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## From The Principal

Warm greetings to all the members of AusIS family. We are delighted that with the cooperation of all we have started the new 2016-17 academic year. We gave careful consideration to opening the school on the scheduled date but after getting full support and cooperation from the law enforcement department and by fulfilling the requirements given by the DMP Commissioner, we started our school on 7th August, 2016. Respected parents, a letter has been given to you regarding security measures which have been taken by the school administration. Some of these measures may cause some inconvenience for the time being; however, we see them as a necessity for the safety and security of our dearest children. We would like to remind you that all the students must have two copies of their school ID card. One will be the student's copy which will be carried by the student and another parent's copy carried by the parent/ driver/ guardian who will come to receive the student after school.

Participation of parents in the Parent Information Evening on 18th August was very encouraging. We had a very good turn out and we wish to offer thanks for the many insightful suggestions from our parents.

In this academic year we hope to strengthen parent-school collaboration. Term plans and other curriculum information have already been given to the parents and we will continue to do so throughout the year. Students will be assigned homework according to our Homework Policy: Year I = 10 minutes, Year II = 20 minutes, Year III = 30 minutes and so on.

**Our NAPLAN result of 2016 are once again very satisfying and when compared to the national average of Australia show that we have excelled in many areas.**

We are happy to inform you that the construction work at our new campus is going on in full swing. We would like to invite you to visit our permanent campus to see the progress. If everything is fine and runs smoothly, we do hope to shift our 3 campuses by this winter vacation.

We would like to welcome our new Principal, Mr. Greg Mowday and his wife, Jenifer. Both Greg and Jenifer worked at AusIS in 2012-13 and we are delighted that they are rejoining the AusIS family. We also welcome all the new staff who have joined at AusIS.

May this academic year 2016-17 be a fruitful year to you all.

# AusIS Dhaka



## August 2016

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR August

Early Childhood	Zaara Hossain Rituraj Bhowmick Hriddo
Foundation	Aariz Kabir Aayatus Sajjad Ameerah Sanaya Adnan D.B.V Sri Harsha Vihini Siyansa Hewapathirana Arisha Musarrat
Pre-Primary	Samaara Rahman Samyuta Dheram Safwan Sayed
Year 1	Ifrac Hasan Nuha Hasan Abrar Yeasir
Year 2	Taufiq Syed Husain Mirza Mohammad Alvan Arshan Aziz Faruq Sufi
Year 3	Auritro Caleb Baroi Manzair Masrur Reaz
Year 4	Aisha Nida Meer
Year 5	Nahin Raihan
Year 6	Sueng Min Lee Raena Murtaza
Year 7	Fahim Faisal Shajiul Haque
Year 10	Shafin Ul Islam Yassar Rahman Ghanni
Year 12	Shihab Shara Isa Ayat Neagi

### UPCOMING EVENTS OF September - 2016

Eid- al- Adha holiday Sept.11-15  
Portfolios Sent Home Sept. 29

## Campus 1 News

### Welcome Back!

As we begin the 2016-2017 academic year we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all returning students and new students here at Campus 1. The start of the school year is a very special and exciting time for our school community and we look forward to a productive and rewarding year for all of our students.



Our teachers and staff are committed to doing everything possible to provide the very best educational experience for our students. It is our hope to strengthen our school community and work together with our parents for the betterment of all our students. If any parent wishes to speak with their child's teacher they are kindly requested to schedule an appointment by calling our Front Desk, or alternatively by completing an appointment slip and dropping it off at our security desk.



Welcome to our new students in EC

### Parent Information Night

A big 'Thank You' goes out to all parents who attended our Parent Information Evening on the 18<sup>th</sup> August. Teachers spoke about many important points such as curriculum, homework, security, in-class expectations and student welfare. Parents also took home copies of our Term Planner which outlines our syllabus for the first term.



Back to school for Parent Information Evening

### PYP News

We have started our first Units of Inquiry (UOI) for the 2016-2017 academic year. Information regarding your child's UOI can be found in the Term Planner or in the Unit Letters that were sent home. As always, if you have any questions regarding our units, or if you feel you can contribute to the unit, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Our PYP Attitude for this month is 'Empathy.' Being open-minded and reflective about the perspectives of others demonstrates the attitude of empathy. We would be most grateful if you (parents and guardians) could spend some time discussing the attitude of empathy at home with your children.



## Beginning of the New Academic Year 2016-17.....

Heartiest welcome to all the students and parents at Campus-2. Our academic year 2016-17 has begun in full swing with a lot of enthusiasm. We believe parents play a key role in maximizing student's academic achievement and personal development. On that note, we hosted a Parent Information Evening to create an opportunity for parents to meet with the teachers, be informed of the school policies and get an insight of the educational programs. We really appreciate all the parents for attending the session.



