



AIS SCHOOL VISION

For our students to become confident, capable and socially aware global citizens who contribute meaningfully to the communities in which they choose to live and work.

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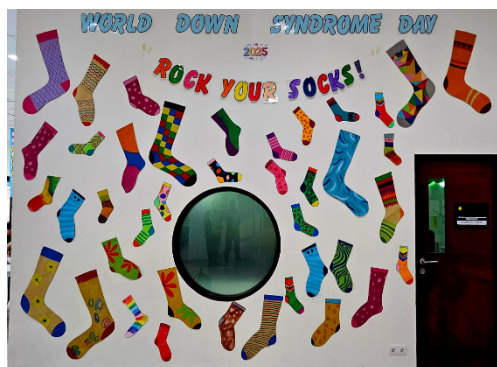
Jakarta Bytes, 21st March 2025

Principal's Message

Good luck to our team of swimmers who will be participating in the JIS Aqua Dragon Dash Swimming Competition tomorrow, Saturday, March 22.

More than 20 families attended our Open House event on Wednesday. It was wonderful to share information about our curriculum and programs, as well as guide families on a tour of the school. A big thank you to Fathima, Yunjie, Connie, Pyunggang, and the Primary Choir for their contributions to making the morning a success.

We have had a great response to our high school camps, with over 130 students signing up for the trips. I hope that details for the Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 camps will be sent out early next week.



I enjoyed both the High School and Primary School assemblies this week, which focused on Down Syndrome Awareness, as today is Down Syndrome Awareness Day. Many of our students and staff recognized this by wearing odd and crazy socks. Crazy socks are chosen as a symbolic act to raise awareness and celebrate the uniqueness of individuals with Down syndrome, as chromosomes in a karyotype resemble socks. I was very impressed by the confidence with which the students led both assemblies. If you're driving past AIS tonight, look up to see how we're [lighting the school up in blue to recognise WDSAD](#)

Also special thanks to Ms Susan, Ms Jeandri and our Year 6 students who have been selling socks, shirts and other goodies this week to raise money for the Indonesian Down Syndrome Association.



Last Day of Term

The last day of Term 1, Friday 28th March will be a regular school day with Preschool finishing at 12:30pm, Primary School at 2:30pm & High School at 3:00pm

New Staff

We will be welcoming two new members of staff to our teaching team in Term 2. **Ms Kourtney McCarthy** will replace Ms Jeandri as our Year 6 homeroom teacher. Below is part of Ms Kourtney's introductory message to her year 6 students

My name is Miss Kourtney and I'm really excited to come and work with you and be your teacher alongside Miss Susan in April.

I was born in Australia and have been working in a small country town called Cloncurry. It only has 6000 people.

At the start of this year I left Australia to travel to India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Vietnam, Cambodia and Indonesia. I spent some time in Jakarta, Sulawesi and Raja Ampat.



Mr Herman Krugger will join as our Business & Economics Teacher to fill the vacancy we have had since the start of the year. I know tjh Mr Herman has already been joining some of his classes online to ensure a smooth transition when we return in April. Mr Herman shared the following bio with us

Herman Kruger is a South African qualified teacher with a Bachelor's degree in Business, Economics, and Psychology, a Postgraduate Diploma in Education, and QTS from the UK. With a diverse international teaching career, he has worked in the UK, Malawi, Brunei, South Korea, Vietnam, and Malaysia, gaining valuable experience in both academics and pastoral care.



Beyond the classroom, Herman has taken on leadership roles as a Head of House and Head of Boarding, fostering student well-being and development. Passionate about the outdoors, traveling, and sports, he enjoys exploring new cultures and experiences. He is a proud father to Justin (26), who teaches English in Malaysia, Charlene (22), who is studying Architecture in Malaysia, and Harmon (15), who frequently travels to South Africa to visit his mother.

Herman is excited to join the AIS community with his wife, Lisa, and looks forward to connecting with students, colleagues, and families.

Canteen Ordering

Please [click here](#) to order lunches from Jungle Toppings for Term 1 Week 9 (Monday 24 - Friday 28 March).

Morning Drop Off

I would like to start by thanking the families who are supporting the school by dropping their children off at the correct school entrance in the morning.

Families with students in **Preschool 3 - Year 4** should be dropped off on the **South Campus / No 68**. These families have green or pink labels for their car dash.

Families of students from **Years 5 - 12** should be dropped off on the **North Campus / No 69** and the students walk through the tunnel to South Campus. These families have blue labels for their car dash.

