



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, 20th June 2025

School Holidays

Today marks the last day of Term 3 / Semester 1. I hope that all students, families, and staff enjoy a well-deserved break, taking time to recharge and spend quality time with friends and loved ones. I know our Year 12 students will be busy preparing for their mock exams, and I hope they're able to strike a healthy balance between study and rest.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to a successful first semester at AIS.

Staff will return for a Teacher Planning Day on Monday, 14 July. We will also host an Orientation Day for new staff and students. All students will return to school on Tuesday, 15 July.

We currently have a large amount of unlabelled lost property at the front of the school. Please take a moment to check for any items your children may have misplaced.

School Camps

This week was busy with 5 camps ranging from Sentul and Yogyakarta to Bali, Lombok, Sulawesi and Vietnam. I have enjoyed hearing from the students and seeing photos & videos (my favourite was of an orangutan enjoying some school fruit). I want to send a huge thank you to all staff that attended all camps over the last two weeks, for the parents for trusting their children with us and to all students that attended and the camp providers that we worked with. A special thanks to the staff at school who worked so hard in the planning of the camps too.

I will begin collecting feedback from students, staff and parents about our camps when we return in Term 3 so we can look at what worked, what didn't work, what we can do better to inform our planning for 2026.

Mr David Jolly

At the end of this term, we will be farewelling **Mr David Jolly**, one of our valued **High School Maths and Science** teachers. Mr David joined AIS in 2024 and has contributed significantly, particularly in leading our Year 7 & 8 STEM program in 2025. We thank Mr David for his dedication and wish him every success in his future endeavours.

Dr Dean Shippy

At the end of this term, we will be bidding farewell to **Dr Dean Shippy**, our Head of Mathematics and IB Diploma Physics teacher. Dr Dean has been an integral part of the AIS Jakarta team for the past

seven years, and his departure marks the end of a truly impactful chapter in our school's journey. Due to visa restrictions related to age, Dr Dean is unfortunately unable to continue with us. While this is a loss for our community, we remain deeply grateful for the dedication and leadership he has shown throughout his time at AIS. In addition to leading the Mathematics department, Dr Dean also served as **Head of Science**, guiding both teams in collaborative planning, refining pedagogy, and enhancing student learning.

Ms Madison McNair

Ms Madison, has made the decision not to return to AIS for Semester 2 due to family reasons. While we are sorry to see her leave, we fully respect and support her decision. During her time at AIS, Ms Madison has taken on the significant role of **Director of Student Support Services**, overseeing programs from Preschool to Year 12 across both our Jakarta and Bali campuses. Under her leadership, we have seen meaningful improvements in our support practices. She has also managed a team of over 30 Teaching and Learning Assistants, ensuring quality support for as many students and their families. I would like to thank Ms Madison for her dedication to our students, her collaboration with, and leadership of staff and the valuable contribution she has made to the broader AIS community.

Ms Lisa Christine

I would also like to acknowledge the departure of Ms Lisa Christine, a TLA who has worked in our Primary School for the past 16 and a half years. Ms Lisa will return to Perth to be closer to her family. I have had the opportunity to work closely with Ms Lisa when teaching and appreciate the great support she gives to our students to support their learning. She has been a valued colleague and friend to all and will be greatly missed.

New Teachers

I will share details and biographies of incoming teachers in my Term 3 Welcome Back letter which will be sent at the end of the holidays

International Day

We are excited to announce that **AIS Jakarta will host International Day on Friday, 1 August 2025, from 12:00 to 3:00pm.**

