

Dear Parents

**2010 JIMS FESTIVAL**

WOW! I hope you had as wonderful a time as I had, last Saturday. It was excellent to see all sections of the school working together so well: students, parents, teachers, office and maintenance staff. Congratulations to you all on a superbly successful Festival.

Who could have guessed that four years ago - when the JIMS Festival was first initiated - would grow to such an exciting event. What was your favourite part: The Talent Show, Bazaar, Face Painting, Tattoos, White Elephant, Nail Polish, Ring Toss, Hit the Target, Arm Wrestling, Smash 'em Up, Fishing? Or perhaps all the yummy food?

Thank you all for being there and sharing the spirit that is JIMS. It was good to see so many visitors signing on and showing their interest in enrolling their children at JIMS.

**AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ...**

**jims**  
Jakarta International  
Multicultural School  
PROUDLY PRESENTS:

*Bugsy Malone*

"LAUGH, DANCE, SING... SPLURGE!"

"REMEMBER IT'S HISTORY YOU'LL BE MAKING"

*The Musical*

TICKET  
Rp 20.000,-  
per person

**TUESDAY 30 MARCH 7 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 3 PM & 7 PM**  
**@JIMS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE**

**BUGSY MALONE**

Just when you thought it was safe to go down the corridors without seeing everybody busily preparing for the Festival ... Now you hear music and singing everywhere, and you can watch students going through their dance routines or being measured for their 1930s costumes.

**BUGSY MALONE** is in town! Ms Emily and her cast have been working very hard to create JIMS' most spectacular production ever. Supported by a faithful team of musicians, set builders, costume designers, props makers to name just a few, the show is a sparkling, comic and tuneful collection of images from 1930's gangster land. Ms Emily is directing the show, Mr Wady is the musical director and Ms Raya the choreographer.

Please see the JIMS receptionist now and book your tickets (Rp20.000) for Tuesday 30 or Wednesday 31 March. **HURRY & ENJOY** the show!

## PARENT INTERVIEWS

May I remind parents, that if you wish to discuss any class matters with a teacher, please to do so for 15 minutes **before** class starts, or to make an appointment for a time **after** class. **Please do not discuss matters while there are students in the class.** This has upset some students, some parents and some teachers.

If you wish to discuss a non-class issue, please come and see me. As Principal, I'll deal with any problem you may have.

## MID-SEMESTER REPORTS

In the past we had 3 terms (and 3 reports) per year, but now we have moved to 2 semesters. Rather than give parents only 2 reports per year, we have introduced a mid-semester, or interim, report to give you an indication of how well your child is progressing. Especially in the secondary school this may be of vital interest to students and parents. It is a brief one-page report that records attainment and effort for all subjects.

The first mid-semester report is due to be given out on the last day before the Easter holidays: **Thursday 1 April 2010.**

## PTA EMAIL

The PTA now has its own email address. If you should wish to offer your services to assist the PTA committee in their support of the school, please contact them on: [pta@jimsch.org](mailto:pta@jimsch.org)

## JIMS CALENDARS

Last week some of the calendars for the next academic year were difficult to read. We therefore provide a better copy with this Parent Update so you can plan your holidays accordingly. Please note today's date on the calendars as there are a few adjustments from last week's hand-out. Some public holidays are still in doubt and we'll have to wait for government instructions as to where the 'red days' fall.

## PETER PAN

Some of our secondary students watched a performance of 'Peter Pan' last Wednesday at the British International School (BIS). The cast consisted of Year 7, 8 & 9 students who gave a modern twist to this classic story. An additional bonus was the stunning exhibition of large paintings in the foyer. I'm certain that it won't be long before we will be able to arrange a similar evening at JIMS.

## ASSEMBLIES

This Monday, 15 March, we'll have two performances at our 8am weekly assembly, one from Year 3 ESL students and another from the Tigers class. Parents are always welcome to come and watch these short presentations which are organised to build students' self confidence before an audience.

## TESTIMONIALS

This is a reminder that you would do us a great honour if you were to write us a testimonial. JIMS would like to use your compliments for our brochures and website. If you feel the urge to write 2 or 3 sentences to recommend our school to future parents, please send me your messages by email ([ron@jimsch.org](mailto:ron@jimsch.org)) or simply write something on a piece of paper and give it to the secretary who will pass it on to me. We thank you in advance for your comments on any aspect of life at JIMS.

## NYEPI: JIMS closed 16 March

Please remember that on **Tuesday 16 March** school is closed for Nyepi, Bali's Day of Silence. It's a public holiday. Have a good rest!

Kind regards



Ron Verburgt  
Consulting Principal