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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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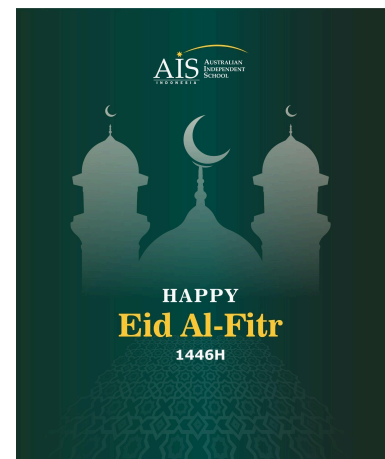
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Jakarta Bytes, 28th March 2025

Principal's Message

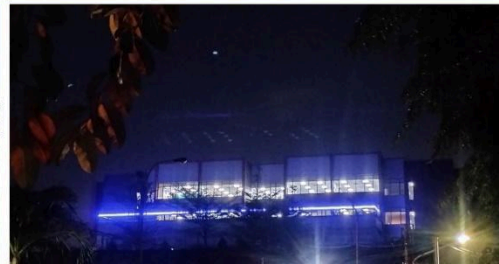
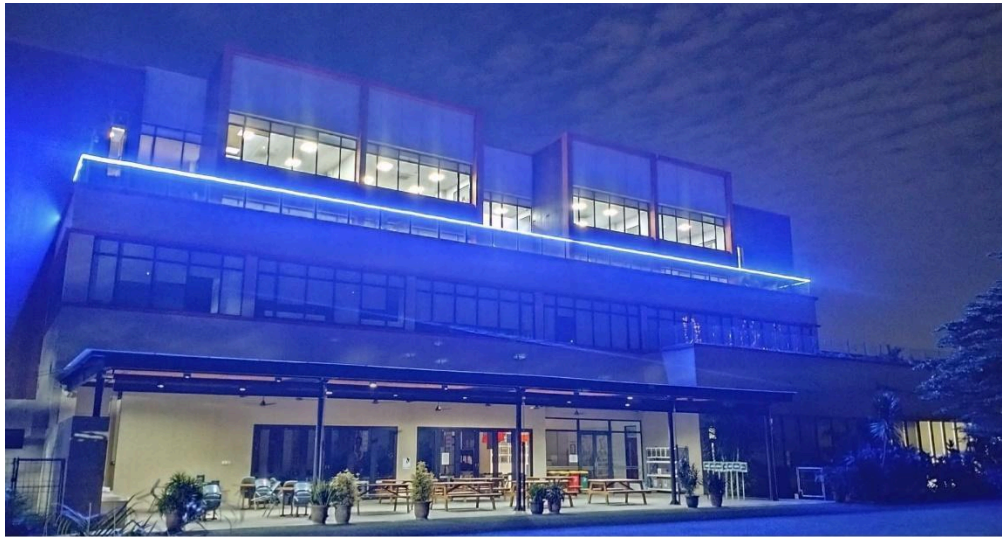
Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri to all families celebrating Eid Fitri. I hope that you have a joyous and fulfilling celebration with families and loved ones

Thank you to our fantastic students, dedicated teachers, support staff, and supportive parents for making Term 1 a great success. Yesterday, I had the pleasure of attending the High School Assembly, where I enjoyed student performances and saw homeroom teachers recognize students for their outstanding positive behavior. It has been another eventful week at AIS! Many of our students participated in the NAPLAN assessments, while our Foundation students had a blast during their water play day. Auditions for Mary Poppins Jr. are well underway, and our Year 10 students have been busy analyzing lines of code in computer games.



I hope that all members of the AIS Community enjoy a relaxing and fun holiday. ***All students will return for Term 2 on Tuesday 15th April.***

Below are some pictures of AIS in Blue from last Friday, 21st March, in recognition of World Down Syndrome Day



Thank you to all parents who donated towards the Lebaran Hampers for our support staff and thank you to the parents that coordinated the shopping and preparation of the hampers. These hampers were distributed to our staff last Friday morning.



