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Dear Parent

We have made much progress this year in many different areas: the quality of teaching and learning has been the main focus and we have implemented many of the recommendations of last year's inspection; we have a proper development plan for the school; the new playing field and pavilion have been completed and we are just waiting for the grass to grow; International Day and Earth Day have been restructured and improved.

Perhaps the highlight of the term was the visit by Anne Fine in April. This celebrated children's writer gave a number of inspiring talks to children from JIS and other schools. Book Week as a whole was a great success and we are already looking forward to next year's event, to which we have invited Morris Gleitzman, the Australian children's author.

During the holiday, common rooms will be created in Kingfisher, Ibis and Hornbill houses; facilities will be improved at the swimming pool; new walkways will be constructed; P Block, T block, K block and the gyms will be painted and refurbished. Our architects now have instructions to prepare the tender for the new Arts Centre.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS:

❖ Junior

Term 3 in the Junior School began with a Treasure Hunt organised by the Parent Liaison Group. Over 150 adults and children took part and followed trails on Bukit Shabandar. The children found various 'treasure' troves and there was a special prize for the winning team. So many parents from the JIS community supported this event and spent an enjoyable Sunday afternoon with other families. I am very grateful to the coordinators of the PLG for their hard work this year. They have worked hard behind the scenes to support new families. They have welcomed various speakers at coffee mornings and have baked cakes to be sold at sporting events.

The great highlight of the term in Junior school was Book Week. Anne Fine entertained us with tales of inspiration and exasperation from her life as an author. We have bought many new books for the Reading Resource Room. Year 2 visited the largest floating book shop in the world which sailed into Muara harbour.

On Earth Day 80 Juniors picked up litter. Once again a junior school design was chosen for Earth Day T shirts. Congratulations to Simran Pande in Year 4 for her simple, but effective design.

The House swimming gala was very exciting this year and for the first time ever we had joint winners. Congratulations to Red and Blue Houses for their valiant efforts. Final totals for House Points will be announced in the leaver's assembly on the last day of term.

Year 3 celebrated Roman Day and Year 4 took part in an exciting Egyptian sleepover. Year 5 enjoyed an overnight stay in Seria with many exciting activities both in the jungle and on the beach. Reception visited the fish market and Year 1 went shopping at the fruit and vegetable markets. Our focus on healthy food continues and we thank those who are providing nutritious snacks and lunches for their children to enjoy.

In Kindergarten we have had many interesting visitors into school sharing their experiences with the children and talking about the interesting and unusual jobs they have. Thank you to those who gave up their time to talk to the children.

Karen Lewis

❖ Middle

In Book Week every Middle School pupil heard Anne Fine talk about her career as an author. She was great fun to listen to and she delighted everyone with her challenging and humorous exchanges. The major

production this term was Bored of the Rings, performed by all of Year 6 and many students from Year 7 and Year 8 to large audiences at Digadong Hall. Congratulations to all of the cast and crew who worked so hard. On Tuesday 22nd April JIS celebrated Earth Day. We raised money for charity by having a non-uniform day and many students helped out with the Beach Clean-Up after school.

In the penultimate week of term we held our first ever Activity Week. Some children travelled to Malaysia, others participated in activities around Brunei and some remained within the school grounds, but all were challenged in one way or another. The aim was to convince pupils that they are capable of much more than they sometimes believe.

Ian Mehta

❖ Upper

Year 11s are currently nearing the end of the examination season and have coped very well with the strain. Their final assembly, organised by the Student Council, was a marvellous combination of singing, dancing and speeches and the entertainment for our Prom night on Friday, 20th June was very enjoyable. This year we are planning to give each Year 11 student a DVD with video clips of the year's highlights. I hope that this will be a memento they treasure.

The new Student Council members have been elected and are keen to take on their new roles. After the Leadership Camp in Temburong, the group are united and have lots of interesting ideas. Year 10 as a whole are about to become the leaders of the Upper School and we are striving to instil in them a sense of responsibility to act as role models to younger pupils.

Year 9 coped very well with their Science Module exams and behaved impeccably during the Internal Examination week. We feel confident that they are ready to cope with the challenges of GCSE study next year.

