

Dear Parents,

On Thursday the FOBISIA Games team arrived back in Penang after a successful competition. I would like to thank all the students for their amazing performances, coaches for their dedication and time, administration staff for their organisation as well as parents for their support. A full report can be found on the website and on Facebook.

Next week the school will be taking class, individual and family photographs. You should have received information and an order form. This information can be found on the website.

Although the end of the academic year will soon be upon us, can I please remind everyone to follow the Uniform guidelines? I have noticed a number of students wearing the wrong type of shoes to school. Your support of the school policies and procedures is very much appreciated.

Mixing Classes

In preparation for the next academic year, both teacher and class allocation is underway. This information will be available in the next few weeks.

One change that will be made for next year is that the school will be mixing up all the children in a year group to create new classes with the exception of Nursery as they move into Reception. This decision is not one that is taken lightly, and will not become an annual whole school practice.

The school has traditionally not mixed the students at the end of the year, but it is common practice in other schools. There are many reasons for undertaking this practice including:

- Balancing ability levels, gender and nationality
- Balancing support needs and behaviour
- Balancing potential mobility
- Developing wider friendship and working groups
- Creating a connection to a Year Group not just a class.

The decision as to which class your child will be moved into will be based on the children's and teacher's views on friendship, as well as the reasons listed above.

Student Withdrawal

The School Policy requires, six- (6) school weeks withdrawal notice, otherwise your depreciated deposit is forfeited. I would like to remind those who may be leaving at the end of this term, that the withdrawal notice needs to be handed into the school office by Friday 29th May. The withdrawal form can be collected from the office or downloaded from the website.

Messages for the Parent Teacher Committee

The PTC will be holding a Staff Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday 27th March. Please contact your class representative if you would like to find out how you can support this event.

The main event this term will be the Food and Fun Festival, which will be held on Saturday 27th June. The PTC have already begun preparing for the event and would like any parents who are able to contribute time and effort to contact them by using the PTC mailbox which is located outside the Parent's Room or via email Scips.ptc@gmail.com.

Enjoy your weekend

Martin Towse
Principal