

**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, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Welcome Back to the 2026 Academic Year**

Our first week back at AIS Jakarta has been nothing short of outstanding with students meeting new class mates and teachers. We have been focusing on building those all-important routines so valuable for illustrating our potential best. This week we have welcomed 70 new students and families to our learning community. Our Year 11 students will today be concluding their IB Diploma Retreat in Bogor, a great way to start the challenges that lay ahead for them.

**Parents and Friends Welcome Back Morning Tea**

***All parents are most welcome! Catering from Jungle Toppings!***

## AIS Teacher Conference

Last Thursday 22 and Friday 23 January the teachers from AIS Bali and Jakarta came together for the 2026 AIS Teachers Conference. Our guest presenter this year was Dr Mark Williams, Neuroscientist and Author. Mark is committed to creating a 'brain healthy world'. Dr Mark's keynotes were both insightful, and challenging, leaving a lasting impression on how AIS will continue to develop its teaching, learning and instruction to ensure the best possible outcomes for our life-long learners.

In addition, our teachers worked collaboratively on planning for 2026 and participated in a range of collegial led workshops where the teachers from the two campuses led workshops for their peers in areas of expertise and interest. Our small band of new teachers participated in a workshop on Saturday as well on our all-important child protection curriculum and student-centered learning strategy.



## AIS iSmart Parent Portal – Canteen Reminders

Big thank you to all our parents who are now using our new AIS iSmart Parent Portal. We do hope you are finding it useful. Just another reminder that students will need to come to the canteen with their student ID cards topped up with e-money so they can purchase items. As always, we encourage pre-ordering to avoid cues and prevent waiting time.

## Student Leadership in 2026

We are, in 2026, shifting to a more innovative student leadership structure that blends traditions with challenge and increased opportunity for our young adults across both sub-schools to explore their leadership skills and potential. Ms Sinead (for Primary) and myself (for High) will be lead mentors for our student leadership programs. A key innovation is introducing **ministries** that will directly involve our Year 6 and 10 students. The ministries will link to our **core values** and **strategic pillars** building their profile in our learning community. **Primary and High School Captains** will remain with two in each sub-school. They will play a pivotal role in leading key events and our Student Representative Council (SRC), the voice of our broader student body. We are excited to see what our young people can learn and achieve in 2026!

## ACER PAT Tests 2026

Next week Foundation through to our Year 10 students will participate in the 2026 Term 1 ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) Assessments. The ACER PAT are a series of assessments designed to measure and track students' academic progress in key areas like reading, mathematics, and general ability. These tests provide valuable insights into a student's strengths and areas for improvement, offering a clear picture of their learning development

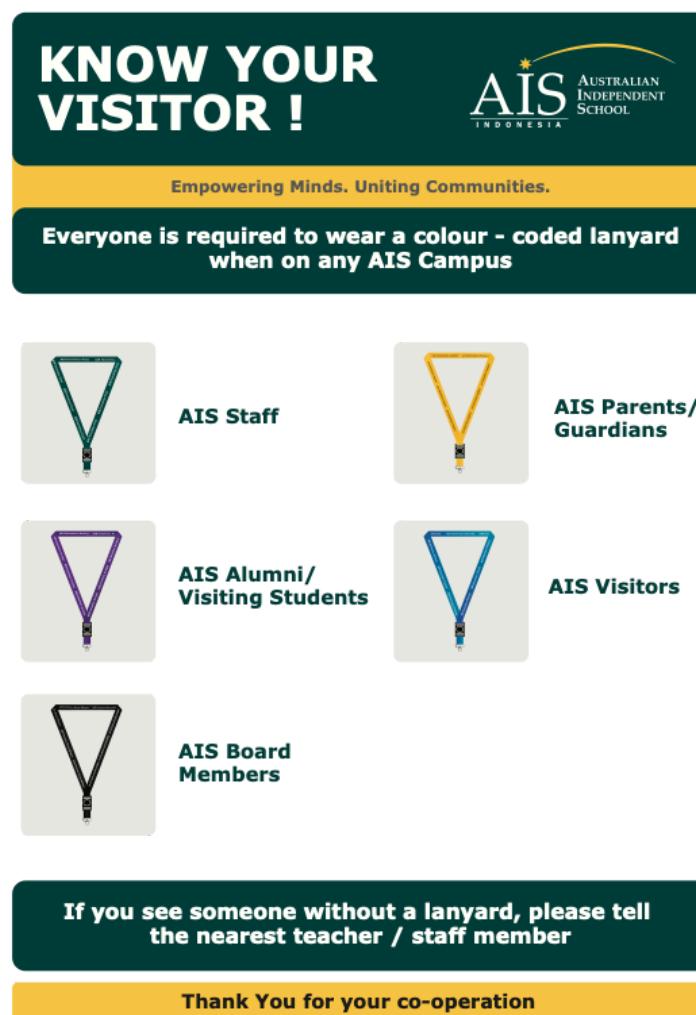
over time. The PAT assessments are age-appropriate, adaptive, and help identify individual learning needs, assisting teachers in tailoring instruction.

