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The Clavis Chronicle

GOOD-BYE TO 2021 AND LOOKING AHEAD

Dear Clavis Community,

The news that we had to switch to online learning came with mixed feelings. We have managed many challenges getting to this final week of school and it has been a difficult and trying year for students, parents, and staff alike. Unfortunately, it will be a year to remember for many wrong reasons but we are looking forward to January with optimism. Speaking of that, in this issue you will find the January orientation schedule, 2022 calendar, and information on some events during the year (pages 5-7).

The return to distance learning has meant changes to events and cancellation of others. This includes getting creative with virtual Student-Led Conferences and not being able to move ahead with the Learning Extension week. Disappointingly, we also cannot do our annual whole-school photo, nor are we allowed to hold our annual summer camp either! However, we are looking at a way to give our Year 6 students their graduation (it just might not happen at school) and we have arranged an opportunity for parents and students to see their teachers one last time face-to-face (page 9).

While our time at school is coming to an end, keeping mentally engaged and learning should not. It is important that students keep their minds active over any holidays and, in particular, the summer break. It does not take a lot, but small things each day that engage thinking skills will add up to a huge difference that can stop the regression that we typically see with most students. See our suggestions on pages 3-4.

2021 has been a challenging year but it has still been a good year. It did not go as any of us expected, though most years rarely ever do! Through the ups and downs, this 30th year of Clavis has still had many successes and we have seen all our students grow, mature, and develop as resilient, determined, and inspiring learners. Thank you to our parents for your support, both to your children and to our school. Thank you to the remarkable staff who are the heart of Clavis, including our board directors, operations staff, administrators, and our beautiful educators. And, finally, thank you to our amazing students. We are all very proud of you!

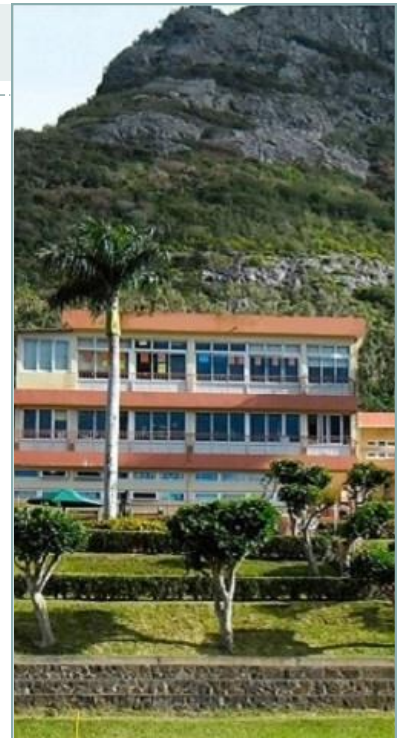
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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- **?? November:** Year 6 Graduation
- **19 November:** Last day for students (full day)
- **15, 16, 17, & 18 November:** Parent/student visits to collect work and visit teacher
- **11 January:** Livestream parent orientations sessions per year level
- **12 January:** New student orientation and meet the teacher
- **13 January:** First day of school (Early Years finish at 12:05)
- **31 January:** Parent-Teacher Conferences

WHAT'S GOING ON AT CLAVIS?

What's Happening



Report cards will not be going home on Friday 19 November, as was previously stated.

The changes to our schedules and inability to complete some face-to-face work means we are changing our data collection, grades, and comment time lines. We are aiming to have reports ready to download from ManageBac on Wednesday 24 November or earlier. Please keep in mind that our report cards do not measure the amount of work or come only from assessments.

Reports are not used to penalise students for incomplete work. Reports measure where the students' understanding and skill levels are in concepts and standards at this time. That measure is a result of a combination of data points from formative observations, day-to-day work, conversations and discussions, and summative or benchmark assessments.



Year 6 Graduation: Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold the Year 6 Graduation as previously planned at school. This is an important event in our students' learning journey and we would like to explore other options (if there are any). As we look at different possibilities, which may include meeting with our Year 6 students outside of Clavis, the Year 6 teachers will keep you informed if we can move ahead with something.



Extended Summer Learning Week Cancelled: As a result of the circumstances this week, we have had to cancel our planned free week of in-school focused learning with Language Arts, Maths, and French for students currently in Year 1 to 6. Wonderfully, we had over 100 students sign up. Unfortunately, given the school closure for students, we have had to cancel this; however, because of the interest from families, we will look at offering something similar during one of our holiday breaks next year.

