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The Clavis Chronicle

PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR (ALREADY!)

Dear Clavis Community,

As always, our teachers plan with the end in mind. For our students, this means looking at what we need to do so our students are set up for success when they start the next year—regardless of where that might be.

We are planning and preparing for when things will happen (eg, 2022 school calendar), who students will be learning from (eg, 2022 teacher placements), who students will be learning with (eg, 2022 class lists), and how our school will continue to improve and evolve (eg, strategic plan), among many other things. Before we can do many of these things, **we need to know if your child will be at Clavis or not in 2022**. Please take note of our school survey for returning students on page 3. As for teacher placements and class lists, most parents already know not to ask or send requests. We cannot act on any requests as that means we must fulfill every request (if we fulfil just one). However, more information will be sent to you about this process in the coming month. Right now, we are busy first determining staffing changes and shifts for 2022 and we finalise what our calendar will be.

When thinking about the future, we need to acknowledge considerations for what happens to our students after Year 6. I have shared a few updates on page 3 as we wait for LBIS to send out their final policy updates. Speaking of Year 6, please read about their PYP Exhibition on page 5.

Finally, among other things, you will also find in this issue updates on safety protocols and Covid requirements, a notice about school start dates, and the year-level staggered days over the next two weeks (page 2).

Sincerely,

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- **10 September:** School holiday for upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi celebration
- **27, 30 Sept. and 7 Oct:** Proposed Sports Days (TBC)
- **1 to 5 October:** School holiday (mid-term break)
- **1 to 5 November:** School and public holidays (All Saints, Arrival of Indentured Labourers, Diwali)
- **10 November:** Student-Led Conferences
- **19 November:** Last day for students
- **During Week of 10 January:** Students return for 2022 school year (day to be determined)

WHAT'S COMING UP AT CLAVIS?



Upcoming National and School Holidays:

September

10 Friday: No School (11 Ganesh Chaturthi)

October

1 Friday: Mid-Term Break

4 Monday: Mid-Term Break

5 Tuesday: Mid-Term Break

November

1 Monday: All Saints' Day

2 Tuesday: Arrival of Indentured Labourers

3 Wednesday: No School

4 Thursday: Diwali

5 Friday: No School

22 Monday: First Day of Summer Holidays

2022 Start Date: With the proposed removal of quarantine for vaccinated individuals, families are beginning to plan for their Summer holidays and thinking about return dates. The 2022 calendar is not finalised yet but students will likely be starting back during the **week of 10 January**. As a precaution, families should be considering allowing time to isolate at home, depending on where they travel to, prior to sending children back to school. More information will be coming out about the 2022 calendar in September.

School Timings: A reminder that for Pre-Reception to Year 1, pick up is at 14:15 (12:05 Fridays) and for Years 2 to Year 6, pick up will be by 14:45 (12:35 Fridays). Please help our staff and those supervising students by respecting these times.

COVID Protocols: A few other schools have closed partially or fully due to a positive case connected directly to a member of staff or student. Typically students and staff have been asked to self-isolate for three days while the school gets disinfected and they get tested. We must all remain vigilant and be over-cautious to protect our community. Please see the attachment guidelines we are following that was sent to parents on Monday 23 August. In the event that anyone in a family may have had contact with a positive individual at work or otherwise, do not send your child to school until you are certain nothing could have been passed on to your child. If in doubt, as we are doing at school, it is always better to err on the side of caution.

Staggered Days: We have information that schools will continue with the staggered days unless we have been told otherwise by the government. Unfortunately, government schools start holidays for the next two weeks so we may not receive any new updates until later in the second week of September. When we have new information this will be shared with the community immediately.

Mon, 30 August	Tues, 31 August	Wed, 1 Sept	Thurs, 2 Sept	Fri, 3 Sept
In school: Pre, Rec, Year 1, 2, and 3	In school: Pre, Rec, Year 4, 5, and 6	In school: Pre, Rec, Year 1, 2, and 3	In school: Pre, Rec, Year 4, 5, and 6	In school: Pre, Rec, Year 1, 2, and 3
Mon, 6 Sept	Tues, 7 Sept	Wed, 8 Sept	Thurs, 9 Sept	Fri, 10 Sept
In school: Pre, Rec, Year 4, 5, and 6	In school: Pre, Rec, Year 1, 2, and 3	In school: Pre, Rec, Year 4, 5, and 6	In school: Pre, Rec, Year 1, 2, and 3	No school

ARE YOU RETURNING TO CLAVIS IN 2022?