Thank you also to Mr. James Martin and Ibu Nur Aini Kusuma Wardani on behalf of the Attorney General's Office and Chief of National Asset Recovery of The Attorney General for their donation of another 120 Lebaran Hampers for our support staff

Co-Curricular Activities

All families received an email with details of Term 2 Primary School and High School CCAs on Wednesday. Registration for CCAs will open tonight at 1800 and the deadline for registration will be on Monday 7th April at 0800. However, the registration link will remain accessible after the deadline for late registration where spaces are available.

Academic & Sporting Competitions

AIS offers many opportunities throughout the year for students to enter a range of academic & sporting competitions. We had a number of high school students compete in the Singapore and Asian Schools Math Olympiad (SASMO) recently.

Other competitions that are students will be invited to participate in the coming months include:

- World Scholars Cup
- SPH Engage - MUN, Art and HS Boys Basketball
- ICAS Competitions - Maths, Science, Writing & English

- Australian Maths Competition
- The Vanda International Science Competition
- The Big Science Competition
- The John Locke Institute Essay Competition
- AIS Movie Festival
- AIS Idols
- Pejaten's Got Talent
- Jakarta Area Athletic Conference (JAAC) High School Sports
- Jakarta Association of Small International Schools (JASIS) Primary School Sports

Details of these events are shared with eligible students throughout the year and will be published in Jakarta Bytes

VANDA National Junior Science Olympiad

We have been given the opportunity for our students to take part in the VANDA National Junior Science Olympiad – open to students from Grade 3 to Grade 11.

This is an on-line competition that will take place between 28th and 30th April. Tests will be available in both Indonesian and in English. For more information, [click here](#).

Should you wish your child to take part, there will be a cost of Rp 400,000 per student (In-School On-Line price), which will be charged to you at a later date. Please complete [this Google Form](#) by Monday 31st March so that we can collate the relevant information for all interested students.

Payment Details: Please transfer payment of Rp. 400,000 to the account below and send proof of payment to remy.junsay@ais-indonesia.com
 Beneficiary Name: YAYASAN SEKOLAH INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA
 Bank Name: PT BANK OCBC NISP, Tbk
 Account No: 5458 0005 8558
 Branch: OCBC NISP Tower, Jakarta
 Swift Code: NISPIDJA

PT. GRAFIS AGUNG INDONESIA

INDONESIA

VANDA National Junior Science Olympiad

REGISTRATION Is Now Open

Grade 3 to Grade 11

Embark on your science journey: Challenge yourself in the VNJSO competition

Vanda National Junior Science Olympiad 2025 ignites students' hidden passion for science! VNJSO provides a range of interesting content in questions to spark their curiosity and encourages them to venture deeper into the world of science

✓ Global Benchmarking ✓ Inspire Excellence ✓ Recognition and Awards

Pathways:

VNJSO VIJSO

Registration Fee
Rp. 500.000,- /Student*

*Receive a special price for school based & school centres

More Details Register Now!

COMPETITION DATES:

- Online PTE : 3 May 2025
- Online School Based : 28-30 April 2025
- On Site Competition : 3 May 2025

Papers available in BILINGUAL (Indonesian and English)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

- ON-SITE : 11 April 2025 (05.00 WIB / 3 PM)
- ONLINE : 11 April 2025 (05.00 WIB / 3 PM)

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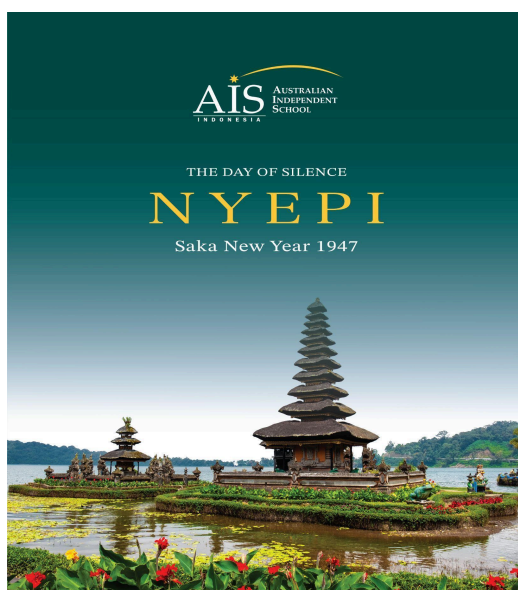
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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Head of Science, Mr Mark Wilkinson via email at mark.wilkinson@ais-indonesia.com

Nyepi Day



Upcoming Dates

Saturday 29th March	Nyepi Public Holiday
Saturday 29th March to Monday 14th April	School Holidays
Week 1	
Sun 13 - Thu 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

Craig Eldred
Principal

PnF Newsletter

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the Parents n Friends (PnF) Association News.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Final Friday of Term 1!