Peter Flynn

❖ Sixth Form

The focus in the Sixth Form this term has been AS Level and A2 Level examinations. Students and teachers have spent many weeks preparing and we wish all of our students the best of luck.

We said farewell to our Year 13s at half-term. A BBQ breakfast and a Leavers' Assembly, with the traditional Leavers' Song, were the highlights of the day. Many of our Sixth Formers are holding offers from prestigious universities throughout the world. We wish them every success in their future endeavours.

The Sixth Form Student Council has done a magnificent job this term organising Earth Day, the Sixth Form Ball and charity fund-raising for Pusat Ehsan and the Penan. Our Head Girl and Head Boy, Larissa Ong and Jvaneel Parekh, together with the Sixth Form Captains, Anna Chapman and Kai Mueller, and the rest of the Sixth Form Student Council, are to be congratulated on their tremendous efforts throughout the year.

We have had a number of university talks given by guest speakers from UK and Australian universities. The House Extravaganza involving many of our Sixth Form students was a great success. The Gold International Award students have undertaken practice expeditions to prepare themselves for their major expedition to Tanzania. We shall hold a two day Year 12 Information Programme for our Year 11 students to give them a flavour of life in the Sixth Form at the end of term. A number of students will also be attending a Global Young Leaders Conference in USA during the long holiday. Finally, we are all very much looking forward to the annual Sixth Form Ball that takes place at the Indra Kayangan Ballroom at the Empire Hotel at the end of term. The Sixth Form Student Council has spent many hours preparing for this event. It should be a very special night, particularly for our Year 13 students who leave the Sixth Form after two very busy and fruitful years.

David Hobday

HIGHER EDUCATION

A-level candidates from Jerudong International School have won places at some of the world's most prestigious universities. Kai Alexander Mueller from Germany has a place at St Anne's College, Oxford, to read Materials,

Economics and Management. Four students (Mohd Munir Syafiq Dato Hj Metassan, Ak Nazeerul Fadhli bin Pg Abd Rahman, Nithin Abraham Kianthara and Zhang Yiran) have been accepted by the London School of Economics to read Law, Economics, and Government and Politics. Three students (Yumni Kim bte Mohd Asman, Jasmine Ng Boon Ling and Clarence Ryeo Jin Park) have won places at Imperial College to read Petroleum Geoscience and Chemical Engineering. Lydia Lee Ci Hui has an offer from UCL to read Psychology. One student, Kamaliah Fadhilah Hj Ibrahim, has an offer from King's College to read Law. Two students (Parekh Jvaneel Nayan and Shikhar Mohan) have offers from Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, two of the leading Engineering schools in the USA, to read Mechanical Engineering. Anika Haque has been offered a place at McGill University, Canada, to read Electrical Engineering. Ivan Lee Yong Shin has an unconditional offer from Melbourne University to read Commerce, commencing in July 2008. Dk Amanina Huda bte Pg Sulaiman has been accepted by the London School of Pharmacy to read Pharmacy and Samuel King Chew Leong was successful in his application to Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore, to study Music Performance (Piano).

Wendy Isaac

ASIAN LANGUAGES

It has been a busy year for the Asian Languages faculty. Urdu has been introduced in the Junior School. We are looking at the possibility of continuing this up to MS level. Our Foreign Language Malay programme in the Junior School has been very successful with the numbers increasing. Many field trips have been organised for our language students to experience life outside the classroom, using the language where appropriate. We have visited local restaurants, Kampong Ayer, the open air market (tamu) in Kianggeh, RTB and the Royal Regalia museum. Quizzes, Henna Hand Painting and colouring competitions took place during Languages Week.

This year we have introduced Foreign Language Chinese in the Junior School. Pupils from Kindergarten to Year 11 can now study the language. With the introduction of ASA Chinese, students in the Middle School now have an opportunity to study two languages which they can continue in the Upper School as part of their normal timetable. Chinese at AS level will be introduced next year in the Sixth Form. Languages are highly academic subjects and are well viewed by universities and employers worldwide.