While this has been a request that many families have supported over the past two years, **our security team will be enforcing this for all families from Monday 24th March**. Families who only have children in Years 5 - 12 (blue car dash labels) will be directed to the North Campus and will not be permitted to enter the South Campus at morning drop off time (0715-0815).

NAPLAN - Repost

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from next Monday to Wednesday.

NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents/carers, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. Each teacher will have the best insight into their students' educational progress.

Parents/carers can use NAPLAN reports, along with other school assessment reports, to discuss their child's strengths and areas for improvement with their teacher.

NAPLAN results do not measure overall school quality.



NAPLAN is made up of tests in the 4 areas of:

- reading
- writing
- conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards.

The tests support monitoring and evaluating the performance of schools and school systems in these fundamental capabilities. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education approaches are working, areas to be prioritised for improvement, and those schools requiring support in the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy.

The best preparation for NAPLAN is teaching and learning the curriculum. Children can be reassured that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and they should simply do the best they can on the day.

If you would like to see the types of questions in a NAPLAN test, visit the NAPLAN [public demonstration site](#).

You can also view past NAPLAN test papers and answers by clicking on the links below:

- [NAPLAN test papers and answers from 2012 to 2016](#)
- [NAPLAN test papers and answers from 2008 to 2011](#)

Cluey Learning has also prepared a [Complete Guide to NAPLAN](#); please click on the link to access their guide; it will answer all your questions and give you links to practice papers. If you still have questions, please contact your child's classroom or homeroom teacher.

Upcoming Dates

Week 9	
Mon 24 - Wed 26th March	NAPLAN Assessments
Friday 28th March	0810. PS Assembly Last day of Term 1
Saturday 29th March	Nyepi Public Holiday
Saturday 29th March to Monday 14th April	School Holidays

Week 1	
Sun 13 - Thur 17 April	Yr 12 to Lombok
Monday 14th April	Teacher Planning & Orientation Day
Tuesday 15th April	1st Day of Term 2
Thursday 17th April	HS Assembly Primary Disco
Friday 18th April	Good Friday Public Holiday
Week 2	
Monday 21st April	Primary Kartini Day Assembly
Tuesday 22nd April	1500. HS Senior Badminton vs SPH KV @KV
Friday 25th April	ANZAC Day Dawn Service & School Assembly. PnF Welcome Back Morning Tea
Week 3	
Thursday 1st May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 2nd May	PS Assembly PnF Meeting AIS Primary Idols
Week 4	
Thursday 8th May	AIS Mini Film Festival
Friday 9th May	PS Assembly PnF Mothers Day Stall
Week 5	
Monday 12th May	Vesak Day Public Holiday
Thursday 15th May	HS Assembly
Friday 16th May	PS Assembly
Saturday 17th May	Walkathon
Week 6	
Monday 19th May	AIS PS Soccer Gala Day
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd May	Yr 7 - 10 Assessment Week
Friday 23rd May	PS Assembly
Week 7	
Tuesday 27th May	Pejaten's Got Talent
Thursday 29th May	Ascension of Jesus Christ Public Holiday
Friday 30th May	PS Assembly
Sunday 1st June	Pancasila Day Public Holiday

PS = Primary School. HS = High School

2025 AIS Jakarta Calendar

Please [click here](#) to access a pdf version of the 2025 AIS Jakarta School Calendar

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

This Week at AIS Primary

A big congratulations to our Year 6 students for their fabulous assembly this week in honour of World Down Syndrome Day. Their messages of inclusion, kindness, and understanding were beautifully delivered and reminded us all of the importance of celebrating our differences. Thank you for their hard work in the run-up to the assembly, selling socks and merchandise to raise money for young adults with Down Syndrome in our local area.

Next week, NAPLAN testing begins for our Year 3 and Year 5 students. Please help your child feel prepared by ensuring they get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, and arrive at school on time each day.

We will also be farewelling our wonderful Year 6 teacher, Ms Jeandri, at the end of next week. It's very sad to see such an amazing educator leave us, but we wish her every success and happiness in her next adventure.

As we approach the end of Term 1, we'd also like to wish all our families a joyful and peaceful Eid over the upcoming holiday break.

Ms. Sinead Smith
Deputy Principal Primary

Physical Education Class

****Developing Sports Skills: From Basics to Fundamental Techniques****

Throughout this term, students from early class to upper primary have participated in a series of sports activities designed to develop motor skills, coordination, and a basic understanding of team ball games.