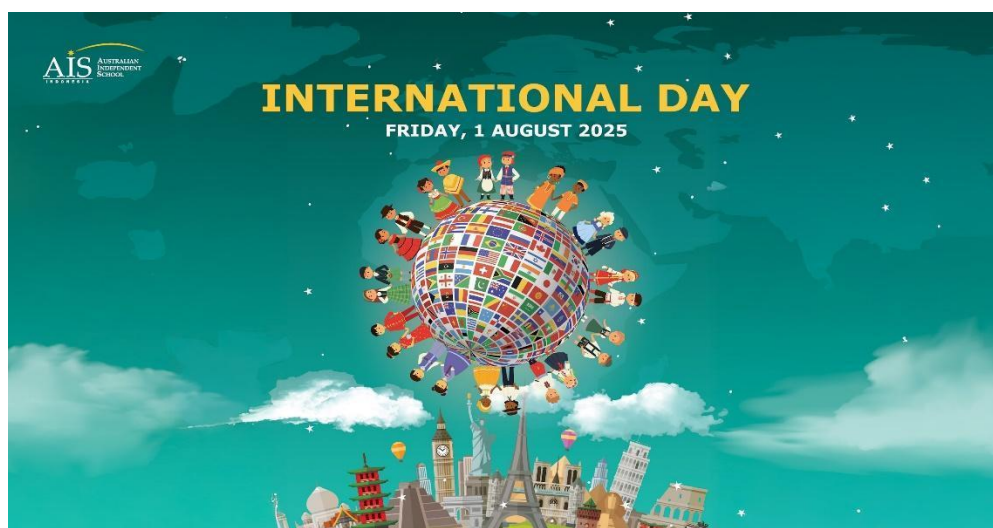
A highlight of this event is always the **parent-run country stalls**, which many of you will remember from previous years. These stalls celebrate the cultural diversity of our community and have included individual country displays as well as collaborative stalls representing regions with smaller student numbers (for example, South American countries teamed up last year).

Stalls typically feature **traditional food, games, craft activities, cultural displays**, and more.

If you are interested in **leading the organisation of a country or regional stall**, please register your interest using the link below. You can begin planning what you'd like to share or display at your stall. I will meet with lead parents for each stall on **Tuesday, 15 July at 2:00 PM** to support your planning and compile a list of school resources needed (tables, screens, power boards, etc.)

We only have interest registered for 3 stalls so far (Thank you Indonesia, Korea & Japan). We need a few more stalls to ensure that our day can go ahead. If you have any questions about this, please email me (craig.eldred@ais-indonesia.com) or come along on the meeting on 15 July

[2025 International Day Stall Registration](#)



Upcoming Events

Term 3 Week 1	
Monday 14th July	Teacher Planning Day, Orientation Day for new Students & Orientation Day for New Teachers
Tuesday 15th July	First Day of Term 3 for all Students
Thursday 17th July	0910. HS Assembly
Friday 18th July	0805. PS Assembly PnF Welcome Back Morning Tea
Friday 18th July - Friday 25th July	Year 12 Mock Exams
Week 2	
Friday 18th July - Friday 25th July	Year 12 Mock Exams
Friday 25th July	0805. PS Assembly 0900. PnF Meeting Academy of Entrepreneurs BossYourFuture Day for Yr 9 - 11
Week 3	
Thursday 31st July	0810. HS Assembly
Friday 1st August	International Day
Week 4	
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th August	School Photos
Thursday 7th August	Australian Maths Competition
Friday 8th August	0805. PS Assembly Board Meeting
Week 5	
Monday 11th August	AIS PS Basketball Gala Day
Thursday 14th August	0910. HS Assembly
Friday 15th August	Indonesian Independence Day Celebration
Sunday 17th August	Indonesian Independence Day Public Holiday

Week 6	
Monday 18 - Friday 22 August	PS Book Week
Thursday 21, Friday 22 & Saturday 23rd August	Taipan's Cup. <i>HS interschool sport event run by Yr 11 & 12 CAS Students</i>
Friday 22nd August	0805. PS Book Week Assembly
Week 7	
Monday 25 - Wednesday 27 August	ACER PAT Assessments
Thursday 28th August	PnF Cake Stall

