

Dear Parents

What a wonderful morning we had last Monday, celebrating Indonesia's Independence Day with some traditional games for the students. Thank you to all the teachers who organised the day (especially Ms Reyna and Ms Karen) and the parents who joined us. What a blast of colour and fun!

JIMS LANGUAGE CENTRE

We are thrilled to inform you that our fledgling JIMS Language Centre is now up and running! The Language Centre's first intensive class of Beginners' English now runs every Mon **and** Wed during ASA time from 2.30 to 4.00pm (teacher: Mr Hoerry). There is also ESL during ASA on Tues, Thurs and Fri (teachers: Mr John, Mr Todd, Ms Mairi).

PARENTS ENGLISH CLASSES

Starting THIS Mon 23 Aug running every Mon **and** Wed (8.30-10.00am) is our Parents intensive English class (teacher: Mr Hoerry). It runs for 12 weeks (24 sessions) at a cost of Rp1,500,000 which includes all materials. We already have some parents interested in improving their English, but spaces are still available in our informal and relaxed classes. They are conversation based, with the aim of improving your speaking and listening skills. Please contact Admissions who will answer all your questions and arrange to get you started.

ASA

Have you returned your enrolment form? Not all activities are fully subscribed and you may still start your favourite activity next week. But hurry and see our Senior Secretary, Ms Tari, immediately.

PE IS COMPULSORY

Please **give your child a note** if s/he can't join the PE class for any special reason.

IMPORTANT DATES

September

- Th 09-W15 - Lebaran Holiday
- 10-11 - Idul Fitri
- Th 23 - PTA Meeting @ 8.30am
- 27 - 01 Oct - Book Week

October

- M 04 - Teachers Day
- Th 14 - Interim Reports
- Th 14 - PTA Meeting @ 8.30am
- F 15 - Fun Sports Day
- Tu 19&Th 21 - IGCSE Indonesian
- F 22 - UN Day
- Th 28 - Music Concert

November

- T 02&Th 04 - IGCSE English Lang
- M 15-F 19 - Mid-Semester Break
- W 17 - Idul Adha 1431H
- M 22-F 26 - Secondary Exam Week
- Th 25 - PTA Meeting @ 8.30am

CAFETERIA MENU

With this Parent Update you'll receive information regarding some new menu trials in the cafeteria **from Mon 30 Aug to Wed 8 Sept** (when the Lebaran holidays start). Please return your menu choices to the Class Teacher by **THIS Wed, 25 August**, together with meal vouchers or cash payment.

For Early Years and Lower Primary (Years 1 - 3) students, lunch will be served as usual.

For all other students, lunch will be served in semi-buffet style, which allows students to serve themselves rice, potatoes or noodles, vegetables or side dishes.

Lunch will be provided as indicated on the order form. Therefore please assist your children in choosing their most favourable dish since a change of dish on the spot will be difficult.

Please note that the price remains the same, Rp 20.000 per meal and there will be 2 options as usual.

You'd assist us greatly if you could make your selections 1 or even 2 weeks ahead.

THE JIMS ECHO - THE NEWSPAPER

JIMS Students are delighted to announce the launch of our very own school newspaper, *The JIMS Echo*. Headed by Zahid as Editor-in-Chief, this new venture promises to be a valuable asset to our school community. Each month, the newspaper will be available to buy for a nominal fee as well as full access on line at www.jims.org. You will be able to keep up to date with the latest happenings here at school, in Jakarta and globally. There will be plenty of fun too with teacher interviews each month (to find out what they're REALLY like), games, competitions and much more. The first edition will be available in school on **Mon 6 September**. Contributors are more than welcome! Please contact Ms Emily for further information or to submit an article.

REPORTS ON OUR WEBSITE

As many of you know, all your children's report cards are now available on our website www.jimsch.org. Second semester reports will be available in about 2 weeks' time. Please ask our IT support officer, Mr Arif, for your password. Passwords are given out only to parents who have paid all their school fees. This also applies to all hard copies of your children's reports. No fees - no reports.

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.

We have placed some chairs in front of the gate for the parents to wait for their children after school. However, most of the day we now have nannies sitting in those seats. Please tell your **nannies and drivers** they **are not to wait for your children in the school**.

We thank you for your cooperation.

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. Please also check our website for other details and photographs!

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you so much to all the many parents who turned up for the PTA Annual General Meeting yesterday. Parents discussed several issues, mainly concerned with helping the school celebrate certain festive events. For this academic year, Ms Nanny will remain as PTA President, and Ms Norreha will remain as PTA Secretary. We're still looking for a Treasurer. Any offers?

Please note the following PTA meetings in your diaries:

Thursday 23 September

Thursday 14 October

Thursday 25 November

Kind regards



Ron Verburgt
Consulting Principal