Just to explain a bit about the tests. They are 'adaptive' assessments that adjust the difficulty of questions based on a student's responses. If a student answers correctly, the test presents more challenging questions, and if a student answers incorrectly, the test offers easier questions. This approach ensures that each student is tested at the right level for their current abilities, providing a more accurate measure of their knowledge and skills.

As professional educators this information is priceless. We will use the data obtained to inform our planning and teaching pedagogy to ensure the best possible approaches for your child(ren).

### Lanyards

We have redesigned our community lanyards. For our duty of care to our young people we ask that all members of our community wear the necessary lanyard clearly visible.



### Upcoming Dates

#### Week 2

Monday 02 - Wednesday 04 February	Foundation – Year 10 ACER PAT Assessment Testing Days
Thursday 05 February	9.10am - High School Assembly
Friday 06 February	8.10am - Primary School Assembly 9.00am - Parents & Friends Welcome Back Morning Tea

**Week 3 - Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) begin this week**

Wednesday 11 February	All day - BFF Day
Friday 13 February	8.10am - Primary School Assembly
<b>Week 4</b>	
Monday 16 February	Lunar New Year Celebration
<b>Tuesday 17 February</b>	<b>Public Holiday – Lunar New Year</b>
Wednesday 18 February	Expected start of Ramadan
Thursday 19 February	9.10am - High School Assembly
Friday 20 February	8.10am - Primary School Assembly Parent & Friends Annual General Meeting
<b>Week 5</b>	
Friday 27 February	8.10am - Primary School Assembly
<b>Week 6</b>	
Thursday 05 March	9.10am - High School Assembly
Friday 06 March	8.10am - Primary School Assembly
<b>Week 7</b>	
Tuesday 10 March	Campus Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting
Friday 13 March	8.10am - Primary School Assembly
<b>Week 8</b>	
<b>Tuesday 17 – (Thursday 19 Nyepi) Friday 20 March</b>	<b>Eid Al Fitr Holiday</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	
<b>Monday 23 March</b>	<b>Eid Al Fitr Holiday</b>
Thursday 26 March	9.10am – High School Assembly
Friday 27 March	8.10am - Primary School Assembly
<b>Week 10</b>	
Monday 30 March	Three Way Conferences (Early Years to Year 12)
Thursday 02 April	8.10am - End of Term Whole School Assembly
<b>Friday 03 April</b>	<b>Good Friday Holiday</b>

## 2026 AIS Jakarta Calendar

Please [click here](#) to access a pdf version of the 2026 AIS Jakarta School Calendar

Dean Cummins  
**Principal**

### PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to begin the new academic year and excited about the journey ahead. It has been wonderful to see our new students settling in so well – their enthusiasm and confidence are already shining through.

Across the classrooms, there is already a lot of learning happening. From E-safety lessons to co-creating classroom rules and expectations, students are actively engaging in building a positive

learning environment. They have also been exploring team-building activities, creative writing tasks, and mathematics investigations, setting a strong foundation for the year ahead.

A big thank you to all parents who attended our **Welcome Parents Meeting** on Thursday. If you were unable to join us, please don't worry, class teachers will share the presentation with you so you can stay informed.

This year, we will be implementing **InitialLit** in Foundation to Year 2 classes, a structured, evidence-based literacy program used widely in Australian schools. InitialLit provides explicit teaching in phonics, reading, spelling, and writing, helping children build strong foundational literacy skills step by step. Lessons are carefully sequenced, engaging, and designed to support all learners, ensuring every child develops confidence and success in reading and writing. Ms Sinead will be running a **parent information session on InitialLit next Friday**, if you would like to learn more about the program.

