



Gr 2 Assembly

Campus re-design is underway

This week our architects, EIW Associates, based in Perth Australia, have been here at NIS checking the progress of our new Early Years construction and showing us their concept drawings, with animation, for our new HUB project. The next few years are going to be very exciting for our students as the facilities at NIS once again respond to the needs of our learners within the context of our strategy and mission.

It is invigorating to work in a school where the Board supports a vision for tomorrow rather than resting on our laurels despite already having world class facilities. It is also a tribute to the financial management of NIS that in October 2018 we became debt free for the first time and we are building our new Early Years using surpluses from previous years when we had growth in enrolment beyond our expectations. This is what sending your children to a not-for-profit, transparent and responsive school can deliver.

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What is the HUB?

For school year 2019-20 we will be closing the library, Primary Design Pit, Macquarium, upstairs counselling suite and offices to create a future vision for communication, digital support, student age-appropriate study and group spaces with a library that is ubiquitous throughout the area by having research options and books everywhere. This will be our HUB for student learning at NIS. The ground floor will be mainly for Primary and upstairs will offer direct access in to the space which will be designed specifically for the needs of Middle and Upper School students. I am not exaggerating when I say it will be spectacular. In early March we will be presenting to parents so they know what to expect for their children. We will also be speaking to students to help with the finer aspects of their space. This is driven by our desire to give students voice by designing a multiple use space that also gives them choice in how they learn.

NIS Rocks,

Laurie McLellan

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Upcoming Events:

The Upcoming Week is W20

Monday 21st January

Personal Project Product Due

Tuesday 22nd January

Semester 1 Reports Issued

New Student Enrolment Day

Wednesday 23rd January

Semester 1 Ends

Thursday 24th January

Semester 2 Starts

ACAMIC Basketball @ Macao

PTA Coffee Morning (New Date)

Friday 25th January

MS/US Awards Ceremony

ACAMIC Basketball @ Macao

Saturday 26th January

ACAMIC Basketball @ Macao

Sunday 27th January

ACAMIC Basketball @ Macao

Car Park Closure

The car park area will be closed Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th due to NIS Swim Meet.

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Chartwells


Dear students,

As your school food caterer, we would welcome your thoughts and feedback.

Please take a moment to complete this online questionnaire about the food and service at your school.

Thank you!
Chartwells Team
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SCAN HERE



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SurveyforStudentsinNIS>

International Schools Assessment

February 18-22, 2019



The **International Schools Assessment (ISA)** for students in **Grades 5-10** will take place during Week 22. These assessments are one of many sources of data that we use to inform teaching and learning at NIS.

Please read these common questions and answers for details:

Q: Who designed the International Schools Assessment?

A: The International Schools Assessment is designed by The Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd (“ACER”) for students in international schools and schools with an international focus.

Q: What areas of learning does the test assess?

A: At NIS, students will take two sub-tests: narrative writing, and expository writing.

Q: Why does NIS choose to run the ISAs?

A: The results provides us with data on

- longitudinal tracking of student growth over time at NIS;
- how NIS students perform against national school systems;
- how NIS students perform against other “like” schools;
- how we can continue to develop and improve our NIS curriculum outcomes.

ACER work very consciously to ensure that the ISAs are culturally unbiased.

Q: How can my child prepare for the tests?

A: There is no need for your child to do any special preparation. We encourage students to get a good night’s sleep and enjoy a healthy breakfast, as on any day of the year.

Q: Do all students in Grades 5 to 10 take the ISAs?

A: We strive to include as many students as possible. Students with particular learning needs may receive support in the form a scribe. Only students with very limited English or exceptional learning needs will be exempt from these tests.

Q: Does this affect my child's grades at NIS?

A: No - the data is used internally for school improvement and student growth only.

Q: When will I get the results?

A: Individual student results will be sent home once we receive them from ACER in May.

Q: Is there any cost to parents?

A: No - all costs are borne by NIS.

Q: What if my child is absent during one of the testing days?

A: ISA testing takes place only on these days and cannot be rescheduled. There is no penalty for students who are absent.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kasson Bratton

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Middle and Upper School Awards Ceremony



Friday 25th January 2019
8.10 NIS PAC

The Semester One Awards Ceremony will recognize outstanding student achievement in academics. The list of award recipients will be posted on the MS/US Large Group Room. Students are aware of the awards they may be receiving.

