



Asian Intercultural School Bali
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IN BRIEF

From Our Principal

by Mr. Kumar

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year. We are looking forward to another semester of our students imagining their potential and reaching for the stars with fingers outstretched in all their endeavors across the school.

At home, it is important to provide routines for students. Many families build a daily “quiet time” when the television is turned off. This quiet time provides students with the opportunity to complete schoolwork or for recreational reading if there is no homework. During this quiet time a suitable place, somewhat free of other distractions, should be available. The routine of a daily quiet time provides an opportunity to develop self-discipline, stimulate imagination, and enhance reading skills.

Hopefully we can provide time for our children to be children.

Sincerely,
Kumar



Indonesian Culture and Religion Studies

To fulfill the Indonesian Ministry of Education’s new requirements, we are implementing a policy to include Indonesian culture and religion studies in our programs. Both subjects are going to be integrated into the existing Social Studies classes.

These two subjects are mandatory, but we managed to add them to the program without sacrificing any part of the preparation to Cambridge exams.

NEW FACES THIS YEAR

Here we go! One more year has started at our Asian Intercultural School. We want to warmly welcome all the students, but especially Sea, Emma, Asia, Kaila, Junior, Isabel, Danila, Rahni, Ethan, Bodgan, Keka, Kade, Zach and Yuma, who just started Grade 1. We hope we can share a great adventure during your primary education! Cyril, Rintaro, Louis, Andrea, Kevin, Andrev, Sabrina and Nina also join us this year 2015-2016. Let us all share wonderful moments at our institution!



Independence Day Ceremony at Our School

On the 17th of August, we celebrated the 70th year of the Independence of Indonesia. The ceremony was led by the national side of our school.

The Portuguese came to the archipelago as early as 1510 and started commercial relations. However, less than a century later, the Dutch came, and progressively pushed the Portuguese out. But Indonesia is big, and it took the Dutch East India Company a very long time to extend its dominion over all of what is now the Indonesian territory. For example, Bali was only taken in 1908!

In the 19th century, a new policy forced Indonesian people to work for 60 days a year for the Dutch government for free. This was abolished in 1870, and slowly replaced by education programs.

During World War II, the Japanese occupation encouraged independence. Sukarno declared independence on the 17th of August 1945, but it took 4 more years before the Revolusi managed to expel the Dutch, who were trying hard to come back when the Japanese left. As for freedom... it will have taken a few more decades, as Indonesia was far from being united, forcing Sukarno into a dictatorship to avoid splitting the country into many smaller ones.

By the way, did you notice that $17 + 08 + 45 = 70$?



UPCOMING EVENTS: SEPTEMBER

7-11 – Charity fundraising
11 – Cross-Country
24 – *IdulAdha 1436 Hijrah*

House Names, Logos, Captains and Vice-Captains

With the start of the new year comes the selection of new house names and house logos, as well as house captains and vice-captains. As usual, students and teachers have been divided into four houses, one for each of the school colors: red, blue, green and yellow. Announcing this year's selection:

Red: Fiery Phoenix
Captain: Taina (Gr8)
Vice-Captain: Robert (Gr9)
One team, one dream.



Green: Green Dragons
Captain: Lita (Gr9)
Vice-Captain: Calvin (Gr7)
We compete without fear.



Blue: Blue Vikings
Captain: Nicolaz (Gr8)
Vice-Captain: Bella (Gr8)
Together: We play, we conquer.



Yellow: Golden Hunters
Captain: Michelle (Gr9)
Vice-Captain: Dewi (Gr6)
Know thy prey.