## Experiential Learning.....

We believe encouraging students' attendance and punctuality is one of the powerful ways of preparing your child for success both in school and life.

At AusIS we aim to provide a well rounded educational program with a context based curriculum consisting of specialist subjects like Health and Physical Education , Art, Music and IT along with the core subjects.

Learning doesn't happen in isolation within the classroom walls. Therefore, our teachers use real-life and fictitious examples in teaching environments in order to teach through the actual, practical experience with a subject rather than just its mere theoretical parts.



Students at school learn through hands on activities and often in collaborative groups. However, independent learning is equally emphasized in the classrooms to help them become confident life long learners. Our programs are designed to enhance students' reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. To this end the lessons are planned with different activities to support our students in achieving these skills. Students' work is displayed in the classrooms to reflect the knowledge gained and to give them a sense of ownership.



## The Parent-Teacher Partnership

Two-way communication between the teachers and the parents is really important to help meet the learning goals of the students. You can schedule an appointment by calling the Front Desk if you wish to speak with your child's teacher. This positive relationship makes a child feel like the important people in his/her life are working together. We look forward to a successful academic year.



## Welcome New Teachers

Campus 2 is very pleased to introduce two new PYP teachers:

1. MS. SEEMA TULI
2. MS. LUBNA AFROZ

## Campus 3 News

### The Effect of Parental Involvement on Academic Achievement

The influence of parental involvement on a student's academic success should not be underestimated. While brain power, work ethic, and even genetics play important roles in student achievement, the determining factor comes down to what kind of support system the child has at home.

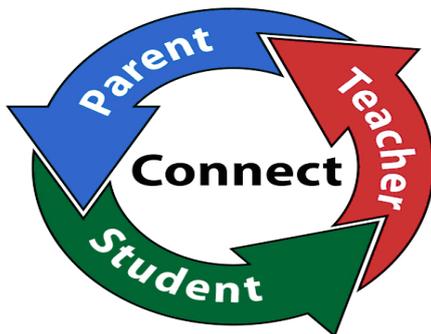
Students with two parents operating in supportive roles are more likely to enjoy school and get straight A's/ 7's than students whose parents are disengaged with what's going on at school. The analysis shows, predictably, that having one parent involved is better than having none at all. Interestingly, as far as behavior is concerned, having a supportive mother makes a slightly more positive difference than having a supportive father. Having a supportive father, however, leads to slightly higher grades than having a supportive mother as the mother tends to pamper her children, which they take advantage of.



Just as there seems to be a critical period for parental support in terms of general academic success especially, in early education, with regard to "school readiness." In other words, before a student enters primary school, his / her parents have a huge influence on how well he/she will perform. Did his / her parents introduce her/him to the alphabet? Did they read to him/her every night? Did they teach him / her to count? It appears that a parent's level of involvement in school readiness correlates significantly with that parent's own educational attainment. In addition, even if the parental support is there, financial setbacks can pose serious problems. Nonetheless, parents play a very significant role in bringing up a child physically, morally, psychologically and intellectually. And this is something we are proud of our AusIS parents for their dedicated involvement!

### The Process of IBDP Authorization ....

We are pleased to inform our current parents and the prospective parents that we are successfully on the move towards obtaining IBDP authorisation. As of now, AusIS is a candidate school, but we have submitted all the documents required for getting authorized. As such, the designated consultant Mr. Les Millard is due to visit our school shortly, followed by a team of IB officials appointed by IB Asia-pacific Region, Singapore for verification to ensure our school is equipped enough to offer International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. With all your cooperation, we will begin to march ahead for implementing the same on time...



### Parent Information Session / Orientation

The Australian International School is concerned about students' education as well as their safety and security. In connection with this, we arranged an orientation with the parents on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 from 2:45 pm till 4:15 pm. Our respected Vice Principal Mr. Michael Baroi began the session by explaining all the security issues and measures that are in place in our campus as per the directives received from the DMP. We feel delighted as parents appreciated our initiative taken.

Comprehensive sessions on WACE and IB were also a major part of the orientation. Mr. Ershad Serajee, the WACE coordinator, had a presentation on WACE, whereas, Mr. Ramachandiran, IB DP Coordinator, covered the IB DP session. Parents also had meetings with their children's homeroom teachers to understand all the subject course outlines. Overall, it was a successful information session indeed!

### New teachers on board

We are delighted to welcome the following competent teachers who recently joined Campus 3.

1. MR. NOOR E ALAM SIDDIQUE (Mathematics)
2. MR. ASHIK RAHMAN (Physics)
3. MR. SAYED A K M RADIB (Economics)