We would like to update you on the changes to the **Primary Leadership Team**.

The new structure is as follows:

**Mr Hakan Demiralay** – Head of Primary School

**Ms Sinead Smith** – Deputy Head of Primary School The Deputy Head of Primary is mainly responsible for overseeing assessment, data, leading curriculum initiatives and the operational aspects of the school, while also supporting teaching quality, pastoral care, and special events.

**Ms Maureen Bruce** – Primary Curriculum Coordinator The Primary Curriculum Coordinator focuses on designing, reviewing, and monitoring the curriculum across all subjects, ensuring consistency, supporting teachers, and driving ongoing improvement in teaching and learning.

**Ms Renny Reksodipuro** – Primary Learning Support Coordinator and Teacher The Primary Learning Support Coordinator works closely with teachers, Learning Support Assistants and families to ensure that students with additional learning needs receive the right support. They oversee learning support programs, coordinate resources, and help create inclusive classrooms where every child can thrive.

## **Reminders**

- Please **label your child/ren's clothes** clearly.
- On **PE days**, students should come to school in their PE uniform.
- **Punctuality and attendance** are very important – thank you for supporting this.
- Parents are warmly invited to attend our **Friday morning assemblies**.

We look forward to a fantastic year of growth, learning, and community.

Have a great year,

Hakan Demiralay  
**Head of Primary School**

**Year 4**

YEAR 4 WEEK 1 TERM 1 2026



Year 4 had a fabulous time this week settling into their new class and getting used to new faces and new routines. They had a very positive experience discussing and setting rules and expectations for the year and were able to come up with lots of reasons and suggestions why we need to set and follow these. We spent some time introducing ourselves and learning more about each other, which was really valuable for both teachers and students. The students are all excited about the coming year - they are especially looking forward to their specialist classes, and are committed to giving their best effort and attitude in everything they do.

Ms Mo Bruce  
**Primary Curriculum Coordinator**

**Merit Certificate**

Class		Teacher
Preschool 3/4L	Teo	Ms Linda
Preschool 3/4T	Yitian	Ms Tia
Foundation E	Akari	Ms Elizabeth
Foundation J	Grace	Ms Jordan
Year 1E	Rory	Ms Ellis
Year 1J	Xiaoxu	Ms Joan
Year 2G	Yuha	Mr Giles

Year 2K	Noah	Ms Karlina
Year 3K	Silmi	Mr Kessell
Year 4D	Yeonho	Mr David
Year 4M/S	Mira	Ms Mo
Year 4M/S	Eamonn	Ms Sara
Year 4M/S	Lyla	Ms Nada
Year 5D	Seonyu	Mr Dan
Year 5S	Xavier	Ms Susan
Year 5S	Adept	Ms Kourtney
Year 6C	Harvey	Mr Cosi
Year 6E	Yunso	Ms Emily

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### Welcome to High School News

I have enjoyed seeing all of our students and staff back in school and it has been lovely to welcome so many new families to our community. Our students have settled quickly into the High School and the routine of school life has gotten underway quickly. I would like to thank you for making sure that your children are attending school punctually (weather and traffic permitting) and in the correct uniform.

We have been a smaller school this week as Year 11 have been visiting Bogor for their Year 11 Orientation with Mr Dave, our IBDP Coordinator, Ms Jane, Mr Jeremias, Mr Matt, Mr Rob, Mr Fajar and Mr Fauzi. The students have been learning more about the expectations of the Senior School and the demands of the IB Diploma Core programme with sessions focussing on their Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge and CAS requirements. Many thanks to the teachers and staff who have given up their time to organise the trip and take the students. We're looking forward to welcoming them back to Jakarta after school today.

