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# Newsletter

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While it is globally accepted by educationalists that children learn in a variety of ways, it can be a different matter when putting this into practice. The presentation of a concept should not simply be a one way delivery from teacher to student, but rather it should be explored employing visual, audio and kinaesthetic means. The theoretical explanation of how to calculate a polygon, for example, becomes a completely different, more accessible and more rewarding experience when students are required actually to do it, using real shapes in a real environment. For now it has a meaning and a purpose. It is interesting to note the article on the Y8 Physics experiment, which took

## Message from The School Board

place not within the confines of a classroom, but within a real environment, a good example of the experiential learning which the School actively encourages. Similarly the world of business can be made accessible even to our youngest students as the report on the pre-school field trip clearly illustrates.

Our teachers are currently undergoing classroom observations. This is standard practice in all UK schools for every teacher – and for every year of their service. Matching performance against an extensive and tough list of criteria, the

observations are designed to support teachers in their professional development and to provide positive and constructive feedback.

**“ I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen. ”**

**~ Ernest Hemingway**

# INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY CURRICULUM (IPC)

## PRE- SCHOOL

Theme: Shopping

Field Trip to Tesco Hypermarket Desa Tebrau (27th Feb)

As part of the IPC activity under this theme, the children visited Tesco Hypermarket at Desa Tebrau. They were able to observe first-hand the daily operation of a hypermarket and

view the activities of buying and selling, at the same time experiencing the daily life in a supermarket. They had the opportunity to make wise decisions in choosing items they like

within the available budget. The children had a great time selecting items of their choice.



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# INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY CURRICULUM (IPC)

## YEAR 1 – ENTRY POINT

Theme: Flowers & Insects

Field Trip to Tmn Daya Nursery (26th Feb)

Wake up, smell the roses and enjoy the beauty of urban nature. That’s what the Year 1 students did. In conjunction with their IPC Theme “Flowers and Insects”, 52 students went to Katsura Taman Daya Nursery where they saw varieties of flowers and plants. They were most impressed by what they saw in the nursery, not just owing to its sheer size but also for the quality and presentation of the plants. The students loved looking

at the plants and were impressed with their display. They each bought a potted plant to display at home.

Students were so excited naming all the flowers they recognized, and they were very focused while listening to the horticulturalists explaining how plants are grown.



## YEAR 2 - ENTRY POINT

Theme: The Stories People Tell (Myths, Legends, Folktales, and Fairy Tales) (21st Feb)

Students participated in a dress up day, where they wore outfits resembling characters from their favourite stories. Students shared their thoughts with their classmates on characters they liked the most in an interesting discussion on 21st February. They enjoyed looking at the various costume created. All the characters truly came to life in this unique celebration of traditional story characters. Parental support in helping their children in this dress-up is very much appreciated.

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# MSSD Golf Competition 2013



The MSSD Pasir Gudang Golf Competition was held on 7th February 2013 at the Orchard Golf and Country Resort in Kota Tinggi.

This tournament was officially organized by the Education Department of Pasir Gudang District and hosted by Sek. Keb. Taman

Rinting 2. Austin Heights Private and International school was represented by 4 students and two of them did exceptionally well:

Event	Category	Name	Position
MSSD Pasir Gudang Golf Competition	Under 12	Ng Zi Xuan	Bronze
MSSD Pasir Gudang Golf Competition	Under 15	Eugene Kim Wei Hong	Silver



Both of them were selected to participate in the MSSJ Golf tournament to compete against other outstanding players around the Johor District on 19th and 20th February 2013. We hope that they will once again make us all proud of their achievements.

# MSSD Table Tennis Competition 2013

**Pasir Gudang (5th February)**

On 5th February, four of our students took part in the Pasir Gudang Table Tennis district games. They had been training very hard for this event, and were determined to do their very best. Werner Kee especially had something to prove as he was defeated in the quarter finals last year. This year, he managed to get 4th placing out of a field of about 80 students. He will be representing the Pasir Gudang district for the state games (MSSJ) to be held in Segamat, Johor. Our other students, Tan Hui Min, Ting Chun Chieh and Choh Seng Yao gave it their all. They managed to pass the first round but stumbled at the second round. We will strive to produce more talents to represent our school in the future.