Well done to our incredible Learning Support team on a beautiful assembly this morning to raise awareness of autism. It was thoughtful, moving, and so important. A big congratulations as well to the wonderful student performers who have been practising for some time — your hard work shone through.

It's hard to believe Term 1 has already come to an end — it's been a short but incredibly busy term, full of highlights and wonderful moments. We've welcomed many new students, all of whom have settled in beautifully and are already a valued part of our school community.

We also welcomed Mr Dan and Ms Jordan to our teaching team. It's hard to imagine school life without them now — they've fitted in seamlessly and brought great energy and enthusiasm to their roles.

This week saw our Year 3 and Year 5 students take on the NAPLAN tests — and they're finally done... phew! A huge well done to all students involved.

Sadly, we say goodbye to our much-loved Year 6 teacher, Ms Jeandri. She has made such a meaningful contribution during her time with us, and she will be deeply missed by both staff and students. We also say goodbye to some Primary students who are returning to their home country. We wish you all the best and hope you stay in touch!

Looking ahead to Term 2, the pace won't be slowing down! We kick off with the Primary School Disco in Week 1 — an initiative led by our fabulous school captains. The theme is 80s, so get ready for some retro fun!

We'll also be diving into rehearsals for our whole-school musical, *Mary Poppins*. Congratulations to all cast members who made it through a very competitive audition process — the excitement is building already!

Fingers crossed, we'll also see our new playground open next term — stay tuned!

Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing, and joyful holiday. And to those celebrating, *Selamat Hari Raya* — Eid Mubarak!

Ms. Sinead Smith
Deputy Principal Primary

Year 1 Ramp Challenge

In a hands-on STEM related Maths class, Year 1 students embarked on an exciting project to build a ramp for testing the speed of toy cars. Working in small groups, students collaborated to design and construct a sturdy ramp using materials like cardboard, wooden boards, and tape.



Using their design process, students drafted a solution to build a ramp that allows the car to travel the furthest. Once the ramp was complete, the students set up an experiment to measure how different angles affected the speed of the cars. They planned three distinct tests, each with a varying incline: a gentle slope, a moderate incline, and a steep ramp.



For each test, students carefully released the toy car from the top of the ramp, ensuring it started from the same height each time. They used stopwatches to record the time it took for the car to reach the bottom, repeating each test three times for accuracy.



After collecting their data, the groups analysed their results and discussed how the incline affects speed, drawing conclusions about the principles of gravity and motion. This engaging activity not only enhanced their understanding of physics but also fostered teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Ms. Sehrish and Ms. Ellis

Kartini Day

Primary Kartini Day Celebration – Monday, April 21, 2025

AIS Primary is delighted to celebrate Kartini Day on **Monday, April 21, 2025 (Week 2 of Term 2)** - the official date when Indonesians honor this inspiring national heroine.

Ibu Kartini was a pioneer in advocating for women's education in Indonesia. In 1903, she founded a school for girls, giving them the same opportunities as boys to attend school, read, and write. Her legacy continues to shape the role of women in Indonesian society today.

To mark this special occasion, we invite students to wear Indonesian Batik (not the school Batik) or any traditional Indonesian attire. Girls are also encouraged to wear a *Kebaya* (a traditional Javanese outfit). If your child does not yet have *Batik* or *Kebaya*, the upcoming term break is a perfect opportunity to find a beautiful traditional outfit.

Kartini Day Assembly & Student Performance

Unlike our usual assemblies, the **Kartini Day assembly will begin at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 21, 2025**. We warmly invite all parents to attend and celebrate this meaningful event with us. All students from Preschool to Year 6 will participate in the Kartini Day assembly performance, making it a truly special and memorable occasion.