The department ran a very successful trip to China with 12 students from Year 7 to Year 12 during the March break. In week 11 of this term there were assemblies in the Middle School and the Upper School on the trip and the earthquake in Sichuan. There will be a charity craft sale at lunchtime from June 12 to support the victims.

Narissa Osman, Doris Kehry-Kurz, Emily Zhang

PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Dorren Naia, a sixth form science student was awarded a gold medal in the National Physics Olympiad. She has also been selected to represent Brunei in the International Physics Olympiad in Vietnam. Dorren competed against pupils from several other schools in a highly competitive two hour event. Competitors were asked very challenging questions about Physics. The International Physics Olympiad will take place in Hanoi in July.

Gary Chalmers

ORATORY COMPETITION

Sophie Friedman in Year 9 came second in the Private Secondary Schools English Language Oratory Competition. She faced stiff competition and did extremely well.

Steve Denby

MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

Peter Beer came top in the Brunei round of the Asia-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Independent Primary Schools. He was invited to represent Brunei in the subsequent round, held in Singapore on May 23rd - 25th. He received an award for his achievements in the first round and was placed in the top two percent of all students who entered the competition. 380 students competed in the Singapore round. Peter came 42nd and received another prize. In

the Brunei round, the JIS team finished runners-up in the team competition.

Scott Moore

DRAMA

Term three was extremely busy for JIS Drama, with the exam showcases and two major productions, keeping the lighting rig on constant standby. The Middle School show *Bored Of The Rings* was a very different kind of fantasy epic from the Whole School production of John Wyndham's science fiction thriller *The Midwich Cuckoos*. The A Level students performed in Denise Deegan's girls' school comedy adventure *Daisy Pulls It Off* as well as their own reality TV spoof *New Best Friend*. The AS students offered a selection of three Noel Coward pieces in *A Bunch Of Cowards*, while the GCSE students mounted a similar showcase of performances of plays by Britain's most popular playwright currently working, John Godber, in *Highway To Hull*.

Ian McShane

ART AND DESIGN

The Eighth Art, Design and Technology exhibition was held in June at the Empire with work from the whole school. The exhibition included two and three dimensional pieces in a broad range of materials. The Year 10 Food and Nutrition pupils spent the afternoon in The Empire Hotel kitchens working with the chefs to make and serve canapés for the opening evening.

Jenny Stroud, Justin Harris

SPORT

We are very proud of the sporting achievements of our students this term, particularly as many of them have faced public examinations as well. JIS students have been involved in government school competitions in cross-county, football, netball, badminton. Many congratulations to the Under 18 Netball team, which for the 2nd year running won both league and Ministry knock-out competitions.

The performance of our badminton players has improved significantly. The Upper and Middle school tournaments have gone well and at the time of writing we can congratulate Kai Yen on winning the senior boys competition.

The Middle school cricket competition proved a great success with Yellow house winning two matches; the 3rd game was sadly abandoned due to rain.

❖ FOBISSEA

The Junior School pupils participated in the Primary FOBISSEA Games in Manila in June. The squad won many medals for performances in athletics, swimming, football and T-ball. In particular, the year 5 boys won the football and the year 6 girls won the athletics relay.

Congratulations go to the whole squad not just for their performances, but also for their attitude to training and their conduct in Manila; they were superb ambassadors for the school.

In May, 22 students from Years 9 and 10 travelled to Taipei in Taiwan to compete in the U15 FOBISSEA Games. The students competed in four different sports with enthusiasm, determination and good competitive spirit and achieved the best results in JIS's history.

On the first day, the students competed in Athletics and Swimming and managed to win 60 medals in total. Star performers in Athletics were Nelson Fitzgerald (5 medals) and Elizabeth Mundia (4 medals). In swimming, the most successful competitors were Amanda Liew (5 medals), Kirsty Donaldson (5 medals) and Oliver Goy (4 medals).

In the team events, the boys' team finished sixth in the Basketball competition and played extremely well to finish second in the Football. This achievement is all the more remarkable considering that they had no substitutes and all had to play every minute in the sweltering heat. Nelson Fitzgerald was nominated Player of the Tournament and was praised by opposing coaches for his skill and work rate.