# MSSJ Table Tennis Competition

**Segamat (22nd - 23rd February)**

**Werner Kee** (Y9) who was selected to represent Pasir Gudang District at MSSJ level in Segamat gained much experience in the state level competition although he failed to excel in the event.



# MSSJ Swimming Competition

**Kluang (22nd - 24th February)**

**Clement Lim Yu Fong** of Year 8 who won 7 gold medals at the MSSD level was selected to represent Pasir Gudang District at MSSJ level. At MSSJ level, his performance was commendable despite having to compete with participants who were much older. He won 2 silver medals in the Under 15 relay and 100m breast stroke events and a bronze medal in the 50m butterfly event.

Event	Category	Name	Position
Relay	Under 15 male	Clement Lim Yu Fong	Silver
100m breast stroke	Under 15 male	Clement Lim Yu Fong	Silver
50m butterfly	Under 15 male	Clement Lim Yu Fong	Bronze

# MSSD Bowling Competition

**Daiman Bowl, Johor Jaya (26th-28th February)**

**Terrance Chiam** (Y11) and **Choo Wei An** (Y8) took part in the Under 18 & Under 15 categories respectively at the MSSD Bowling Competition. Terrance did very well, coming in 8th placing in the Under 18 category, after having led the competition in the first 3 games. Overall, it was a good experience for our students.



# MSSD Badminton Competition

**BL Sports, Plentong, Johor Bahru (3rd - 5th March)**

Final selection of the school representatives for this competition will be finalised on 1st March. This year, we see many potentials especially in the primary school who are training hard to be chosen to represent the school.



# SECONDARY SCHOOL

## Physics experiment

On 25th February, some Year 8 students carried out an interesting Physics experiment titled Pop Can "Hero" Engine.

In small teams, students constructed water-propelled engines out of soft drink cans and investigated ways to increase the action-reaction thrust produced by water shooting out of holes at the sides.



## IMMUNISATION DAY

On 6th February, Year 6-7 (13 years old) female students were given the 1st booster HPV vaccination injection (vaccine Gardasil) under the HPV vaccination programme.

This programme is to provide

protection for female students against the Human Papilloma Virus, which can cause cervical cancer.

The 2nd booster will be given one month after the first injection and the 3rd booster six months after the first

Injection.

On that same day, the pre-schoolers were also given a free medical check-up by the government team.



# EXAMINATIONS & COMPETITIONS

## Assessment 1 for Primary and Secondary

Assessment 1 (Term 1) Austin Heights Private School: The private school will be conducting its 1st Assessment for this new academic year from **11th to 12th March 2013** for its primary and secondary school students.

## Assessment 2 for Year 1-10

Assessment 2 (Term 2) Austin Heights International School (Year 1-10). The international school will be conducting its Assessment 2 from **11th to 15th March 2013**.

## IGCSE Trial Examination for Year 11

The trial examination will be held from 25th March to 4th April 2013 to further prepare our Year 11 students to sit for the IGCSE examination in **May/June 2013**.

## KEY DATES FOR THE TERM

Date	Event
1st March	PTC for early years
5th March	IPC Rainforest Field trip to Gardens By the Bay
11th- 12th March	Assessment 1 (Private School)
11th- 15th March	Assessment 2 (International School)
26th March	Junior Sports Day
28th March	Senior Sports Day
28th March	"Austin Heights Got Talent" registration closing date
2nd April	IGCSE Subject Selection Session - Year 9 & Education Pathway briefing by representative from Trinity College, University of Melbourne
5th April	End of term 2

**“ In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn. ”**

~ Phil Collins

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**AUSTIN HEIGHTS'**  
**GOT TALENT** *is back!*

**FROM ONE IN A MILLION TO ONE A MILLION FACE**

Audition date to be announced soon.

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