PS = Primary School. HS = High School

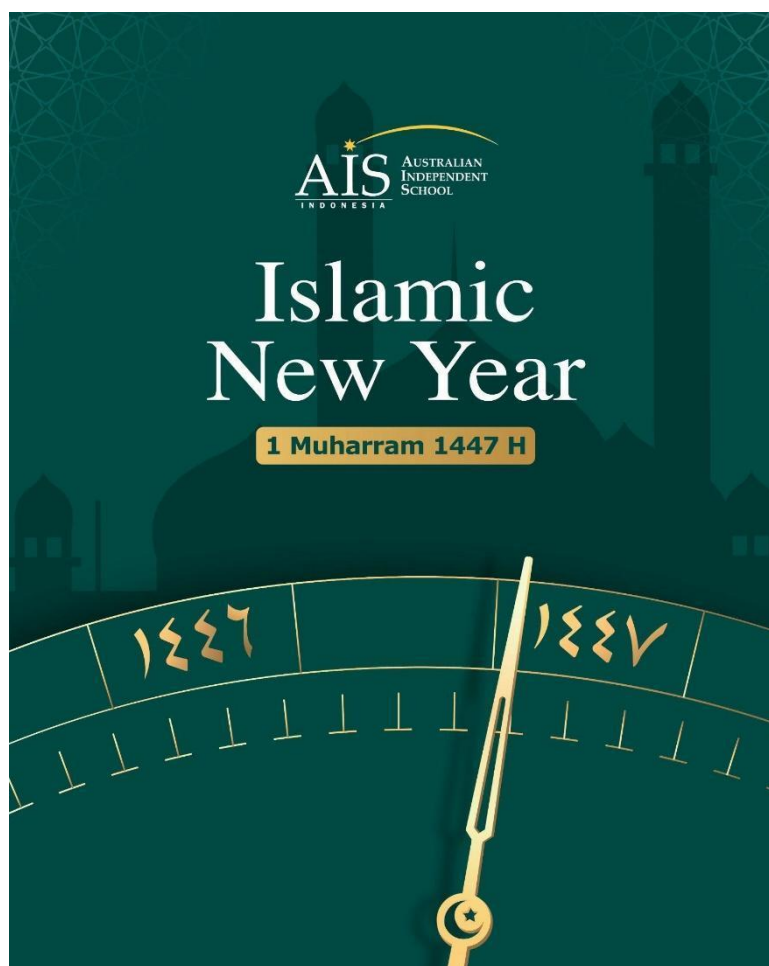
2025 AIS Jakarta Calendar

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

2026 AIS Jakarta Calendar

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Islamic New Year



Craig Eldred
Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

End of Term 2

What a jam-packed Term 2 it's been, full of incredible learning and memorable experiences across the school!

This week alone saw our Year 3 and 4 students head off to camp, where they had an amazing time exploring the outdoors, building resilience, and deepening friendships. Back at school, the main cast of *Mary Poppins Jr.* spent a full day in rehearsal on Thursday in preparation for the big show in Week 9 next term—excitement is certainly building!

Meanwhile, Ms Linda and Ms Joan represented AIS at a fantastic Early Years training course in Bangkok, led by renowned expert Alexandra Choironadi. They're excited to bring back new ideas to enrich our early childhood classrooms.

Behind the scenes, teachers have been busily writing reports, which will be sent home today. Thank you for your continued support throughout the term.

Next term promises to be another big one with highlights including Book Week and our whole-school musical production.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 15th July** for the start of Term 3.

Sinead Smith

Deputy Principal – Primary

Year 2EAL- Creating Fractured Narrative with focus on Characters and Settings Descriptions

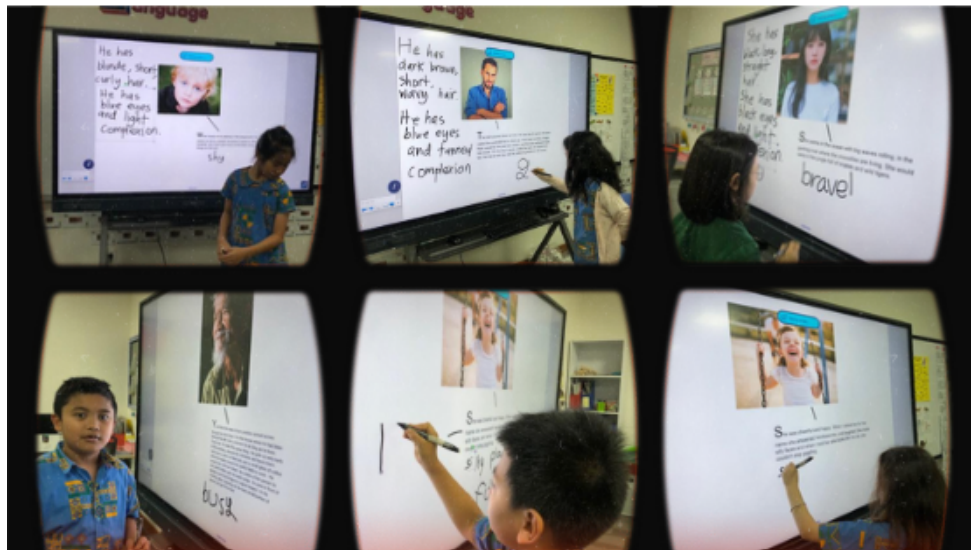
This term, Year 2 EAL students dove into the world of adjectives, learning how these parts of speech can shape and significantly impact characters and settings in a narrative.

Led by a series of lessons, including narrative structures as well as description for settings and characters, students crafted fractured tales, or also known as stories inspired by well-known tales with altered elements. In this particular writing work, students modified the characters, settings and the problem of the original stories they chose to work on.