During our Teacher Conference before school started, teaching staff from Jakarta and Bali attended three workshops run by Dr Mark Williams, a leading Neuroscientist from Australia. You can find out more about him here: <https://www.drmarkwilliams.com/> He talked to us about the neuroscience of learning, about the teenage brain, how our students learn and the impact of technology on teenage brains. One thing he stressed was the importance of sleep for teenagers to be able to process their days and stay attentive and engaged during classes so we would like to ask for your support in ensuring that our students are able to have enough sleep. This means creating a calm space in their bedrooms, a clear bedtime routine and removing the distractions of phones, tablets etc. The Australian Sleep Health Foundation have put together guidelines for parents to support the development of better sleep

habits: <https://www.sleephealthfoundation.org.au/sleep-topics/facts-about-sleep-for-parents-and-school-staff>

During next week, students in Years 7 to 10 will be taking the ACER PAT tests in Reading, Maths and Science. Staff will then have time to analyse the results of these baseline tests so that we can review our teaching to best support the progress of the students.

Our High School assemblies will be taking place each Thursday, Day 9 (in the even weeks) at 0910 and you are very warmly invited to attend.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our High School leadership team:

**Dr Beth Ashfield** - Head of High School

**Dr Peter Titirloloby** – Learning Support Leader

Dr Peter is responsible for coordinating our learning support, working with teachers and families to create inclusive classrooms

**Ms Linzi Band** – Wellbeing Coordinator, Designated Safeguarding Lead, and EAL Faculty Leader

Ms Linzi is responsible for supporting student wellbeing and ensuring a safe, inclusive learning environment across both the Bali and Jakarta campuses. She oversees safeguarding practices and wellbeing initiatives, and she also leads the English as an Additional Language programme, helping all

students feel supported and able to thrive academically and personally. Ms Linzi works closely with **Ms Katrina May** and **Ms Fani Darma**, our wellbeing lead teachers.

**Mr Dave Brundage** - Senior School Coordinator

Mr Dave is responsible for our Senior School programme, including the IB Diploma, the Hybrid and the School based Diploma programmes. He is the first point of contact for all queries or concerns about study in the Senior School. He works closely with **Ms Jane Stevenson**, our EE Coordinator, **Mr Rob Cavill**, our Senior School CAS Coordinator, **Mr Jeremias Samping**, our University and Careers Counsellor and **Mr Matt Foster**, our TOK teacher.

**Ms Natasha Anastasia** - CAS Coordinator for Years 7 - 10.

**Our faculty leads are as follows:**

- **Mr Adrian Blas** - Faculty Lead for Mathematics
- **Ms Ani Surya** - Faculty Lead for Indonesian and Languages Other than English. Ms Ani is also our DIKNAS Liaison.
- **Ms Jill Batty** - Faculty Lead for English and Humanities
- **Mr Mark Wilkinson** - Faculty Lead for Science
- **Mr Hector Aguilera** - Athletics Director & Lead PE Teacher
- **Mr Anand Das, Mr Robert Cavill and Mr Tal Rickards** coordinate our Arts subjects together

Should you have a concern or a question about a particular subject please get in touch with the subject teacher or faculty leader. If your concern is regarding student wellbeing, please get in touch with the Homeroom teacher, Ms Linzi, Ms Katrina or Ms Fani.

Dr Beth Ashfield

**Head of High School**

**Safeguarding @ AIS informing Wellbeing @ AIS**

Last Saturday saw the annual training for newer teachers on the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum (KS: CPC). This curriculum is primarily delivered through our Social and Emotional Thinking program, but it is also a shared responsibility across the whole school. All teachers are expected to be familiar with the KS: CPC and to seek appropriate opportunities within their subject areas to reinforce messages about personal and emotional safety.

Focusing on personal safety across school helps to create a consistent, protective environment where students develop a shared language around safety, consent, boundaries, and help-seeking. When these concepts are reinforced across learning areas, students are more likely to recognise unsafe situations, feel confident to speak up, and know who they can turn to for support.

Thank you to the teachers for giving up a Saturday to undertake this training, demonstrating commitment to the safety of our students.

Ms Linzi Band

**Designated Safeguarding Lead and Wellbeing Co-ordinator**

**EAL (English as an Additional Language) @ AIS**

For parents of EAL students, I would like to explain the EAL 1 and EAL 2 on the student timetable. Please note there have been no changes to the EAL system.

EAL 1 and EAL 2 are not different subjects, but rather two EAL classes that are grouped based on students' current English language skill levels. This allows us to tailor the lessons, pace, and level of support to best match each student's learning needs.

By grouping students this way, EAL teachers are able to:

- provide more targeted language support,
- adjust activities to suit students' confidence and proficiency levels, and
- give more individual attention, so students can continue to grow steadily and confidently in their English.