The girls' teams had even more success finishing third in the Basketball and winning the football competition. This is the first time that the girls have won a team competition at U15 FOBISSEA level and they can all be very proud of their achievement. Yasmin Roden was voted Player of the Tournament after scoring an incredible seven goals in the five games.

Congratulations to all the students for their success in each event and for their sportsmanship.

❖ **U15 Football**

As well as winning the SSA Football League in March, the Under 15 Boys team also made it to the final of the Brunei National Schools knockout competition.

This cup competition is by far the largest and most prestigious youth football tournament in Brunei. It was an amazing achievement for the JIS team to get to the final, having beaten ISB, SMSY Husain and SM Berakas in their earlier matches. The highlight of these games was a very tense semi-final in which the JIS students played extremely well and held their nerve to win 3 – 2.

The final, which was held at the National Stadium, was a magnificent event. The final score didn't quite reflect the closeness of the game (5 – 1 to a very strong SMSY Abu Bakar team). Za'eem Omarali's ability was recognised by football scouts and he has since been training with the Brunei National Youth Squad.

❖ **Tennis**

This term saw the first ever JIS Tennis Championships. This will be an annual event.

Players entered the following categories: Boys: Junior and Senior; Girls: Junior and Senior.

Winners in the different categories were as follows: Seniors: Asher Khan defeated Mathew Bukit and in the girls' section, Robyn White took the honours over Adeline Kho. Juniors: Jason Ting beat a determined Ben Tay and in the girls' section, Nicola Meuller took the trophy from Ursula Searle.

Kovid Uppal was the plate winner in both junior and senior events.

Well done to all participants and we are looking forward to the JIS Closed Tennis Championships of 2009.

Mike Carter, Steve Whiteley, Chris Kruger, Julie Mizuno

INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Over 60 students were involved at Bronze level this year, 58 of whom have now completed the Adventurous Journey section. The practice expeditions took place along the beaches and students braved stormy seas and high tides. The final expedition was based in the jungle areas around Tutong.

Silver level students completed their expedition in Malaysia, travelling up river and through longhouse communities, before walking the Headhunters' Trail and exploring parts of Mulu National Park. Students braved wasps, tropical heat and leeches over three days and two nights.

Eight of the 11 students who took part in the Gold Level Trip to Kenya last year have now completed The Award. This is a great achievement for the following students (and ex-students): Andrew Read, Lauren Coad, Jvannel Parek, Sarathy Ambuselvam, Ayesha Moran, Sarah Eliassen, Maurico Saurenio and Emma Foulkes.

18 students have been training extremely hard all year and leave for Tanzania on June 22. They aim to ascend Mount Kilimanjaro (at 5895 metres above sea level - this is the highest mountain in Africa) and then help build a local Massai school. Running this expedition would not be possible without the generous support of Brunei Shell Petroleum and DST.

Helen Olds

MUSIC

Term Three was busy and productive for the Music Faculty with several major performances and another successful round of Trinity Guildhall Music Examinations. Our 26 entries obtained excellent results of an average of 76% with several distinctions.

Trinity Guildhall will also be holding an awards ceremony on 29th June at the Sheraton Utama Hotel. A special mention to Jasveena Sandhu & Joanna Lim for becoming Brunei Award Winners (Practical) 2007; the Brunei Outstanding Achievers (Practical) 2007 award went to Yalambar Dewan (piano), Basyirah Lattif (piano), Hayati Wahab (violin) and Elysia Cowley (piano).

In the Junior School there have been two "Performing Arts" concerts and several "mini-musicals" performed in assemblies. Junior School musicians were involved in International Day and other large school events. The Junior School Choir programme also goes from strength to strength with Thursday morning being "Choir Day" for the Year 1-5 students.

Towards the end of last term, the JIS Showcase Concert - Celebrating 10 Years - was undoubtedly the highlight of the year. The students performed with special guest artists including singer Zul F, the winner of Brunei's first idol-search competition and a former JIS student.

Samuel King performed the first movement of Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No.2 at the anniversary concert.