First, we focused our reading on classic tales, such as *The Lion and The Mouse* and *Goldilocks and The Three Bears*, using them as guidelines for creativity for this writing task.

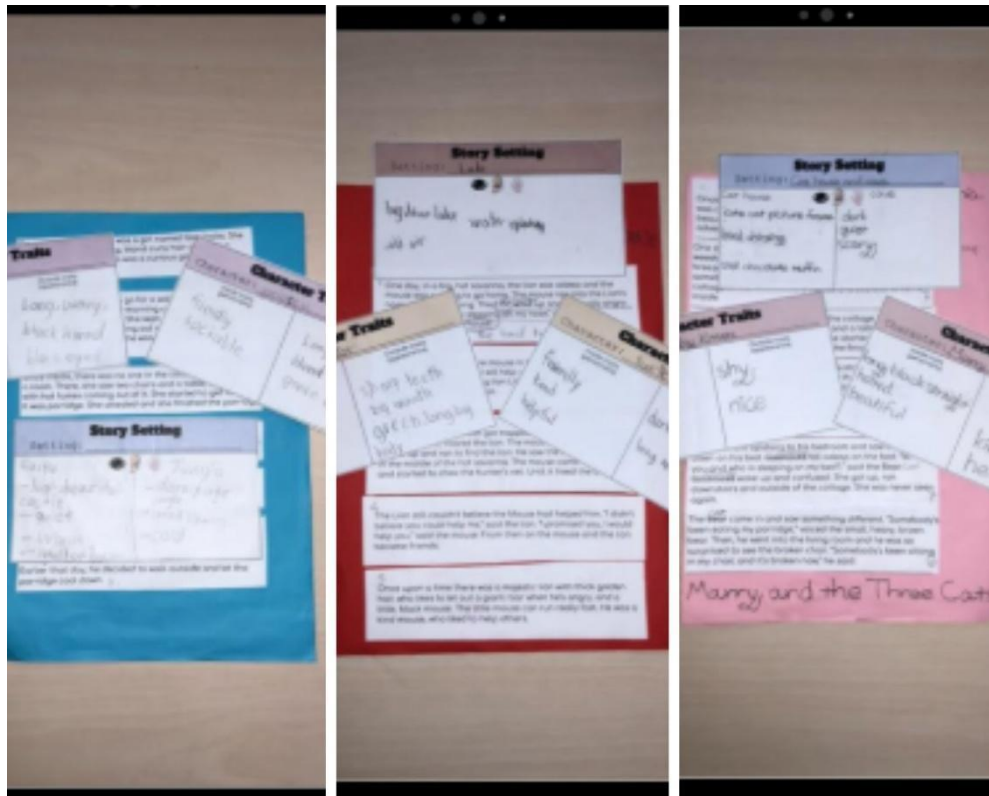


Students continued by learning and understanding adjectives to describe both characters and settings. Following the discussions of adjectives used in the source materials, we then focused on various adjectives that convey both physical and mental traits of characters. In addition, they also learned to utilise their senses to generate descriptive language, evoking imaginative settings.



Each student then selected one of the core tales as the framework for their unique story. Equipped with newfound descriptive knowledge, they were on their way to produce their own engaging narratives, generating their story characters and considering what they wanted the audience to see, hear, and feel within the settings.





After the planning stage, students embarked on a journey to craft their own story by enhancing every detail with adjectives, shaping characters and bringing settings to life. The result? A collection of wonderfully unique fractured tales, each reflecting their imaginative retelling of a classic.





Ms. Tetty
Year 2EAL

Merit Certificate

Class		Teacher
Preschool 3/4L	Riley	Ms Linda
Preschool 3/4L	Sahara	Mr Jon
Preschool 3/4T	Oscar	Ms Tia
Foundation E	Layla	Ms Elizabeth
Foundation E	Rumi	Ms Elizabeth
Foundation E	Noah	Mr Yohan
Foundation J	Kana	Ms Joan
Foundation J	Zachary	Ms Joan
Year 1E	Vivienne	Ms Ellis
Year 1E	Rion	Ms Ellis
Year 1E	Benjamin	Ms Ellis
Year 1E	Adam	Ms Nada
Year 1E	Junseo	Ms Rizkiyah
Year 1S	Firash	Ms Sehrish
Year 1S	Finlay	Ms Sehrish
Year 2J	Saein	Ms Jordan
Year 2J	Hasung	Ms Jordan
Year 2J	Boran	Ms Tetty
Year 2J	Serena	Ms Tetty
Year 2K	Eunji	Ms Karlina
Year 2K		

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to High School News

We have ended the semester with an incredibly quiet week in the High School as so many of the students and teachers were exploring Indonesia and beyond during Camp week. They have had an amazing experience with activities ranging from jungle trekking in Sumatra to visiting bat caves in Lombok, from working with children with disabilities in Vietnam to performing the nutbush in Yogyakarta! I would like to thank the staff who accompanied the trips - they have given up their family time to support our students on these camps and without them the camps would not be possible.