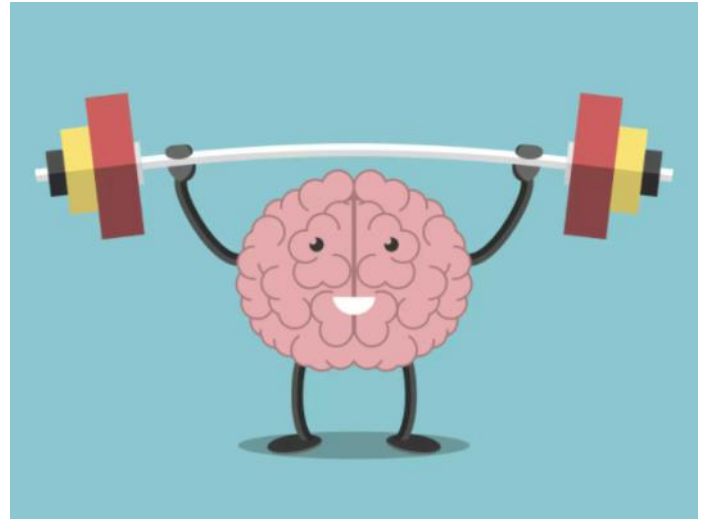


Tuition Fees Update: Like all businesses in Mauritius, Clavis has certainly struggled with the ever increasing costs of operating the school and keeping up standards over this past year. Unfortunately, that means increasing tuition fees to cover our increased expenses. However, there will be many things you will see with immediate effect next year in the classroom, particular our ongoing goal of making learning devices (iPads) accessible to every child and strengthening our teaching staff. The new school tuition fee structure should be ready to be sent out early next week.

A note from Accounting: As we are in the final stretch of this year, I would like to remind parents to please check that the children's fees are up to date. I am currently sending out emails to reinforce the importance of clearing the unpaid fees before the summer vacation. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any queries. gail.rault@cips.me

SUMMER LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT OPTIONS

We know from the research and our own experience the negative effects of long holidays on children when they are not staying mentally active. Over the summer break, many students will have dropped a few levels in their reading and regressed by a month or more in their maths, as examples. Many academics refer to this as the *summer slide*. The good news is that very little is needed to maintain our students' academic levels throughout the holidays and we would like to suggest some ideas and options to help.



For our students who had access this year, they will continue to have access to IXL and RAZ-Kids over the summer. Reading for a short time every day should be the minimum our students can should be doing; however, getting into a routine where students work on critical thinking skills and problem-solving as well, is amazing for summer cognitive development. Regular work with IXL in Language Arts and Maths will not only maintain their levels but will likely improve them also. However, there are many other options and opportunities available to you. Please read on!

A quick Internet search will give you thousands of pages of ideas and resources for things your child can do and ways to keep your children mentally active and still learning over the summer, inside and outside the home. Among these suggestions are some important things to keep in mind:

1. **Rest is important.** It is great to have fun-filled days but bedtimes often become later and later as the holidays progress. Getting enough sleep and rest is needed for mental and physical development, while keeping up with routines will make it much easier transitioning back to school in January
2. **Healthy body, healthy mind.** You have heard this many times before but it is very true. Though the heat might encourage people to slow down a bit, we do not want our students to stop moving and keeping fit. Remember, exercise is a celebration of what we can do, not a punishment for something we ate.
3. **Explore someplace new.** Trips to new places promote curiosity and asking questions. Getting out into nature, visiting a museum, or going to a historic site will generate learning connected to language, maths, art, science, history, geography and any number of areas. You never know when teachable moments might occur!
4. **Technology can be used for good.** Aside from the applications we use, you can discover amazing websites and apps that engage thinking and promote learning - most of them free! Here is a great place to start: [10 Great Free Websites for Elementary School | Common Sense Education](#)
5. **Read, read, and read.** Often the most accessible and easiest thing students can do is also the best and most impactful thing for their learning and development. Three things that we want you to keep in mind are: a) find texts that children can be successful in, b) find texts that children are interested in, and c) find uninterrupted time to allow children to dive into a book.
6. **Write all about it.** Keeping a journal or daily diary is a wonderful way of reflecting on their days and work on their organisation, vocabulary, and creativity skills. It's also something students can share with their new teacher next year and be proud of!