Special Workshop – Balinese Kecak Dance

Following the assembly, students in Years 1-6 will have the exciting opportunity to participate in a Balinese Kecak Dance workshop led by a professional dancer from PPST Kencana Mas. They will explore and experience this iconic group dance from Bali, known for its rhythmic chanting and expressive movements.

Kartini Market Stall by PnF

In addition to the celebrations, there will also be a Kartini Market Stall run by our PnF around the canteen area. The stall will be selling *Batik*, *Kebaya*, and accessories, providing a wonderful

opportunity to explore and purchase Indonesian cultural items. We invite you to visit and support this initiative!

We appreciate your support in making this a memorable celebration of Indonesian heritage. We look forward to sharing this special day with you!



Kind regards,
Ms. Nada & Mr. Yohan

Merit Certificate

Class		Teacher
Preschool 3/4L	Grace	Ms Linda
Preschool 3/4T	Georgia	Ms Tia
Foundation E	Shun	Ms Elizabeth
Foundation E	Rumi	Ms Elizabeth
Foundation E	Eli	Mr Yohan
Foundation J	Kana	Ms Joan
Foundation J	Zachary	Ms Joan
Foundation J	Jefferson	Ms Nada
Year 1E	Marc	Ms Ellis
Year 1S	Doyoon	Ms Sehrish
Year 2J	Hasung	Ms Jordan
Year 2J	Ethan	Ms Michelle
Year 2J	Jiu	Ms Tetty
Year 2K	Eunji	Ms Karlina
Year 3A	Daren	Ms Aditi
Year 3A	Damhee	Ms Dessy K.
Year 3LM	Daon	Ms Mo
Year 3LM	Riley	Mr Johnfischer
Year 3LM	I Jun	Ms Dessy K.
Year 4C	Darren	Mr Cosi
Year 4K	Fatih	Mr Kessell
Year 4K	Hanan	Ms Deasy D.
Year 5D	Aidil	Mr David
Year 5F	Thanawin	Mr Dan

Year 5F	Christopher	Ms Nada
Year 5F	Patrick	Mr Johnfischer
Year 6J	Yejun	Ms Jeandri
Year 6J	Nailah	Ms Jeandri

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to High School News

This week Year 7 and 9 have taken the annual NAPLAN assessments in writing, conventions of language, reading and numeracy. I have been very impressed with the way that the students have taken these assessments in their stride, we will share the results with families once we have them.

We have just finished our final High School assembly of the term. Thank you very much to the parents who were able to join us to help to celebrate. We

- gave out certificates to the new Buddies who are a part of the Buddy Up! Programme
- Heard from Chloe in Year 9 about how she draws to understand the world around her and watched a video that she has made to showcase her work in English
- Celebrated some excellent swimming results from the JIS Dragons swimming competition, including a silver medal for Santy in Year 8
- Watched a performance of Country Roads by Minami on the violin and Aoi on the piano. Both girls are part of our Year 12 Music class.
- Celebrated the students who were nominated as excellent in terms of their engagement in class for two or more subjects.

Finally we gave out the Homeroom awards for outstanding positive behaviour. These awards were given to the following students:

7A Declan Clarke
 7B Amelia Eldred
 8A Santy Strain
 8B Yunji Namkoong
 9A Ea Duncan
 9B Valdemar Ronne
 10A Pyunggang Choi
 10B Rares Cojocar
 11A Lilymia (Milly) Band
 11B Charlotte Ash
 12A Jerico Henderson
 12B Minami Kazama

Next term will start for students on Tuesday April 15th. This will be **Day 7** in our timetable. I would like to ask for your support to ensure that students are in school on time and in the correct uniform, ready for the new term. You are very welcome to come and join us on Thursday 17th April for our first assembly of the term at 0910. The assembly will be a celebration of Kartini Day led by the Indonesian department.

I would like to wish Year 12 students and Mr Mark, Mr David Wilson and Ms Jane all the best for their Biology and ESS fieldwork trip to Lombok. They will be leaving on Sunday 13th April and returning to school on Thursday 17th April.