Here are a few of the highlights:

Year 7 in Yogyakarta with Ms Ani, Ms Jane, Ms Hyunji and Mr Peter



Year 8 in Lombok with Ms Mary, Ms Eka, Mr Herman, Ms Olive and Mr Apri



Year 9 in Bali with Mr David, Mr Anand, Ms Sri and Ms Eka



Year 10 in Sumatra with Mr Mark, Mr Dave, Ms Tantri and Ms Dwi



Year 11 in Vietnam with Ms Linzi, Mr Adrian, Mr Asep and Ms Nadia



We will be celebrating achievement in our final High School assembly today, awarding certificates for outstanding academic achievement and also for subject achievement. Prizes for the Science fair and swim carnival will also be awarded today.

Next term will begin on Tuesday 15th July and it will be a Day 2. Years 7 to 10 will have a new timetable for Semester 2 and this will be shared with families before the end of the holiday so that students can come to school on their first day back prepared for their lessons.

I wish you all a very restful holiday and send my best wishes to those of our students and families who will be leaving us at the end of this semester. We will miss Dr Dean and Mr David Jolly in the High School and wish them luck for their next school.

Dr Beth Ashfield
Deputy Principal and Head of High School

Learning Support Unit Trip to Ragunan Zoo



Students from the Learning Support Unit recently enjoyed a recreational outing to Ragunan Zoo as part of their leisure skills program. Despite a few unexpected changes, the students showed remarkable flexibility and self-regulation throughout the day. Something we're very proud of.

The trip began with a cheerful, long walk to the zoo's main lake. Originally planned outdoor activities had to be adjusted due to a change in weather, but our students embraced the shift to Plan B with ease. We visited the Schmutzer Primate Center, but since it was quite crowded, we didn't stay long and smoothly moved back to part of Plan A, sightseeing on an electric zoo car.

The ride was a highlight! We toured around the zoo, enjoying views of lush greenery and a variety of animals, some huge, some tiny, all while soaking in the peacefulness of a light rain.

Our final stop was lunch at Bakso Lapangan Tembak, followed by another enjoyable walk to the parking area. While waiting for the e-car earlier had tested our patience, students coped wonderfully, showing growth in their ability to handle delays.

It was a joyful, meaningful day. One that not only offered learning outside the classroom, but also celebrated how far our students have come in managing change and enjoying new experiences.

Ms. Atiek

Occupational Therapy - Independent Living Skills
Eco-Art: A Collaborative Artwork
by AIS High school Life Skills Class



Our AIS Life Skills high school students have created this unique artwork using handmade recycled paper. This project is a celebration of creativity, sustainability, and the incredible talents of our students. Every step of the process - from making the recycled paper to painting - reflects their individual expression and showcases the power of inclusive education.



Ms. Di

More Than a School Break: Rest, Reset, and Rise

School holidays are here, and while visions of lazy days and endless fun might fill your head, let's talk about making this break truly count! The school break is more than just a time to unwind; it's the perfect chance to explore your interests, develop your skills, and reflect on what truly excites you.

Holidays offer a unique window to discover your passions without the pressure of daily assignments and exams. Use this time to explore new areas: enroll in a free online course (MOOCs like Coursera or edX have a wide range of subjects), pick up a new hobby, or start a passion project. Whether it's writing a short story, learning to code, or creating art, let curiosity guide you.

You can also use this break to catch up on any missed schoolwork or essential reading. This helps ease stress when the new semester starts and keeps your learning momentum going. Volunteering or taking on a short internship is another great way to gain real-world experience, build your resume, and make a difference in your community.

Most importantly, remember to rest and recharge. A well-rested mind is a productive mind. Find a balance between purposeful activity and pure relaxation so you return in July feeling refreshed, energized, and ready for the new semester!

Jeremias Sampang, Jr.

University and Careers Counsellor