There are lots of things that you can do for your children to support them staying mentally and physically active, but do not forget the **importance of allowing children to be bored**. This promotes self-management, creativity, and problem-solving skills. It also allows students an opportunity to be reflective and be mindful, encouraging children to daydream and stimulate their brains in many different ways.

While there are lots of options we mentioned that you can do yourself, there are also lots of great options available that are run and organised by others. Clavis has started or is continuing partnerships with a number of different organisations in Mauritius. Here are three which we feel might be of interest and beneficial to you and your children.

1. **Katapult** - This organisation has worked with our students before, offering extra-curricular activities based around coding and STEM learning. They will be offering holiday camps for kids aged 6-13 at Les Kocottes- Moka'mwad in Moka or online during the following weeks:

Dates	Science Camp (ages 6-8)	Coding Camp (ages 8-12)
22 November to 26 November	1pm to 3pm (online—TBC)	9am to 12pm (online— TBC)
29 November to 03 December	1pm to 3pm	9am to 12pm

Please see there information on page 9 and a link to their flyer can be found [here](#).

2. **Doodland** - Many of you are familiar with Doodland in Bagatelle. Due to many parents' busy work commitments, we are working with this business to offer after-school activities starting in January to support parents who are unable to pick their children up when school ends. We are hoping that this will be very helpful to some of you. However, at this time, Doodland is currently offering a promotion just for Clavis families to visit them in the coming weeks. They state:

Doodland, situated at the heart of Bagatelle, is a stimulating and exclusive venue for families where we believe that we create memories and enhance bondings. In Doodland, we have a secure yet educational and entertainment play area for children ages 1 to 12. A Bistro (cafe) and a well equipped and exquisite family restaurant called Celebs and an international branded shop are all under one roof.

In our Kids Club, we ensure safety at all times and promote educational and creative games for the good and stimulation growth of the child. Moreover, during this pandemic situation, we ensure cleanliness, hygiene and safety of children as our top priority. We have slots of 2 hours and after that we are closed for 30 minutes for cleaning and hygienic purposes as we value all of you.

Please see their flyer and discount for Clavis families on page 10 and they can be contacted at 4710008.

3. **Success English** - This organisation will be available for English Language development as part of after-school activities next year; however, some of our families are already involved with the language programmes that Success English offers. Because of this, we felt some of you might be interested in a summer activity in December that they have running which may be suitable for many of our Upper-Primary students.

They will be holding an intensive 'Fun with Public Speaking' programme in December, which may appeal to our Year 5 and 6 students. Please see details and information on their flyer on page 11.

Please note: Clavis has no business connections with any of these organisations and we do not receive any compensation from them; however, due to experiences and past relationships with them, we are happy to make you aware of what they have to offer for the benefit of you and your children.

Our academic year is designed around a number of factors which includes public holidays, what LBIS is doing, school events, and, most importantly, what we feel is best for student learning. For parents who have children in LBIS, you will notice two main differences between the two calendars (ours and theirs): 1) Three weeks in April instead of two; and, 2) the July/August holiday starts a week later.

This year, we cancelled the third holiday week in April to have more teaching time due to confinement but we hope to be able to return to having *Camp Vacance* with Year 5 during that week. Our decision to move the July holiday a week later than LBIS was to balance out the terms with 59 teaching days in both Term 2 and 3.

If we did not make this change then we would have 54 and 65 days between the terms, and that is too long for our students and staff during the final term. Knowing that families with children across the two schools may be taking vacations in July and August, we will give permission to students to be absent during the four days prior to the holiday so split Clavis/LBIS families can spend the four weeks together.



Key dates and additional information about 2022:

1. Letters are going out to new families next week regarding the schedule for parent orientation presentations on 11 January and the first week for students. You can find this on page 7.
2. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on 31 January to meet and discuss how your child has settled in, the benchmark assessment feedback, and setting learning goals and targets for your children. This is not a school day for students and is planned to be in-person for parents at school; however, this will switch to Zoom if there are Covid restrictions in place.
3. *Camp Vacance* is currently planned for the first week of the April holidays for Year 5; however, this will be dependent on Covid restrictions.
4. The Year 6 trip to Rodrigues is also planned to happen again; however, dates have not been confirmed and it will be dependent on any Covid restrictions. Fingers crossed!
5. Other items not yet confirmed but which will be on the full calendar sent with the updated Family Handbook in January, will include:
 - Sports Day (or Sports Days)
 - Student-Led Conferences
 - Year 6 Graduation
 - Music/drama productions (school-wide and individual year levels)
 - PTA events (eg, Family Day)
 - Parent information workshops