Dr Beth Ashfield
Deputy Principal and Head of High School

World Down Syndrome Day

Celebrating Inclusion: World Down Syndrome Awareness Day Highlights



Our school community came together on March 20th and 21st to celebrate World Down Syndrome Awareness Day, creating a powerful experience of learning and understanding. High school students engaged in a week of activities designed to foster inclusivity and awareness, truly embodying our school's values.

We kicked off with daily informative texts and video clips delivered during homeroom in Week 7. It featured daily quizzes focusing on key aspects of inclusion. Students participated in four quizzes covering important topics: Understanding Support for People with Down Syndrome, Understanding Inclusion and Individual Differences, and Ending Stereotypes. This interactive approach encouraged students to think critically and apply their knowledge.

The assembly presentation was a highlight, where our students learned practical strategies for creating a more inclusive environment. It was particularly moving to introduce our own AIS students, Carolina and a student from primary school, and to see how our community can better support them.

We shared concrete examples of how to promote friendships, understand processing time, use visual supports, and communicate effectively.



A vibrant highlight was our "Rock Your Socks" day on March 21st! Students and staff proudly sported mismatched socks, creating a colourful and visible display of solidarity and support. The

mismatched socks symbolise the unique genetic makeup of individuals with Down syndrome, making it a powerful visual statement.



Throughout the week, our students learned valuable lessons about the importance of patience, clear communication, and offering choices. Remember, simple actions like allowing extra response time, rephrasing questions if needed, and offering choices to aid communication can make a significant difference in fostering a supportive environment. Let's continue to build a school where everyone feels valued, understood, and included!

Learning Support Team

Writing Competition

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS - Writing competition opportunity

The prestigious **John Locke Institute** will run its annual **Writing Competition**, opening **April 1**.

This competition encourages young people to cultivate the characteristics that turn good students into great writers: **independent thought, depth of knowledge, clear reasoning, critical analysis, and persuasive style**.

Entering an essay in the competition can help students expand their knowledge and sharpen their argumentation skills. It also offers a valuable opportunity for students to have their work assessed by experts.

The judges will select their favourite essay from each of **seven subject categories**:

- Philosophy
- Politics
- Economics
- History
- Psychology
- Theology
- Law

From these, they will choose a **Grand Prize Winner** for the best overall entry. There is also a separate prize for the best essay in the **Junior Category** (for students **under 15**).

👉 **For more information and entry details, please see this link:**

<https://www.johnlockeinstitute.com/essay-competition>

If your child is interested in entering, please let **Ms Jill** know. She is happy to serve as your child's **teacher supervisor** for the event.

Ms. Jill

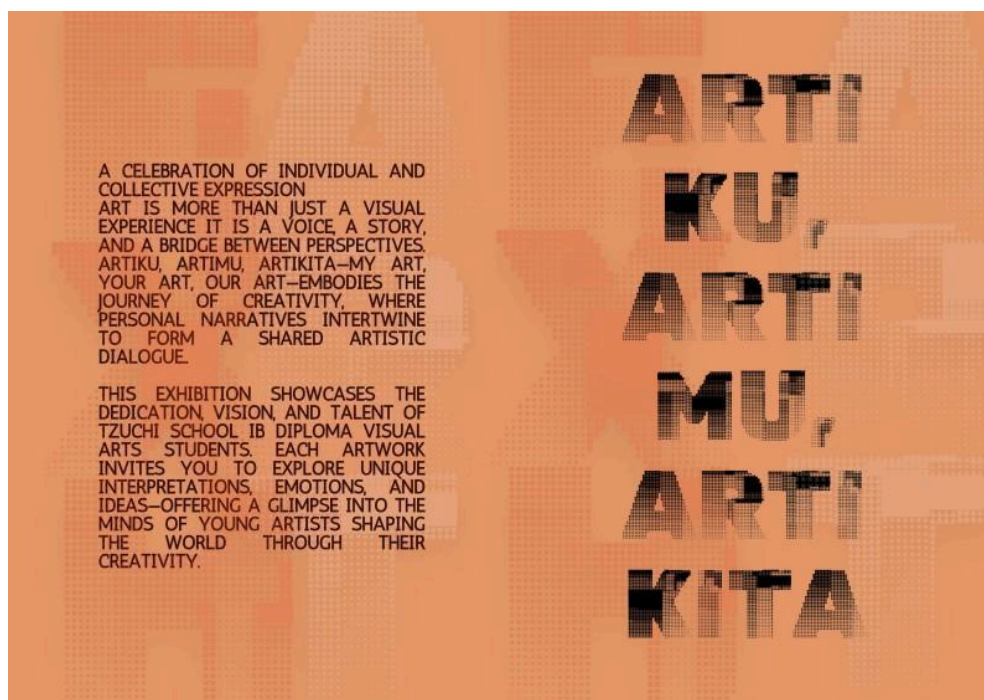
Pejaten's Got Talent (PGT)