This year students have also had opportunities to work with a number of international guest artists such as the Cadaques Orchestra from Spain (NBT Brunei), the Dithyrambic Singers from KL, the Australian Trio (Brunei Music Society) and X Makeena beatbox/computer music ensemble from France (Alliance Francaise).

The year will end with performances by all of major ensembles at the Junior and Senior Celebration evenings.

Paul Edgeler

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

JIS is doing its bit to protect the environment. This year we have had all these activities :

- Junior School JIS Eco Kids ASA
- Upper School JIS Eco Kids Tech Team Club
- weekly recycling of paper, plastic, aluminium, and ink cartridges
- E-waste recycling (old computers and printers)
- environmental awareness assembly presentations in all schools
- development of an Eco Kids website (almost finished)
- 'Stop Using Plastic Bags' reusable bag design and sale
- 'Say No to Plastic Bags' activities
- 'Save energy' campaign
- online recycling brochure on the school website
- tree planting at school
- visit to the Turtle Rehabilitation Centre at Serasa
- school litter pick-up
- Tungku Beach clean-up
- Earth Day T-shirt design contest
- lunchtime guest speakers on environmental issues
- Earth Day Dinner Lecture with guest speakers (Heart of Borneo)
- Upper School Eco Conservation Camp and tree-planting community service at Tasek Merimbun (June 25-27)
- Eco Kids recycling program started by parents Total and RBA

The JIS Eco Kids are proud to announce that JIS has raised over \$800 through recycling this year! This money will be donated to the Penan.

Laury McPherson

READING EVENTS

Book Scavenger Hunt: Members of staff each wore a badge with a book title. Pupils had a week to fill in their answer sheet with the titles and authors on the staff badges.

Bring and Buy Book Sale: Parents and staff were asked to donate books for a Bring and Buy a book sale. We raised almost \$300 and proceeds from the book sale went to the Bario Project run by the Upper School.

DEAR (Drop Everything And Read): Staff and students stopped what they were doing and read for half an hour one lunchtime.

The Carnegie Medal Shadowing Project: The Carnegie is one of the UK's oldest and most prestigious children's fiction awards. It is awarded annually and judged by a panel of expert librarians. The book that wins the Carnegie Medal is considered a book of outstanding literary merit and past winners include writers such as Michael Morpurgo, Philip Pullman and Anne Fine. There is also a shadowing project, in which JIS pupils took part.

Year 6 Library Sleepover: this year, we ran our first ever sleepover in the library for Year 6. 49 year six pupils took part. There were many activities, including a magic show. This was a fun, light-hearted and educational way to end book week.

SKI TRIP AND PARIS TRIP

The second JIS Ski Trip to Switzerland took place during the Term Two holiday. 16 students from Years 8 to 13 were involved and all had a fabulous time. One of the highlights happened midweek, when the students skied or snowboarded down a long floodlit piste at 9pm after a sumptuous dinner at a restaurant at 1875 metres. Another trip is planned for March 2008. Please contact Mr Poulain or Miss Jenny Stroud for details.

There will also be a trip to Paris from Saturday 27th September until Sunday 5th October 2008. 11 students are already signed up on this trip. If you would like your child to join the group, please get in touch as soon as possible with Mr Poulain.

EXTERNAL EXAMS

Results for the May/June 2008 external exams will be available on 14th August (for GCE) and 21st August (GCSE) at 1.00pm. Students will be able to access their results on our JIS website. If your son/daughter has not received his/her access code for the results, please email qualifications@jis.edu.bn. Please note that if there are any outstanding exam or school fees that have not been paid, your child will not be able to access the results online.

FEES

The schedule of fees for 2008-9 has now been approved by the Ministry and is attached to this letter.

NEXT YEAR

Dates for 2008-9 are on the website. Please note that they are provisional in 2009. Next term begins on Monday 25th August at 7.40 am. The Sixth Form students return to school on Tuesday 26th August at 7.40am. There will be a separate letter outlining induction events for new parents and children.

I hope you all have an excellent holiday. Thank you once again for all the support you give the school.

Very best wishes

John Price
Principal and Chief Executive