



# Kindergarten Times



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE GARDEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## From the Kindergarten Principal

Dear Parents,

Another month is over and the children have all been very busy around the school.

We have been busy preparing for our first International Day and I know the children have been doing lots of great activities in the classroom, learning about other cultures.

I was also pleased to welcome many children and parents from Kindergarten to our Primary School this month. The KG children had the chance to experience what our fantastic Primary school is like and I'm sure they will be able to settle in straight away next September.



**Mr Simon  
Massey**  
**Principal**

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## Mission Statement

To provide a caring and creative learning environment that fosters the character, skills and understanding necessary for a life of ambition and purpose, and that prepares our young people to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.

## From the Deputy Principal

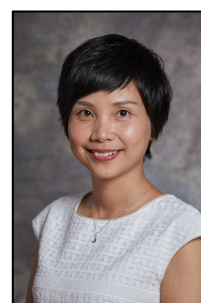
Dear Parents,

What a busy month we had in October. There were a lot of wonderful activities that went on. Each year level, children inquired into their first unit. They learned a lot in their first unit and become more and more confident.

Our Pre-K parents and K parents and children went to visit Primary School in the middle of the month.

It was a good way for parents to learn what preparation they should do before children go to primary school and the children experienced primary school life. Now they are looking forward to going to primary school in the future.

There are going to be a lot of wonderful things happening in November and we are looking forward to it.



**Mrs Lisa Song**  
**Deputy  
Principal**

## Semester Dates

**Semester 1:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Semester 2:** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019



# School Notices

## Coffee Morning

The school held a coffee morning this week for many of our new parents.

During the presentation, parents were able to learn about how our school approaches teaching the PYP curriculum.

They were introduced to our Learner Profiles for IB and also took part in some



great activities to help them experience what inquiry lessons look like in our school

We hope parents will learn from this how their children are learning.

We had some very positive feedback and we hope to provide more informative coffee mornings in the future.

## School Photographs

The school arranged for individual and class photographs of all the children during this month.

The photos will be available for purchase online in the next couple of weeks.

You will receive details on how to view and order the photos shortly.

## ID Cards

All parents can apply for a new card if the original one is lost. You can also apply for an additional card for your family. Please contact reception.

## Primary Visit

Children in Kindergarten came to visit the Primary School this month.

They were able to participate in Music and PE lessons and see what it is like in a Primary classroom.

It was also great to meet many parents to discuss the future of their children's education.



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## Book Fair

We held our first annual Book Fair this semester in the theatre. There were lots of fun and exciting books for the children to choose from.

Reading is a vital part of our children's development and I was pleased to see the event was a great success.



## PTA Meeting

Thank you to all our Parents who attended the PTA meeting this month.

We value the contribution they make to the school. This month our PTA has been working hard to make sure our International Day is an event to remember. We will have a full report in next month's newsletter.

## Internet Safety

Remember to monitor your child's use of the internet!

- Only allow access in the family room
- Limit the child's time to about 30 minutes per day
- Install firewalls and passwords on devices
- Talk to the school about any concerns

### NURSE

**"A good night's sleep is very important. Children need at least 8-10 hours of sleep every night."**

## School Uniform

A reminder please that all children should be wearing the correct uniform when in school.

Please don't forget to check with your children when they have PE lessons so that they don't forget their PE kit on those days.

## Health and Safety

Parents are reminded that children should not come to school if they are feeling unwell.

The weather is starting to get cooler and children could catch cold, fever or influenza at this time.

We want to be careful that we don't get infections into the school and spread them across our community



therefore please take care.

If you suspect your child is unwell, please take them to the doctor and inform the school immediately.

We monitor the children carefully at school and we provide advice to children in assemblies about how to lower the risk of infection.



### Established 2014

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community**

### WECHAT

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School WeChat Account is  
available. You can follow  
our school by scanning the  
QR code below:



The Garden International School Kindergarten was founded to provide a unique educational experience for students aged 2-6 years. Children discover the world as part of a caring, stimulating bi-lingual community of learners. Young children are respected as competent thinkers and communicators and are offered many opportunities to engage, extend and challenge their thinking through meaningful discovery.

The Garden International School Kindergarten follows the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and has been accredited by the International Baccalaureate (IB).



## Forthcoming Events

### November

<b>3rd :</b>	International Day	8:30 am	Kindergarten
<b>14th :</b>	Sports Day	8:00 am	Primary School
<b>22nd :</b>	Parent / Teacher Conferences	1:00 pm	KG Classrooms

### December

<b>13th :</b>	Musical Concert	6:00 pm	Primary School
<b>31st :</b>	New Year Holiday		Kindergarten

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