Our main goal is always to support each student as well as we can and to help them feel comfortable, encouraged, and successful in class. Please be assured that both groups follow the same ACARA learning outcomes, and we regularly monitor students' progress and adjust support when needed.

Ms Linzi Band

### **EAL Co-ordinator**

#### **National Accreditation Results**

We are pleased to share the results of the National Accreditation visits, which took place in Weeks 1-3 of Term 4, 2025.

We are proud to announce that all levels of AIS Jakarta have been awarded an **A** accreditation result. This achievement reflects the strong commitment to quality teaching, learning, and school governance across our community.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all members of the AIS community—staff, students, parents, and leadership—for your ongoing support, dedication, and hard work. This outstanding result would not have been possible without your collective efforts.

Congratulations to everyone on this wonderful achievement.

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#### **Report on Sumatra Disaster Relief Donation Drive**

In December 2025, AIS school community conducted a donation drive to provide humanitarian assistance to communities affected by natural disasters in several regions of Sumatra. We are pleased to report that the total amount of funds collected through this initiative was **IDR 75,000,000** and 230 red and 70 yellow T-shirts.

The collected donations were distributed to the affected regions as follows:

- **Aceh:** IDR 10,000,000
- **North Sumatra:** IDR 4,500,000
- **West Sumatra:** IDR 60,500,000

The allocation of the largest portion of the funds to West Sumatra was a considered decision. Mr. Fakri and Ms. Laily were able to personally deliver the donations directly to the affected areas, ensuring accountability, transparency, and effective distribution.

Donations designated for Aceh and North Sumatra were transferred through established and trusted volunteer organisations that were actively operating in the disaster-affected areas at the time.

The donated funds were primarily utilised for the procurement of food supplies, medical assistance, and essential daily necessities for affected communities. In addition, a portion of the funds was allocated to support the cleaning and partial rebuilding of damaged school facilities, assisting students and educators in resuming educational activities.

Supporting documentation, including photographs and videos of the distribution and relief efforts, is attached separately for reference.

The school would like to formally acknowledge and express its sincere appreciation to all members of the school community—students, parents, teaching staff, and administrative staff—for their generosity and commitment to this humanitarian initiative. The collective support has made a meaningful and positive impact on the affected communities.



Ms. Ani Suya  
**Indonesian Language & LOTE Faculty Lead, Diknas Liasion**

## Careers & University Information

### New Semester, New Goals!

As the new academic year begins, it's the perfect time to reflect, and set clear, achievable goals that will guide both your academic progress and personal growth. A strong start now can make a real difference by the end of the year. Here's how to set yourself up for success:

#### 1. Set SMART Goals

- **Specific:** Don't just aim to "get better grades"—target a specific subject or mark.
- **Measurable:** "Improve my Math grade to an A" gives you a clear benchmark.
- **Achievable:** Challenge yourself, but be realistic based on past performance.
- **Relevant:** Make your goals meaningful—are they aligned with your interests or career goals?
- **Time-bound:** Set a deadline, like "by the end of June," to stay on track.

#### 2. Break it down

Big goals can feel overwhelming, but small steps make them manageable. Break your goals into weekly or monthly actions—reviewing key topics each Monday, completing homework before the weekend, or scheduling regular revision time.

#### 3. Seek support

You don't have to do it alone. Talk to your teachers and counsellors for guidance, feedback, and encouragement. Having a support system can greatly increase your chances of success.

The new year is a fresh start and a new opportunity. Set SMART goals, take consistent steps forward, and make use of the support around you. You have what it takes—let's make this year your best one yet!

### Upcoming University Events:

#### Monash University Indonesia Open Day

- 📅 Sunday, 8 February 2026
- ⌚ 10.00 AM – 5.00 PM (WIB)
- 📍 Monash University Indonesia – BSD Campus

Register: <https://www.monash.edu/indonesia/our-programs/bachelors-open-day>

#### Japan Education Fair 2026

- 📅 Saturday & Sunday, 7 & 8 February 2026
- ⌚ 9:00 AM – 16:00 PM (WIB)
- 📍 Ciputra Artpreneur  
Ciputra World 1, Lantai 11 (access via Lotte Mall)



Mr Jeremias Sampang, Jr.  
University & Careers Counsellor