Parents are very welcome to attend this assembly. Should you attend, please remain for the entire event.

Thanks and see you there!

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SEMESTER ONE AWARDS AT NIS

The Awards Programme at NIS honours and acknowledges the achievements of students in the areas of academic achievement, all-around excellence, community and service, effort, participation, and international understanding. In Semester One, we focus on academic success.

Summary of Semester One Awards for Grades 6-12:

Academic Achievement, Principal's Roll, Director's Roll

- Recognises academic excellence and is awarded to all students meeting the criteria.

| AWARD TITLE | DESCRIPTION |
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| Grades 6-10 Academic Achievement Roll: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ at least 50 points for total MYP final subject report points, requirements for C&S are met <p>For students with a non-graded course (ECSS/Strategies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ at least 45 points for total MYP final subject report points, requirements for C&S are met |
| Grades 6-10 Principal's Roll: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ at least 55 points for total MYP final subject report points, requirements for C&S are met <p>For students with a non-graded course (ECSS/Strategies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ at least 50 points for total MYP final subject report points, requirements for C&S are met |

| AWARD TITLE | DESCRIPTION |
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| Grades 11-12 Academic Achievement Roll: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ at least 36 points for total DP subject report points (excluding TOK and EE) ▶ requirements for CAS, EE and TOK are met |
| Grades 11-12 Principal's Roll: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ at least 39 points for total DP subject report points (excluding TOK and EE) ▶ requirements for CAS, EE and TOK are met |

| AWARD TITLE | DESCRIPTION |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| MS/US Director's Roll: | on the Principal's Roll for consecutive semesters. |

3-Way Conferences Coming Soon!

On Wednesday, January 30th parents and students from all grade levels will have the opportunity to meet with teachers about progress from Semester One and goals for Semester Two. Sign-ups for these conferences will take place via Veracross between January 22-28. Semester One reports will be available on Veracross at 4:00pm on January 22. It is essential that you **DOWNLOAD** and **SAVE** your Semester Report.

Key Dates and Times

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| January 22 at 4:00pm | Semester 1 Reports available on Veracross |
| January 22 at 4:00am | Veracross open for 3-way conference |
| January 25 at 9:00am | Korean translation request deadline * |
| January 28 at 9:00am | Conference registration closes |
| January 30 - All Day | 3-way Conferences take place |

After registering, please remember to download your conference schedule. Once registration closes on January 28th, you will no longer be able to download this important document from Veracross!

*If you would like to request Korean translation, please sign up through Veracross before 9:00am on January 25th. **We will do our best to accommodate Korean translation requests, but bringing a translator is strongly preferred.**

Special note for PRIMARY parents: P.E., Design, and Performing Arts teachers will be available in their classrooms on the day. Please drop in - your child will show you what they have been learning this semester. For PS Mandarin, parents will be contacted directly if your child's teacher would like to meet.

Please let us know if you have any questions. See you then!

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Grades 2 to 5 Production (Friday March 1st, 2019)

Cinderella & Rockerfella

In class we have been running through all of our performance pieces, making sure that everyone has begun to memorize all of their lines, lyrics, choreography and stage directions.

If your child has lines in their class performance pieces can you please help them to practice them and give them their cues.

All spoken lines, songs and song actions and need to be memorized by Friday 25th January.

Please encourage your child/children to practice their parts at home.

Please note that all of the song lyrics, choreography, lines and stage directions are all available on the PYP Performing Arts edublog <http://share.nanjing-school.com/pypperformingarts>

4 school weeks to go!