Early class students began with fundamental movements such as running, jumping, and bending, as well as simple manipulative skills like throwing and catching a ball. In lower primary, they started learning basic techniques in soccer and basketball, such as dribbling, kicking, and passing, while playing in small teams to practice cooperation.

Upper primary students progressed to more advanced techniques, such as passing, shooting, and basic strategies in soccer, basketball, and. Beyond technical skills, these activities also emphasized values like sportsmanship, discipline, and teamwork. Through this step-by-step approach, students not only improved their physical abilities but also built a strong foundation for understanding and enjoying sports more deeply.

Mr. Patrick

Merit Certificate

Class		Teacher
Preschool 3/4L	Henty	Ms Linda
Preschool 3/4L	Dogyong	Ms Linda
Preschool 3/4T	Oscar	Ms Tia
Foundation E	Conor	Ms Elizabeth
Foundation E	Layla	Ms Elizabeth
Foundation J	Oscar	Ms Joan
Foundation J	Jenny	Ms Joan
Year 1E	Khalish	Ms Ellis
Year 1E	Benjamin	Ms Ellis
Year 1E	Adam	Mr Miftah

Year 1S	Caroline	Ms Sehrish
Year 1S	Finlay	Ms Michelle
Year 1S	Charlotte	Mr Yohan
Year 2J	Saein	Ms Jordan
Year 2J	Hasung	Ms Tetty
Year 2K	Alex	Ms Karlina
Year 3A	Eamonn	Mr Yohan
Year 3A	Chloe	Ms Renny
Year 3LM	Nadine	Ms Lorraine
Year 3LM	Sihle	Ms Mo
Year 4C	Airlie	Mr Cosi
Year 4C	Luke W.	Ms Nada
Year 4C	Geonu	Ms Deasy D.
Year 4K	Patar	Mr Kessell
Year 4K	Fatih	Ms Deasy D.
Year 5D	Kal	Mr David
Year 5D	Samantha	Ms Nada
Year 5F	Sara	Mr Dan
Year 6J	Amara	Ms Jeandri
Year 6J	Clara	Ms Jeandri
Year 6S	Beatrice	Ms Susan

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to High School News

Thank you very much to Miss Agnes and Miss Atiek for organising the Sempati House Challenge and the Down Syndrome awareness assembly yesterday. Next week our High School assembly will be a short celebration of the students who have been awarded a Homeroom award for best upholding the vision and mission of the school - to be a confident, capable and socially aware global citizen who contributes meaningfully to our school community.

This may include:

1. Leadership and Initiative- Demonstrating leadership in CAS, sports, and school events by motivating others and taking charge of group efforts.
2. Commitment and Dedication - Consistently showing dedication to academics, sports, CAS, and school community activities, always following through and giving their best.
3. Punctuality, attendance, uniform
4. Respect and Integrity - Upholding values of respect, fairness, and honesty in all areas, including academics, sports, and school involvement, setting an example for others.

You are very welcome to attend and help us to celebrate at 0930 on Thursday 27th March.

This week, a number of our teachers have been attending conferences to support their professional development:

Mr Robert, Mr Asep and Mr Peter are at the EARCOS teacher's conference in Kuala Lumpur. Mr Robert will be presenting about bringing Film into the classroom and we wish him all the best for his session.

Mr Dave and I are currently in Singapore for the annual IB Global conference. I am very much looking forward to spending some time learning more about the new developments coming soon for the IB and how we can apply them at AIS.

Next week, Years 7 and 9 will be taking the NAPLAN assessments in periods 3 and 4 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The schedule for the assessments is as follows:

- Monday - Conventions of language and Writing,
- Tuesday - Reading
- Wednesday - Numeracy.

Students in Years 7 and 9 should bring their calculators to school with them on Wednesday for the calculator paper.

This term will end on Friday 28th March at 1500. Please make sure that your children come to school on Friday prepared for a full day of learning!

Dr Beth Ashfield
Deputy Principal and Head of High School

Year 10B - Term 1, Project 1

Contemporary Landscape Perspectives

This project explores modern interpretations of landscapes, encouraging students to experiment with perspective, abstraction, and mixed-media approaches. Students developed a unique visual response to landscapes through research and creative exploration, incorporating personal themes, composition, color schemes, and varied viewpoints.



