniforms, books, bottles, etc. are yours.

### PARENT UPDATES

Please ask your children to give you the weekly Parent Update **EVERY FRIDAY.** They're also available on our website [www.jimsch.org](http://www.jimsch.org)

Kind regards



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