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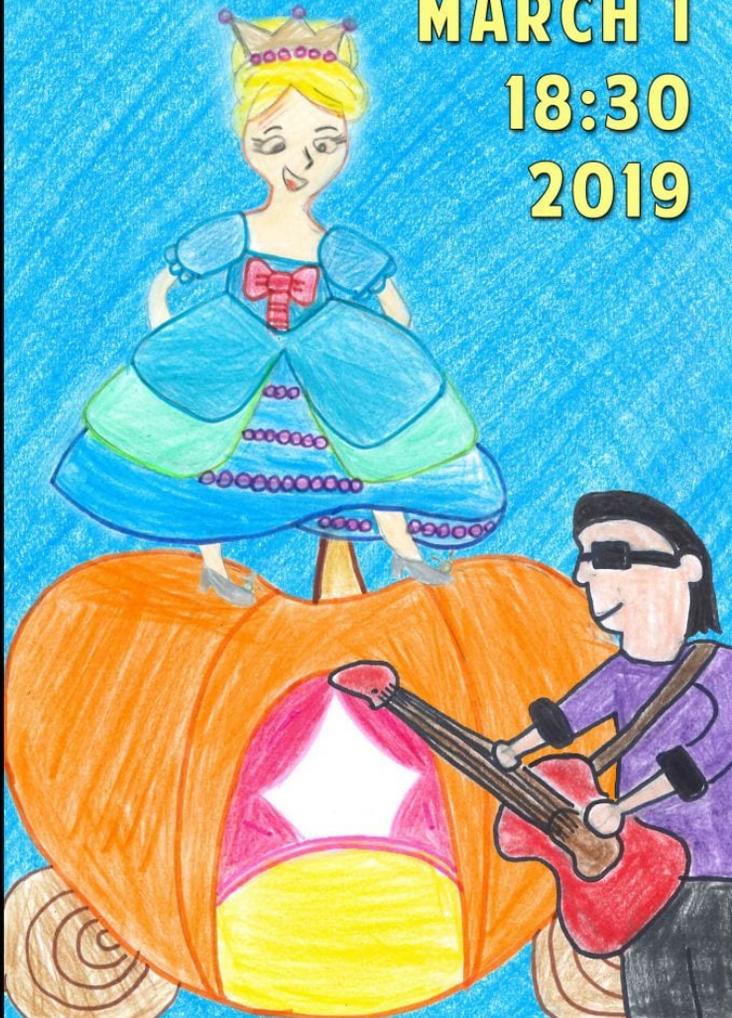
Mr. Norbraten (Assistant Director) - tyenorbraten@nanjing-school.com

NIS PRESENTS A GRADES 2 TO 5 PRODUCTION OF

Cinderella and Rockerella



**NIS PERFORMING
ARTS CENTRE
MARCH 1
18:30
2019**





<http://www.clipartkid.com/images/0/name-colorful-music-background-vector-illustration-280SPF-clipart.jpg>

Music in the foyer

Friday 25th January

Friday 8th March

Friday 26th April

Friday 14th June

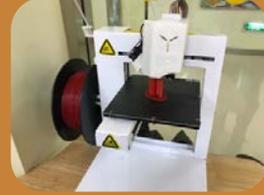
When you come into school we invite you to enter school through the foyer (outside the library) and enjoy the live music from some of our PS students.



In Life 101 this week Grade 9 were exploring the idea of *Consent* within Relationships by greeting each other three times in different ways to find the most appropriate.



In Xblock lots of new projects are underway. Natashza is learning to knit whilst others have been using the 3D printer.



In Humanities Grade 9 held their Invention Convention show casing how their inventions changed the world and their understanding of the concept of change.



Grade 7 Science Students were discovering how to separate solutions this week.



The students tried and tested different ways such as filtration.

One Grade 9 project focused on the changes the skateboard has brought to society.



How did the skateboard change Society?

The Middle Ground

What has been happening in Middle School?



ACTIVITIES

Registration on Veracross will open at 4pm on January 18th and will remain open until January 26th 4pm. The activities will start in school week 23 (February 25th)
– Katja Schubert

Good luck to ACAMIS Basketball Teams –
Danny Clarke

ASA/Clubs Catalogue will be available for viewing on January 24th. – Anna Yuen

Go Sea Lions! Good luck this weekend.
– Kathrin Lammers

Sign up for ASAs/Clubs on January 28th starting from 1pm – Elaine Liu



Coming up

- 19 – 20 Jan: NIS Invitational Swim Meet
- 24 – 27 Jan: ACAMIS Basketball in Macao
- 26 – 27 Jan: ACAMIS Speech and Debate in Beijing
- 21 – 24 Feb: SCISAC Volleyball in Chongqing
- 22 – 24 Feb: SSL Swim in Shanghai

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ACTIVITIES

Grade 1-5 After School Activities (ASA) days

Cycle 3 & 4 - Week 22-27 & Week 30-35

ASA session time:

Tuesday: 2:45 - 3:45pm

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday: 3:15 - 4:15pm

Activity Limits:

Grade 1-2: 1 ASA per cycle

Grade 3-5: 2 ASAs per cycle

Students in G1-5 have a variety of activities to choose from: Movement, Arts & Crafts, and Life Skills & Games.