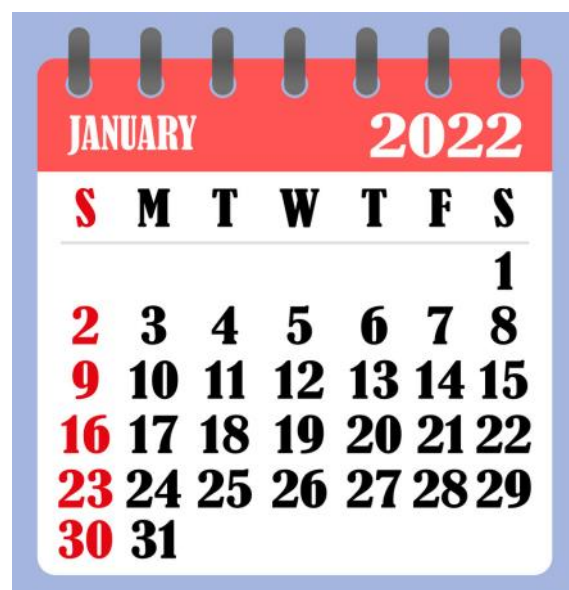
You will find the current academic calendar on the next page. While events will be added to this calendar, holidays (school and public) should remain unchanged.

Clavis International Primary School – 2022											
January		February		March		April		May		June	
July		August		September		October		November			
1	New Year's Day	1	Abolition of Slavery / Chinese New Year	1	Maha Shivaratri	1	End of Term 1	1	Labour Day	1	
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10	Staff In-Service (no school)	10		10		10		10		10	
11	In-Service/Parent Sessions (no school)	11		11	Flag Raising Ceremony	11		11		11	
12	In-Service/New Students Orientation	12		12	Independence and Republic Day	12		12		12	
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31	Parent-Teacher Conferences	31		31		31		31		31	
National Holiday				School Holiday (school closed)		School Holiday (staff work day)		Weekend		TBC = To Be Confirmed	

Livestream Parent Orientation Day on Tuesday 11 January 2022

Clavis will be holding Livestream Parent Orientation Sessions on **Tuesday 11 January 2022**. The sessions are intended for parents and will be run by the team of teachers from each year group. They will last approximately 45 minutes and will focus on introducing your child's teachers to you, reviewing expectations and procedures, and exploring the learning focuses and targets that will come up throughout the year. The teachers will subsequently answer general questions about learning and the year ahead. Please note that you will have the opportunity to speak to your child's teachers about your particular child during the Parent-Teacher Conferences currently planned on **Monday 31 January 2022**. You may also schedule a time to meet with your child's teachers before then if there are pressing matters you wish to discuss with them. Zoom links will be sent to you in the week before the presentation.

If you are unable to attend your session(s), or if you have several children registered at school but you are only able to attend one of the sessions, the presentation information and slides will be made available in a follow-up communication to all families that week.



Online Parent Orientation Sessions	
08:30 – 09:15	Pre-Reception and Reception Parents
09:30 – 10:15	Year 1 and Year 2 Parents
10:30 – 11:15	Year 3 and Year 4 Parents
11:30 – 12:15	Year 5 and Year 6 Parents

First Day (Thursday 13 January 2022) and Start of Term 1 Timings

		Pick-Up (Dismissal)					
Year Level	Drop-Off (Arrival)	Thursday 13 Jan	Friday 14 Jan	Mon - Thurs 17 - 20 Jan	Friday 21 Jan	Mon - Thurs 24 - 27 Jan	Friday 28 Jan
Pre-Reception	Between 07:45 and 08:25	12:05 hr	12:05 hr	12:05 hr	12:05 hr	14:15 hr	12:05 hr
Reception		12:05 hr	12:05 hr	14:15 hr	12:05 hr	14:15 hr	12:05 hr
Year 1		12:05 hr	12:05 hr	14:15 hr	12:05 hr	14:15 hr	12:05 hr
Year 2 to 6		14:45 hr	12:35 hr	14:45 hr	12:35 hr	14:45 hr	12:35 hr

School Uniforms

Please note that the online shop is now fully functional and syncs with the point-of-sale system in the school shop. Parents need to visit the online store at <https://www.stayhome.mu/en/store/Clavis/862793>.

