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JCS Newsletter

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" Nelson Mandela



Principal's Welcome



What a fabulous and exciting start to the new year. This year we have welcomed lots of new families to JCS and in turn, they have enriched our community with over 26 new children from Pre-school 1 through to Year 12.

As our children left school for our Term 3 holiday, the staff at JCS emptied all the classrooms of furniture and resources in preparation for big changes. Our children returned to 2 new secondary classrooms, dedicated Art/ Music/Science rooms, 2 new Early Years classrooms and a play area for Pre-school children. Exhausting work but we are all very excited.



Our Year 9 students have been celebrating

IGCSE examination success \dots 2 years early! The students should take their IGCSEs in Year 11, but we decided to take the bold move to enter them early for Indonesian and English Second Language. Their hard work paid off and we had an amazing 100% pass rate and an outstanding 80% A*/B.

Year 11 students have also enjoyed IGCSE success having taken examinations in 8 subjects. The examinations are set and marked by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) and qualifications are recognised internationally. A terrific milestone and a big stepping stone for each of them.

CALENDAR DATES

Dance and Awards Assembly



Friday 6th December Families are invited to join in the celebrations.

Book Week 2019



9th-13th December. 'Reading is My Secret Power'. Books, stories, fancy dress, reading buddies and family event.

WHO'S NEW AT JCS



Junhee PS1



Jesse





Makaela PS1



Bia PS2



Brooklyn PS2



Kimberlie PS2



PS1

Naomi PS2



Jion PS2



Giovanna Reception



Hasung Reception



Kyra



Reception



Samantha Yr 3



Ina Yr4





Sabrina Yr 1



Hajun Yr 1



Ain Yr 3



Cherise Yr4





Rafa Yr 4



Alexander Yr 5



Truett

Yr4

Cheryle



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Yr 3

Siwoo Yr4

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JCS FAMILY BBQ

Not just another Saturday. For JCS, Saturday 7th September was our Family BBQ where we welcomed new and returning families to the school. Old friends and new tucked into chicken, burgers and sausages as well as many fabulous potluck dishes from our families. Friends caught up on what happened over the holiday and plans for the coming year. Lots of laughter and smiles from everyone. Our children enjoyed playing games and all ages joined in. There was even a basketball game for the dads, though it seemed to be much slower and sedate than when the children play!

We celebrated JCS's 8th birthday with a very yellow lemon cake. A great day spent with our terrific family and friends.







The World Scholar's Cup Tournament

A total of 16 students participated in this year's regional round of the World Scholar's Cup in Semarang in May 2019. After months of hard work and preparation, JCS took five

junior teams and one senior team for the two day competition consisting of debating, writing, an individual challenge and a fun team quiz. Along with getting to show their knowledge and use their skills, students had a great time both during and outside of the competition, making new friends and performing in the talent show. Overall JCS brought home three trophies and dozens of medals with most of the students qualifying for the next round. We are excited for our students but, oh so proud of their hard work and attitude that led to such great results.





Following many more study sessions, four of our most accomplished students from the regional round went on to compete at the global round of the World Scholar's Cup in Manila this past September. It was a lot of hard work but an amazing trip with fantastic results. Many more gold and silver medals were brought back to Jogja, including 3 more trophies and one of them for 1st place in the team writing event out of over 300 junior teams. Our scholars had so much fun meeting with other scholars from all over the world, and all of them qualified for the final round of the World Scholar's Cup 2019 competition. Definitely an experience to remember!

Three out of those four scholars have decided to continue to the Tournament of Champions, and will be competing at Yale University this November. Go team JCS!





JCS SURVEY 2018-2019

Each year JCS conducts a survey among the parents about their views and experiences of the school and its operations. Parent views are important to us and we look to these when developing future plans. This year we received a 46% response rate from across the age ranges within JCS. I am delighted to report that parent satisfaction with the school is extremely positive. In brief, here are some of the responses:

Question	Strongly agree / agree
My child is happy and enjoys school	100%
My child is making good progress in his/her learning	100%
My child receives the help needed from his/her teacher	100%
My child is supported in his/her social and emotional development and is becoming more mature, responsible and independent	100%
My child is expected to work hard and is supported to do their best	100%
I am satisfied with the overall behaviour of students and the expectations set by the school	100%
The school reports are informative, easy to follow and tell me enough about my child's progress	100%
Parent teacher conferences are informative and tell me enough about my child's progress	100%
As a parent I feel welcome at school and staff are approachable	100%
I have found the parent handbook useful	use it 66% rarely look 34%
Are you happy with the drop-off / pick-up procedures	100%

After School Activities (ASAs) This year we have extended the selection of ASAs further to meet some of the requests from children and parents. We have added both Mini and Master Chef, Performance Art, Archery, Singing, Badminton, Craft, Fun Gym and Table Tennis to complement the regular favourites.

