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The Centre

There was a buzz around the school on Tuesday as the blue fence came down from around The Centre, our new building on campus. I, like most students and parents, am looking forward anxiously to getting into the building and it becoming a part of student life on our campus.

There are several important stages of finishing off work before we can use the entire building and its superb facilities. Once we have completed all the interior, tested all the systems (we have a leading edge pool water system, heating and cooling system and dehumidifying system) and had the fire safety check we aim to be using The Centre from Monday May 10 on return from our week vacation.

We will however prepare an area for upcoming IB Diploma Art exhibit in mid April and we will also be ready to house the IB Diploma exams during the month of May.

500 and counting

NIS reached a landmark with 505 students now on campus. At Board level we are looking at the timeline for our next construction as we anticipate more waiting lists and disappointed parents in 2010-11. We are expanding our capacity but only gradually within our present building space. Applications for next school year are pouring in which bodes well for our plans. We simply want to be the best we can be, nurturing international students to allow them to be the best they can be.

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What we do affects the future

Grade 5 Central Idea for the Exhibition

Grade Five Parent Information Session for the Exhibition

Hello everyone, we are the Grade 5 students. These days, we are preparing for a special event; the parent information session for the exhibition. We are doing this parent information session because we want to share our knowledge with our parents. On Monday 12th April we are starting the exhibition, a unit that we have to do by ourselves. The exhibition will take place on the tenth and eleventh of June.

The parent information session will be held on Friday 16th April, right after the whole school assembly, in the PYP large group room. It will take approximately 30 minutes, starting at 9:00. We will also be serving refreshments.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

By Derron Yu, Justin Choi, and Seo Young Park



Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 13th of April
PTA Meeting
PYP Early Years Production - school

Wednesday 14th of April
PYP Early Years Production - parents

Thursday 15th of April -
Friday 16th of April
ACAMIS Badminton

Friday 16th of April
Grade 5 Central Idea for the
Exhibition



NIS Board Update

The NIS Board experiences the same challenge to continuity that occurs throughout our community with families coming and going from NIS. The Board has been working with a renowned consultant, John Littleford (www.jlittleford.com), to help with succession planning and continuity on the NIS School Board. At this year's Annual General Meeting we reduced the number of voting Board members from 9 to 7. The Board also set up an ad hoc group from the Governance Committee to seek out possible future Board members should openings occur. We now have a diverse group of parents who are ready to serve should the need arise.

There are however two very important points to consider based on our Articles of Association:

1. Any person who is co-opted to fill an opening must stand at the next election.
2. Any person nominated from the Governance Committee to fill an opening at the end of year must stand for election against any other nominated member.

In other words the Board is involved in Success Planning for membership, but the final decision is left to the members.

Current Status of Members of NIS Board

Of the current NIS Board:

Bernhard Weber, Patrick Heckelmann, Michael Chesterman and Julia Gusten have served one year of their current two year term and have confirmed they will continue as Board Members.

Andy Chang is at the end of his current two year term and has advised he shall be nominating for election to the NIS Board for a further two year term.

Eleanor Eastland is at the end of her current two year term and has advised she shall not be nominating for re-election.

Koen Verniers was recently co-opted to replace Lies Poorter-Jongsma as she is leaving China this month. Koen will be seeking election for a two year term.

Annual Election of Members for the NIS Board

The Governance ad hoc committee has asked Mr Hyun Shik, Park to nominate for a two year term on the NIS Board.

There are therefore three (3) candidates for the three (3) openings. Should any other members wish to nominate there will be an election. The process is highlighted below as set out in the NIS Articles of Association.

Nominations Called

The NIS Board is seeking Nomination by Candidates for Election to three (3) positions.

Please see the Information that follows regarding eligibility to nominate, conditions of Board membership, responsibilities of Board members and the commitment required.

- **All Candidates must provide a short written statement to the NIS Community as part of the election process. A guide for this statement will be sent when nominations are received.**
- **Nominations by Candidates for Election are open from today Friday 9 April, 2010**
- **The last day for nominations to be received is Friday 30 April, 2010.**
- **Board Elections will take place by postal ballot from Friday 14 May, 2010**
- **Voting will close on Friday 21 May 2010 and the results of the election will be published in the NIS Bulletin on Friday 28 May, 2010.**

All Nominations should be sent, preferably by email to:

**Julia Gusten
Chair of the Governance Committee
Nanjing International School Board
j.guesten@bw-i.cn
Mobile : 139-0516-3971**

Parent Coffee Morning

Date: Friday 23rd April

Focus: International Schools Assessment results

Location: MYP Large Group Room

Dear Parents,

You might remember that in October NIS participated in the International Schools Assessment (ISA), aimed at providing information on student and school progress. If your child participated in the assessment (Grades 3 - 10) you received a report of their results together with the Quarter Three reports. I'd like to take the opportunity at the Coffee Morning to share results of our school performance with you.

The ISA is one of the ways in which we gather information on student achievement, our curricula, as well as providing a wealth of data for continual school improvement. Some 50 000 students participated in these assessments in schools around the world, providing valuable reference points for us. In addition, Grade 10 results can be compared to national norms from over 50 countries from the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development). We'll be looking at those comparisons, as well as some of the changes that have occurred over the past 4 years in our results.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

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