It is that time of the year when Clavis needs to update registers and prepare classes and class lists for the 2022 school year.

We need families to let the school know your intentions for your children returning in January, whether they will or will not be coming back. Some families may still be uncertain and not know yet. In these cases, please let the school know what you hope will happen or what might possibly happen. This information is very important to us and our planning for the coming year.

The link below to the [survey](#) must be filled out separately for each child, whether they are returning or not. Please resubmit at the bottom for each additional child. Families do not need to fill this out for students who are currently in Year 6 who are assumed to be graduating.

This must be completed by 3 September, giving you one week. After that time we will begin budgeting for next year, planning our new class lists, and contacting families on our waiting lists about new spaces. If you have any questions or would like to share additional information, please contact the school's secretary, Ms Christine Tang, at christine.tang@cips.me.

[Feedback link if returning or not in 2022](#)

**Are you
returning in
2022?**

UPDATE ON ADMISSIONS TO LE BOCAGE

The anxiety that parents have about the options for their children when they leave Clavis after Year 6 is undoubtedly a top concern. We have continued to make inroads with LBIS on our community's behalf to get something resolved that will reduce the anxiety and concerns. As stated in the parent letter from the previous week, there is a proposal with LBIS's Board that their administration has put forward that will reserve seats for our students and remove future issues of possibly not having enough space.

We are waiting for their next Board meeting during the beginning of September and I hope to be able to provide a final update in our next Chronicle on 9 September. Following this, Mr David Jenkins, Head of School at LBIS, has offered to meet with our community to explain details of the new proposal and answer any questions our parents have. This will likely be a joint Zoom forum with Mr Hart, and we will hopefully be able to provide a date and time for this at the same time that we share details about the policy updates.



SPORTS DAY 2021

Our PE department is busy putting together a plan for this year's Sports Day.

Until we hear otherwise, we will plan under the assumption that we might still be having staggered days throughout September (hopefully not, but we will still plan for the worst). The proposal at the moment is for the events and year levels to happen during the below days and times. This is not final but we want to give parents enough time to begin planning their attendance. Should the government remove the staggered days, then these dates and times might change. More information to come.



Monday, 27 September	Thursday, 30 September	Thursday, 7 October
Pre-Reception 10:45 to 11:25	Year 4 9:15 to 9:55	Year 3 9:15 to 9:55
Reception 11:30 to 12:15	Year 5 10:00 to 10:40	Year 1 12:20 to 13:00
	Year 6 10:45 to 11:25	Year 2 13:15 to 13:55

CLAVIS PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA:

- TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020/21
- TO RECEIVE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 2020
- APPROVAL OF EXPENSE BUDGET FOR YEAR 2022
- ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**8
SEPTEMBER
2021**

**05:00
PM**

**LIVE ON
ZOOM**

Kindly click on the link below to join the AGM Zoom Meeting.


[CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 705 710 4121

Passcode: pta12345

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THE PYP EXHIBITION— WHAT’S HAPPENING IN YEAR 6?

As some of you may be aware, Year 6 has started undertaking an important component of their final year in the PYP: The PYP Exhibition. The IB explains that in “...the final year of the PYP, students, carry out an extended, in-depth, collaborative project known as the PYP exhibition.

This involves students working collaboratively to conduct an in-depth inquiry into real life issues or problems. Students collectively synthesise all of the essential elements of the PYP in ways that can be shared with the whole school community. It also provides teachers with a powerful and authentic process for assessing student understanding.

The exhibition represents a unique and significant opportunity for students to exhibit the attributes of the IB learner profile developed throughout their engagement with the PYP.

It also provides schools and students with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the transition of learners to the next phase of their education.” [link](#)

For Year 6, the students have been working with their teachers unpacking and understanding the Transdisciplinary theme “Sharing the planet”. They then explored the various focus areas that could be inquired into and selected ones that are meaningful to them.

This week, the students are now jumping into the full Exhibition process. They have been exploring different topics to inquire into and have given rationale behind their choice. They have also decided whether they would like to work in small groups or individually. They have now been assigned a teacher mentor who will support and guide them throughout the process. Next week, they will write their central idea and the key concepts will be carefully selected. This will support them in writing their lines of inquiry and student questions for investigation.

For our Year 6 parents, they will be able to follow the process and the child’s progress on Google Classroom.

This is a new experience for our students and, like last year, we are planning to go ahead with a virtual exhibition, with each group designing and preparing a website to present their work and findings.

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