What has JCS done well this year: helping children to develop academically, socially and emotionally; allowing children to be involved in the school community; introducing dedicated art lessons; hiring good teachers; securing work permits; external educational opportunities and competitions; external sporting competitions; class educational visits; school camp; school events; Instagram, website, newsletter and social media for sharing information. The list is extensive and we thank all our parents for their support.

JCS has reviewed all the comments and has already planned for some of the above criteria. We recognise improvement is an evolving process and will continue to work towards raising standards and quality within our learning and teaching and also our facilities and activities.

Need a babysitter?

My name is Melati and I am 15 years old. I attend JCS and am in Yr 10. I have looked after children from 5-11 years old and I enjoy spending time reading and playing games with them. I am comfortable with mealtimes and bedtimes as well. I am trustworthy and reliable.

Available 7 days a week, out of school hours Bookings one day in advance - 50K per hour Contact on 08112952343 (references on request)

Indonesia Week

JCS celebrated Indonesia Week this year by focusing on Betawi culture. After a term of learning, students were able to showcase their knowledge with a performance, some traditional dances and display of work and creative art pieces in Betawi style. Students were introduced to traditional Betawi music and learned to play keroncong, which was a particular favourite of the students. During Indonesia week itself, students made traditional delicacies and herbal drinks and also learned some traditional games. Secondary students created a pair of tremendous Ondel-Ondel that looked incredible amongst the other fabulous displays. It is wonderful to see our students celebrating their local environment and culture together.





Where are they now?

My name is Nimue Lauritzen and I am a former student at JCS. I joined when the school first opened in 2012 and left in 2017. JCS's tight knit community equipped me for an incredible journey, one that I am so grateful to have had since completing my IGCSEs. Since JCS I have lived in Grenaa which is a little town in the north of Denmark. I attended the Grenaa Gymnasium where I completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma. With my IGCSEs and IB, I now have the freedom to study anywhere in the world.

School and life in Denmark was far from what I was used to, but I was actually pleasantly surprised by the people, town and culture. Having the opportunity of an international education, both in Jogja and Grenaa, has equipped me with many skills and a global mindset. It also made me realise I was inevitably one step closer to being an adult! After graduating, I have decided to take a 'gap year'. The year began with a summer job and I then returned to Jogja to enjoy life with my family. This October I will be heading off to Australia to meet up with childhood friends from both before and whilst I was at JCS.



With too many things on my bucket list I have chosen to start in Melbourne, letting the adventure unravel there before heading off to New Zealand. My plans are not set in stone so who knows where I might go



but I may have to take another job as I have not figured out a way to grow a money tree yet ... Work in Progress!! I will end the year with my family but hopefully still finding time to enjoy some small adventures. I will also be applying to university, finding accommodation and becoming a 'responsible adult'.

Coming back home and visiting JCS reminds me of happy times and cherished friendships. I have been taught by the most amazing teachers and have learnt so much. I wish all previous, current and future students every success and hope they grow a fond curiosity for learning, creating their own adventures for living, just as I have done.

Our New House Captains 2019-2020				
Nakula	Sadewa		Srikandi	
Kainalu Scanlan	Olivia Kurniawan		Aaron Tjdondrorahardja	
Vice Captains				
Leiluna Scanlan	Portia Kalinin	Nuwara Usman	Haqqi Tsabit	

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Primary Camp























Secondary Camp























Pre-School 1 and 2

We have had many changes this year, including a new classroom and our very own playground. We have met many new friends and some new teachers.

























Reception

Our Reception class has grown and we have settled in to the longer days at school very well. The children are excited to learn Jolly Phonics and the bundle of fun that comes with it. We have got to know our new friends very well by engaging in our 'All about me' theme.



Years 1-2

It has been an exciting start to the new school year, just how we like it in our classroom. Besides welcoming a gorgeous group of new friends, we have discovered many interesting things about ourselves as well as the world around us. We cannot wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us. As we say in Year 1-2, "Let's do this!"



















Years 3-4











The Year 3-4 have had a busy start to the first term. We have been learning about how plants grow in Science, building aqueducts in STEAM, and learning about life in the Roman Empire. We have made new friends this year, and we look forward to new challenges and new adventures.













Years 5-6

Fabulous teamwork and great learning from all our students. We have enjoyed meeting our new teachers and classmates and have had a great







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Key Stage 3

What an amazing start to the new school year for KS3, everyone is ready to learn, play and have fun.































Key Stage 4 and 5