Currently, due to Covid restrictions, parents are not allowed into the school shop without prior appointments or booking via the website. Parents can, however, call the school shop on 4337991 to book a visit if they require size trials.

The School Shop hours during the holidays are as follows:

November 2021: 22 - 25 November 2021 from 08:30 to 14:30 hrs

January 2022: 10 - 12 January 2022 from 08:30 to 14:30 hrs



Polo Shirt



Sport Shorts



School Cap



Socks



Library Pouch



Sleeveless Sweater



Long-Sleeved Hoodie



Long-Sleeved Polo Shirt



Track Pants

SUCCESSFUL FIRST PARENT WORKSHOP

It was wonderful to have many parents join our *Parenting from the Heart* workshop last night. It allowed parents to consider their parenting styles and reflect on their upbringing and how this might effect the way we interact with our children. It seemed comforting for many parents to see that they are not alone with their parenting challenges which are found across many families trying to manage similar battles. Strategies and ways forward were discussed and parents felt reassured that there is not just one way forward but many.

Title: Setting boundaries using alternative parenting methods

Main objective: To support parents to deal with their children's unwanted behaviour in a way that is respectful of the child while tapping into their critical thinking abilities.

Content:

1. Overview of different parenting styles and how it will impact the way we set boundaries
2. Behavioural triggers
3. Identifying our emotional response
4. Problem solving vs action response

Session 2 - (6-8 yrs): Thursday 18th Nov at 18:00 to 20:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86751298942?pwd=a1BvbXFzL2F2OVlHZFFteUt2bTF2QT09>

Meeting ID: 867 5129 8942

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Session 3 - (9-11 yrs): Thursday 25th Nov at 18:00 to 20:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88409774503?pwd=Mmg4ZXlUSko5NXJYd2N3TVFqYVYV6dz09>

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PARENT AND STUDENT SCHOOL VISITS (MON-THURS)

Students have things at home that they need to return to school (library books) and we have things we need to give to students. Even though schools are closed for face-to-face learning, this does not mean that we cannot have people visit the school (in small groups). In the afternoons next week, parents and students are invited to see their teachers for a final in-person time and to collect their work and personal items. Like our Student-Led Conference times, we need to limit how many people and when they are on campus. Below you will find the times you can visit.

From students, please return any school/classroom resources, library books, and work you have completed for your teachers.

From teachers, we will send home school photos, work from throughout the year, the students learning books/logs, and any personal items your child has left at school.

Your teacher will send information about where you will meet. Depending on the amount of stuff and where the year level is, you may be asked to come to the classroom or teachers may meet you in an area set up closer to the parking lot. Either way, they will let you know soon.

Date	Year Levels	12:00 to 12:30	12:30 to 13:00	13:00 to 13:30
Monday, 15 Nov	Year 4 & Year 6	Family Names: A to H	Family Names: I to Q	Family Names: R to Z
Tuesday, 16 Nov	Pre-Reception & Year 3	Family Names: A to H	Family Names: I to Q	Family Names: R to Z
Wednesday, 17 Nov	Reception & Year 2	Family Names: A to H	Family Names: I to Q	Family Names: R to Z
Thursday, 18 Nov	Year 1 & Year 5	Family Names: A to H	Family Names: I to Q	Family Names: R to Z

Please bring large bags to help carry student work, books, and personal items.

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There are some important protocols that must be followed for us to have parents on campus and allow all students to participate.

1. Teachers will inform you where the meeting with them will happen. If it is in the classroom then we ask that **only one parent accompanies the student (if the student is coming)**.
2. If parents are on campus then we must check vaccination records and ID for each parent or have parents must show a negative PCR test that was done within 7 days.
3. As always, masks for everyone in Year 1 and up must be worn, though we would recommend masks for those below Year 1 when possible.

Katapult has been working with Clavis and our students in the past and have always delivered a wonderful programme. You can download their information [here](#), along with the registration links. Katapult, like all of us, are focussing on safety and considering online options depending on what the situation brings. Please contact them at hello@katapult.mu or 52568809 if you have any questions and the folks there will be happy to help you.



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- **Location:** Success English Centre, St Pierre
- **Price:** Rs. 5,600 per child (5,300 for 2+ siblings)
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