Get ready for Pejaten's Got Talent, 26/5/2025! Students, showcase your music, dance, magic, or any talent you possess. Auditions begin week 2 next term. Dream big, perform loud! More details coming soon.

Mr. Anand

Year 11 and Year 12 Visual Arts

On March 20, 2025, our Y11 and Y12 students visited TZU CHI SCHOOL to experience the IBDP Visual Arts Exhibition, "*Artiku, Artimu, Artikita*."



A CELEBRATION OF INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE EXPRESSION
ART IS MORE THAN JUST A VISUAL EXPERIENCE IT IS A VOICE, A STORY, AND A BRIDGE BETWEEN PERSPECTIVES. ARTIKU, ARTIMU, ARTIKITA—MY ART, YOUR ART, OUR ART—EMBODIES THE JOURNEY OF CREATIVITY, WHERE PERSONAL NARRATIVES INTERTWINE TO FORM A SHARED ARTISTIC DIALOGUE.

THIS EXHIBITION SHOWCASES THE DEDICATION, VISION, AND TALENT OF TZUCHI SCHOOL IB DIPLOMA VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS. EACH ARTWORK INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE UNIQUE INTERPRETATIONS, EMOTIONS, AND IDEAS—OFFERING A GLIMPSE INTO THE MINDS OF YOUNG ARTISTS SHAPING THE WORLD THROUGH THEIR CREATIVITY.

ARTI KU, ARTI MU, ARTI KITA

Welcomed by IBDP students and their Art teacher Mr. Riga, we explored individual artwork presentations, with each student sharing insights into their creative process. This experience provided valuable exposure to diverse artistic approaches, encouraging our students to refine their own investigations and process portfolios. Interacting with Tzu Chi students broadened our students' perspectives, inspiring artistic growth and reinforcing the importance of organization, time management, creativity, and focus as they approach IB DP deadlines.

Also, we enjoyed a vegetarian-based lunch together in their public cafeteria, followed by a campus tour and a group photo in front of the main Tzu Chi landmark entrance.

Overall, our visit to Tzu Chi School was both valuable and insightful, offering our students a fresh perspective as they prepare for their own IB DP journey. We sincerely thank their Art teacher and IB DP students for their hospitality and guidance.



Special thanks to Ms. Agnes for inviting us to view the IBDP Exhibition at Tzu Chi School on behalf of Ms. Devi and myself.

Mr. Tal

High School Visual Arts

AIS Swimming Team at JIS Dragon Dash 2025

The AIS swimming put on a fantastic display of commitment and determination at the JIS Dragon Dash this past weekend Saturday, March 22nd, 2025, showcasing both talent and unwavering team spirit. A team that consisted of ten elementary and six high school students competed, bringing home a gold and silver medal for AIS.



The Dragon Dash offered an invaluable experience for our developing swimmers. Evie Werwath, Josephine Allen, Archibald Crawford, Bae Jihan, Han Seungmin, Kim Yulchan, Chun Hayoon, Patar Goerke, and Conie Werwath gained essential competitive exposure, demonstrating commendable enthusiasm and skill.



In parallel, our high school team, including Rares Cojocaru, Bluebelle Smith, Jasmin Smith, Yoon Hayeon, Santy Strain, and Olivia Torres-Gjerdning, displayed their dedicated training and refined abilities, playing a vital role in the team's achievements.