Mr. Tal
High School Visual Arts

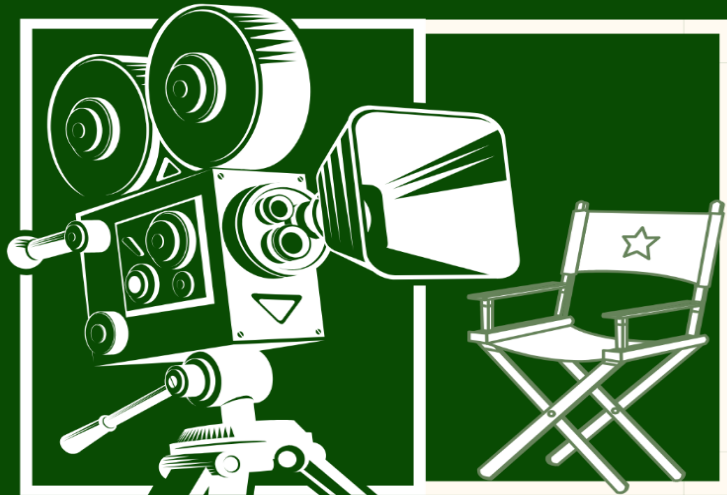
AIS Film 2025 Festival: Capture "One Moment"

Lights, camera, action! The AIS Film 2025 Festival is calling for young filmmakers to showcase their talent and creativity. This year's theme, "One Moment," challenges participants to explore the power of a single event that can change everything.

From compelling narratives to captivating animations, the festival welcomes films across a variety of categories, including documentary, experimental, and even super-short films under one minute. With age groups ranging from 10-18, there's a platform for every aspiring filmmaker.

Submission deadline is May 2nd, so don't miss your chance to be part of this exciting event. All films must be 5 minutes or less. Contact Mr. Robert for more details and let your story unfold!

AIS FILM 2025 FESTIVAL



Submission Deadline Date

2 MAY / **MAY 8**
Awards Ceremony

Festival Theme

One Moment: Films focused on a single event that changes everything.

Film Categories & Awards:

Narrative – any film that is primarily a narrative

Genre Film – any film that primarily fits a specific genre convention (Horror, Comedy, etc)

Animation – any form of animation

Documentary – any subject!

Experimental – any film that does not fit the mould of typical filmmaking

Short short – any film, 1 min max

Age Groups:

10 - 12 AGE GROUP

13 - 15 AGE GROUP

16 - 18 AGE GROUP

All films max. 5 minutes

Please contact Mr Robert for more details or questions



Mr. Rob

Sempati House Challenge:

Building the Tallest Spaghetti and Marshmallow Structure

During assembly this week, students from all Houses participated in an exciting and creative challenge hosted by the Sempati House: building the tallest free-standing structure using only spaghetti sticks and marshmallows. The competition was a challenge of teamwork, problem-solving, and thinking skills, as each House worked together to construct the strongest and tallest structure within 15 minutes.

From the very start, students eagerly strategized, discussing the best ways to balance height with stability. Some teams focused on creating a strong foundation, while others experimented with different shapes and structures to reach greater heights. Throughout the challenge, students demonstrated perseverance, adaptability, and critical thinking as they tested and refined their designs.

Despite the delicate materials, each House displayed determination and creativity. Some structures stood impressively tall, while others collapsed at the last moment, leading to quick problem-solving and adjustments. In the end, **Naga House** won the competition with a remarkable tower that stood 94 cm tall. Their success was a result of good thinking skills, teamwork, and a well-balanced design. Congratulations to all Naga House members!

This House Challenge not only encouraged friendly competition but also reinforced the importance of collaboration, resilience, and innovative thinking. It was a fantastic learning experience for all participants, and everyone walked away with valuable lessons and a sense of achievement.



Sempati House

Elevate Your Swim: Freestyle Sprint & TOMS Training with Klim Swim at AIS

Learn from the best at the Klim Swim Clinic, featuring Olympic Gold Medalist Michael Klim, coming to AIS Indonesia. Enhance your swimming skills with expert coaching from Michael Klim, Patricia Yoshita Hapsari, Kania Atmaja (SEA Games medalists), and Alex Taraskin (Klim Swim Coach).

The clinic spans two days: Saturday, April 19, 2025, dedicated to Freestyle Sprint (ages 10 and above), and Sunday, April 20, 2025, focusing on specialized training for Triathletes, Open Water, and Master Swimmers (TOMS, all ages).

This event is open to both parents and students. Registration is IDR 1,000,000, with a 50% discount offered to AIS students.

Limited spots available - sign up today to train with swimming icons and take your skills to the next level!

If you have inquiries or want to sign up, please do not hesitate to email Jessica at jessicadrmills15@gmail.com or Klim Swim at info@klimswim.com.

We hope to see you there!

Thank you
Ms. Dwi



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