



## Weekly Bulletin

30<sup>th</sup> August 2010

*From the Primary School*

Dear Parents,

### Contact details

Thank you to all those parents who returned the sheet containing contact information. We will get all our lists finalised and then from next week onwards most people will be able to receive electronic copies of these letters.

### Initial Parent Meetings

The teachers were delighted to see so many parents at the initial meetings last week. We felt it was important that you get to meet the teachers but also hope that the information that they gave out was useful to you.



### Bangkok Prep Photos



I have been receiving some fantastic photos of our students during their travels around the world. These will be going on display soon. If any one else has any photos still to send in please pass them on so that I can make sure that they are on the display with the others.

### Assemblies

You may have noticed when you looked at your child's timetables that the assembly time on a Friday has changed. We are now holding our assemblies at 09:00 in the morning which should be more manageable for our younger students as we were finding the late Friday afternoon slot was a bit hard for them.

### Parents hearing readers workshop

A number of parents have expressed an interest in coming into classes to help hear readers or take part in group reading. This is great news and will be very useful. If you were already involved in this last year and are happy to get started again this year please contact the teachers directly.



If you would like to get involved this year but would like to check that you know what is expected I will be running a hearing readers workshop on Thursday morning from 08:00 to 09:00 in the Secondary School library. Please come along if you can.

### Early morning routine

A reminder that students in Years 1 to 6 who are dropped off at school before the class line up and national anthem are to play in the paved basketball area or undercover area as these are supervised areas after 07:30. Students are not to play on the KS1 playground, equipment or sand area as these areas are not supervised.



## After school clubs and activities



Over 200 children are involved in the after school clubs which will begin this week. Students who have clubs will be collected by the club supervisor at 14:30 in the KS1 canteen area. At 15:30, when most clubs finish, the clubs supervisor will bring the students to the undercover ground floor area near Mr. Wecker's office. Please can parents ensure that their children are picked up promptly.

## Friends of Bangkok Prep

The first Friends of Bangkok Prep meeting of this year will be at 08:00 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. All parents are warmly invited to attend. This will be a great way to meet more parents, find out what FOBP are planning for this year and to get involved.

I hope you have a really good week.

Sarah Brannon  
Head of Primary School



## **CIS/NEASC/ONESQA Accreditation 26<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

### Accreditation Newsletter to the School Community No.6

Dear Parents

#### Background

Bangkok Prep is committed to becoming an accredited school within this academic year. The school is in the process of seeking triple accreditation with the reputable Council of International Schools (CIS), New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Thai Quality Assurance through ONESQA at the Ministry of Education.

This is normally a two year process and for us began in May 2009 when Bangkok Prep provided initial information to the accreditation groups and were subsequently granted membership status. In October 2009 a Preliminary Accreditation Visit was conducted by Mr. Peter Gittins (CIS) and Mr. Leo Martin (NEASC). The report that was sent to the school after this visit was extremely positive and meant that we could enter the next phase of accreditation – Candidacy status for the Self-Study.

#### Self-Study

The Self-Study began in November 2009 and it is one of the most important and beneficial parts of the accreditation process as it gives the school the chance to look critically at itself and find its strengths and improve on areas in need of development. Seven committees were set up, one of which curriculum – had a number of sub-committees. Parents, students and Board members were asked to volunteer to work alongside staff on these committees so that all groups within the school community were represented.

#### Final Report/Team Visit

The aim is for the committees to write their reports for each area and for the final report to be submitted in December 2010. We would then expect a Team Visit comprising of around 10 members representing all 3 accreditation organisations in February/March 2011.

#### Parent volunteers for Self Study teams

Due to the nature of international schools where the parent community changes each year, we would really like some more parents to volunteer to become a member of one of the committees to help us to see this Self Study period through until the final report is complete in December.

- The choice of committees are overleaf.



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- o In order for there to be a fair distribution of experience, numbers and interests represented, parents are asked to select their top 2 preferences for committees.
- o It is **not** essential that you have a great depth of knowledge in the subject as it will be a fact finding and determination experience.
- o The staff members of the steering committee will lead the teams.
- o Meetings will usually be on certain Mondays at 3:00pm and this will only be for term 1.
- o Your input would really be valued.

Choice No.	Section	Leader
1	Philosophy & Objectives	Ms. Sarah Brannon
2	Governance & Management	Mr. John Barratt
3	Student Support Services	Mr. Lisa Cook
4	Resources	Mr. Brian Yeomans
5	Student & Community Life	Mr. Myles Buckingham

Please return you choice slip to me or Ms. Kwang the Primary/Secondary Secretary by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September if you can help.

Thank you in advance for the support that you can offer at this important time in our school's history as we move towards accreditation.

Sarah Brannon  
Chairperson School Accreditation Team

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Parent Name ..... Child's Name & Class. ....

Self-Study Committee you would be willing to be a member of; (please fill 1 or more boxes)

Don't mind/ flexible/will go where needed

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

Contact details

Email. .... Phone. ....

Signature. .... Date. ....