



# Primary Times



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE GARDEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## From the Primary Principal

Dear Parents,

Another month has finished and the time has flown by.

We have had a number of events throughout the month, including our very first International Day, which was a great success.

The children have been working hard in the class

but I am also pleased to see how much they are enjoying being at school. It is important that our children feel safe and happy at school and I know how hard all our staff work to achieve this.

We look forward to another busy month as we celebrate Sports Day and we continue to improve in our school work.



**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,

It has been two months now since the school year started.

Display boards are showing the children's learning progress. From writing to visible thinking maps, inquiry boards and handwriting, every bit of progress is so gratifying.

We strive to achieve a

balance of accumulation of knowledge, mastering transdisciplinary skills, developing understanding of concepts and taking responsible action.

It is fantastic to see the development of the children's etiquette in the school and we see every TGIS student striving to cultivate their quality and good character.



**Mrs Dingding 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

## House Points

Yangtze (Red): 1599

Yellow (Yellow): 1593

Lancang (Green): 1621

Pearl (Blue): 1549

# School Notices

## International Day

Our first International Day was a great success and I was pleased to see so many of our parents and children support the event. There were games and activities all over the school and the atmosphere was fun and exciting for everyone.

There were some marvellous performances from some of the talented



children in the school and we even had a band performing songs throughout the event.

My thanks to all the PTA members for helping to organise the event and make it a special day for the children.

Mr Massey

## 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.

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## Maths Workshop

This month, the school held our first workshop for parents on teaching Maths.

It was led by Ms Sarah Kaye, one of our homeroom teachers and was well attended by our parents.

Our thanks to Ms Kaye on supporting our parents and we hope you found it useful.

## Assemblies

This month, we had some more wonderful assemblies from our children. Class 4B talked about knowledge and commitment. We also had talks from 3E about being caring and respectful and 3B also managed to talk about how to be reflective and co-operate with others.

All our children love being



able to perform in front of an audience and they speak clearly and confidently. Well done.

I was also pleased to welcome all our children who received their Star of the Week certificates this month and congratulations to Green House who are in the lead with total House Points of 1621!!! .

# School Notices

## Athletics

This year, the PE Department have been very busy training some of our children in track and field events such as sprinting, long jump, high jump and throwing.

During the month, some of our children were given the opportunity to compete against other schools in the



district. They had a wonderful time.

I am delighted to report that Alexander from 4A came 5<sup>th</sup> in the 800m sprint and Peter from 5A came 7<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m sprint. They were competing against older children in this event and did very well. Congratulations to them.

## 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

## 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

### NURSE

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

## Winter Uniform

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

If you are unsure about which items the children should be wearing please contact the school reception. The items are on display in the lobby as well.

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 2016

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### An international learning community

#### WECHAT

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



The Garden International School was founded to provide a unique educational experience for students aged 6-12 years. The school takes the best from Chinese and international educational practices and implements these side-by-side to create an academic, rigorous, yet caring, child-centred curriculum.

The Garden International School closely follows the Primary Years Programme (PYP) established by the International Baccalaureate (IB)

Please contact the school if you have any concerns or wish to make an appointment to see our School Principal.



## Forthcoming Events

### November

<b>13th</b> : PTA Executive Meeting	8:00 am	Primary School
<b>16th</b> : Sports Day	8:00 am	Sports Field
<b>23rd</b> : Parent / Teacher Conferences	1:00 pm	Primary Classrooms

### December

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

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