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## Class of 2010

Congratulations to the Class of 2010 who graduated on Saturday May 22nd. It was a great evening with the students making their parents and teachers very proud.

## A Staff of Many Talents

It is no surprise that the people who are best known, and tend to get the greatest amount of support and feedback in schools are teachers. I have written on a number of occasions about the essence of a good school being what happens with learning in the classroom. My view on this has not changed one iota. However, I have also made the point that when the teaching and learning is good the support structures are critical. In teaching resources, technology in particular at NIS, stands out. What about our buildings and grounds? Fundamentally important, I would say. Under the leadership of Arek Owzcarek we have an excellent operations and finance team.

I would like to pay tribute to our Facility Manager, Wayne Liu. Wayne joined NIS in January 2003 to help with the building of, and migration to, a new campus. He has been fundamental to the construction of The Centre, in particular, the unseen technical aspects that exist in the plant rooms. Wayne has a degree in Thermal Engineering, a degree in English and an MBA. He is bright, talented, modest and dedicated to NIS. When you see him around campus, please let him know that his quiet and dedicated approach makes him central to the success of our school.

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## PTA Announcement

Tickets for the End of Year Dance are available after school outside the library until next Friday, June 4.

### Upcoming Events:

Monday 31st of May -  
Friday 4th of June  
Grade 10 Work Week

Friday 4th of June  
Parent Coffee Morning  
Whole School Assembly  
Jeff Day Art Exhibition

Saturday 5th of June  
MYP/DP End of Year Dance

Thursday 10th of June -  
Friday 11th of June  
PYP Exhibition

Saturday 12th of June -  
Sunday 13th of June  
MYP/DP Production Camp

Monday 14th of June -  
Tuesday 15th of June  
Alice in Wonderland

# Assembly Schedule

Week	Date	Assembly
36	4/6/2010	Grade 5 Exhibition Assembly
38	18/6/2010	Grade 10 Work week
39	23/6/2010	Awards Assembly: Wednesday, June 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•MYP/DP House Champions</li> <li>•Grade 6-10 C &amp; S Awards</li> <li>•Inter-House Technology Challenge</li> </ul>
	24/6/2010	Last Day Assembly: Thursday, June 24th



## A BIG THANK YOU FROM HOPEFUL HEARTS

All of us at Hopeful Hearts would like to send a huge Thank You to all who helped make our recent Garage Sales an enormous success. Because of your generous donation and/or purchase of items we were able to raise over 13,000RMB – enough to fund a life-saving heart operation! In addition to this, the leftover baby and children’s clothing was sent to a local orphanage. And, books and toys that were not sold at the garage sales were given to The Amity Foundation for their charity sale on June 5th. So many people benefitted from your kindness and generosity. Thank you.

# Composting is Cool

In the school garden, there is a large wooden box that will be used for composting purposes (see pictures below). The box was made by a grade ten student, William Johansson and he was helped on this project from two other grade ten students: Kevin Wang and Iain McLellan-Bastidas.

William was presented with a challenge in his Design Technology class. He was asked to produce a product for one of his teachers so William talked with his chemistry teacher, Mr. McBride who has an interest in gardening. The class had been debating the positive and negative aspects of fertilizer use so Mr. McBride asked if William could make a composting pit for the school. At the moment, the school uses enriched soil that it buys from the local plant market but in the future, Mr. McBride thought it would be great to have a compost pit on the school grounds so we could make our own enriched soil.

William did all the work in his Design Technology class with assistance from his teacher Mr. Steve Edkins. On May 12th, the three grade ten students ( William, Kevin and Iain) put the box on a trolley and took it out to the garden and dug the box into the ground. Now the box is being filled with grass and garden debris and the intent is to use the compost for enriching the soil in the garden.

The general plan for the composting box is to start small and grow into something more complex. We will mix garden debris, loose soil and small amounts of fruits and vegetable skins to produce compost. At this time, we are not ready to invite the school population to bring their compost to school but we encourage people to start their own composting project if they have the space to do so.

Thanks to William Johansson and his sidekicks Kevin and Iain, the school is now composting for the future.

Charlie McBride MYP/DP Chemistry

**JEFF  
DAY  
PAINTING  
AND  
SCULPTURE**

**THIRD FLOOR GALLERY**

**THE CENTRE**

**NANJING INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2010**

**4 P.M. TO 8 P.M. WINE AND HORS D' OEUVRES**

**15% OF SALES TO BENEFIT PFRANG**