Detailed ASA information will be available on [Veracross Catalog](#) on Thursday, January 24th 1:00pm.

Cycle 3 & 4 registrations will open on Monday, January 28th at 1:00pm.

Please sign up on Veracross: <https://portals.veracross.com/nis>

Note: Grade 1 & 2 students must be collected by parents/authorized guardians/siblings/bus Ayi from ASAs' venues on ASAs' finishing time.

CLUBs and Service Activities

Clubs and Service opportunities are available all the time in Veracross Catalog, please check them from Veracross.

Please note that the schedule for Middle or Upper School could differ from the Grade 1-5 ASAs cycle days and session time.

Clubs Registrations will open

On Monday, January 28th 1:00pm for Semester 2.

Please sign up on Veracross: <https://portals.veracross.com/nis>

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NIS Celebration 2019 Chinese New Year 春节庆祝活动

Friday, February 1, 2019



Time: 7:45 A.M.-10:00 A.M.

Chinese Traditional Clothing Dress-Up

Dragon and Lion Dances

Chinese Drums

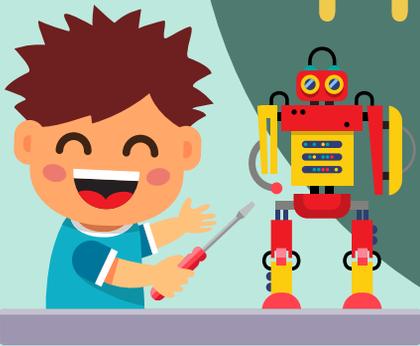
PS and MS-US Assemblies



X-FEST

11 am - 11:40

Jan. 24



Grades 6, 7 and 8 will be sharing their work, the processes and next steps of their X-block projects. It is an opportunity for all members of the school community to come and hear from the students about their learning. Students will be working in the Design Centre, Downstairs of the Cafeteria, Music rooms and D342. Look out for the posters directing you where to go! Everyone is welcome.

PTA NEWS



2018-2019 PTA COMMITTEE

President: Kristen Pebley
 Vice President: Yvonne Zollner
 Treasurer: Sandy Warm
 Secretary: Stine Giversen
 PTA Shop: Chanley Webber

PTA EVENTS

PTA Coffee Meeting -
 Thursday, January 24
 Centre Cafe - 8:15am

Teacher Appreciation Day -
 March 19

Early Years Event - April 12
Spring Fun Day - April 27

PTA SHOP

Come visit our shop for your NIS apparel, swim gear, bike lights, rain jackets and more.

Tuesday 2:00-3:00
Friday 2:30-3:30

- **The next PTA Coffee Meeting has been switched to Thursday, January 24 in Centre Cafe at 8:15!**
 It will also be the day we welcome new families to our NIS community. It would be great if many of you could come give them a warm welcome to NIS.

- Based from data provided at the December Lunch Club Meeting, the PTA Committee has committed to help solve the **Mystery of the Missing Cutlery**. Each month, 100 pieces of cutlery goes missing from our cafeteria. It's an expensive cost to replace this much cutlery each month. PTA is on the scoop and wants to help improve this situation to reduce amount of missing cutlery each month.



- For Semester 2, PTA is planning some great events. In March we will have Teacher Appreciation Day to support our NIS teachers. In April we will host an Early Years event for PreK-Grade 1. Also, in April will be Spring Fun Day for our whole school community. More details to come soon about these upcoming events. If you have fresh, new ideas, or want to get involved in our school community please contact us.

To join the volunteer group for any of our PTA events, please contact Kristen Pebley, Yvonne Zollner, Sandy Warm, Stine Giversen or Sue Northcott, Or contact us on this email : ptapresident@nanjing-school.com

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VFCO

Flute Recital

JANUARY 23 7:30 pm

Nanjing International School PAC

Address: Xue Heng Lu 8

100 RMB per ticket

*Classical Pop Jazz
Disney and more!*



Tickets via Katrin Koss Wechat

Lunch Menu

<http://www.nischina.org/page.cfm?p=571>



Community Events

<http://www.nischina.org/page.cfm?p=534>



Swimming Pool Calendar

<http://www.nischina.org/page.cfm?p=585>