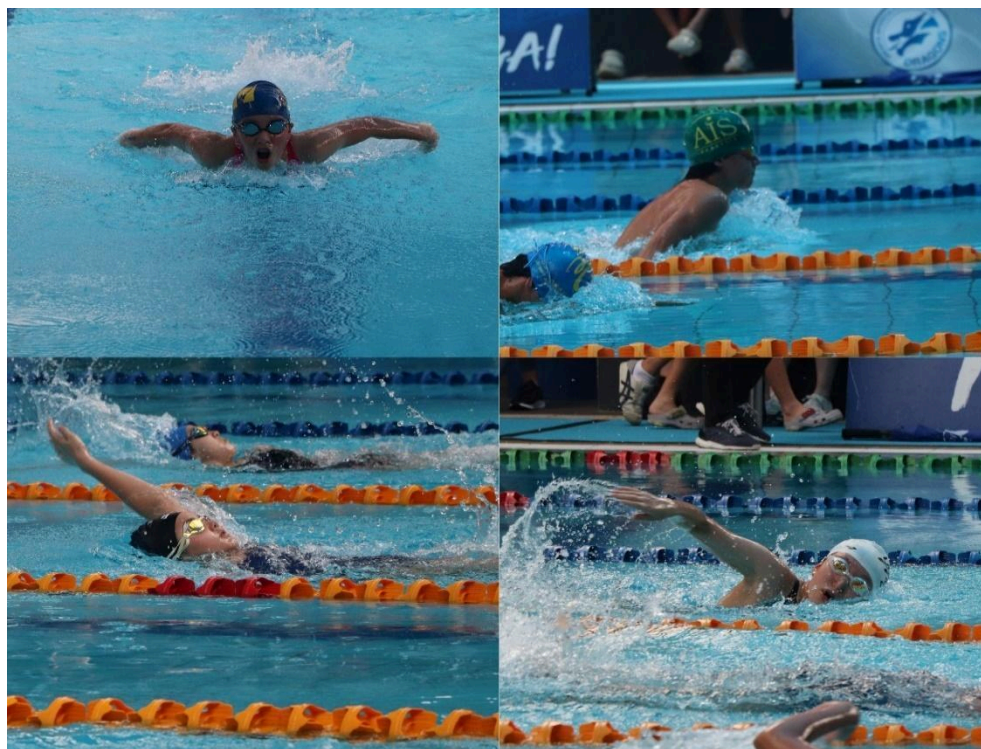


Medal Achievements:

- Evie Werwath (Year 4): Gold Medal – 25m Breaststroke (9-10 Year Old Group)

- Santy Strain (Year 8): Silver Medal – 50m Backstroke (13-14 Year Old Group)

These achievements highlight the dedication and hard work of the AIS swimmers and the Klim Swim CCA. The entire AIS community congratulates the athletes on their outstanding performance. A huge congratulations to all the swimmers for their relentless training and unwavering spirit! We are incredibly proud of every one of you.



A special thank you to all the parents who cheered on our swimmers last weekend! Your presence and enthusiasm are truly appreciated and make a big difference.

Thank You.

Ms. Dwi

Careers & University Information

THE Talk Global Study Fair

Last Saturday, our very own university and careers counsellor, Mr. Jeremias Sampang, delivered an insightful talk at the Times Higher Education (THE) Talk Global Study Fair held at Ayana Midplaza Jakarta. This event gathered high school students from government schools across Jakarta, many of whom have limited access to university counselling resources. Mr. Jeremias shared valuable strategies on how students can stand out in the competitive university admissions process.

Starting next term, Mr. Jeremias will be hosting a series of sessions for both parents and students. These sessions will cover various topics related to the university search, application process, and scholarships, helping families navigate this critical stage with confidence and clarity.

Additionally, here's an upcoming university fair where students can explore their options further:

International Education Expo 2025

Date: Sunday, 27 April 2025

Time: 13:00 - 18:00 WIB

Venue: Pullman Thamrin Jakarta

This is a great opportunity to meet representatives from top universities and gather information about courses, scholarships, and application requirements.



Mr. Jeremias Sampang, Jr.
University and Careers Counsellor

