



THE BEACON



From Ms. Thelma's Desk

Happy New Year 2012 everyone and Gong Xi Fat Chai to all our Chinese friends and families! May this New Year bring us all joy and peace with the Lord's grace.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back; Semester II in SLK is already underway, and I trust everyone has had an enjoyable holiday.

There are several announcements and updates to be made in this information corner before we are off again on the 'Galungan' holiday.

1. SLK & Lollypop have finished some routine maintenance work over the Christmas holiday, and are continuing with incomplete projects until the end of the month.

2. SLK Physics Lab and Biochemistry Preparation Room are in place, ready for use. The equipment has arrived and will shortly be placed in their respective rooms after being inventoried.



We are currently waiting to finish this lab project by February, as the factory is still waiting for shipment of accessories to arrive from Germany before delivering and installing them in SLK Bali.

3. We also welcome the new school nurse Ibu Anak Agung Sri, who will be handling our health administration. More on this very soon as parents will be asked to update/submit all health forms.



4. Our academic secretary and GA have recently resigned due to family and personal matters, so we would like to wish them all the best with their future endeavors, and thank them for their valuable contribution and hard work at our school during their time with us.

Our new academic secretary, Ms. Sesil will be joining us shortly after the Galungan holiday, along with the new GA, Pak Putra and Lab Assistant/Librarian, Mr. Andre.

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DATES

Lollypop

Jan 31- Feb 2 Galungan holiday

Feb 10-11 Kuningan holiday

Feb 14 Open house & Valentine's Day Celebration

SLK

Jan 31- Feb 3 Galungan holiday

Feb 10 Kuningan holiday

Feb 20-23 Ujian Pembantapan (Grade 9 nat curr)

Feb 27-29 Ujian Pembantapan (Grade 6 nat curr)

Mar 21 Mid Sem Progress Report

Mar 22-23 Nyepi Holiday

Mar 26-28 Term Break

Mar 29 First day Term 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Classes are now in full swing and the children are happy to be at school after the long holiday. ☺

December was a busy month with the Christmas Program and Party and the Christmas Charity Concert. Our sincerest gratitude goes to all parents and friends of Lollypop and to those who in one way or the other have helped to make our affair a success. Your support and generosity was indeed invaluable in the fulfillment of a good cause. May God continue to bless your kind hearts.

January promises to be busy. We had a simple Chinese New Year Celebration last 24th of January. Teachers and students alike looked fabulous in their Chinese costume and/or red outfit. We wish all our Chinese families a prosperous new year.

We will have Galungan Holiday next week. There will be no classes for Lollypop students on Tuesday 31st of January, Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd of February. Regular class will resume on Friday 3rd. We wish our Balinese Hindu families a joyful celebration.

Extra-curricular activities will start on the 13th of February. We will be offering new classes this semester. Details will follow via circulars.

We are happy to announce that we will have an OPEN HOUSE on February 14th, Valentine's Day. We will have special discounts to those who will enroll on this day. We also have special promo for those who will bring a friend to enroll. So mark your calendar and don't miss this opportunity.

Our theme for January is "Transportation/Ways We Travel" and in February, "Health and Nutrition and Valentine". The character quality that we will focus on is "Generosity".

As we had quite a long break from school, we would like to remind parents and students of the following:

☺ Please ensure that children get to school on time so that classes are not disrupted and students do not miss out on important introductory activities and explanations.

☺ Please pick your child/children up on time, as

teachers cannot do their planning or preparations when they are delegated to supervise late pick-ups. Moreover, we don't want your child/children to feel insecure at school when all the children have gone home. If for any reason you will be late in picking up your child, please notify the school so that we can reassure your child and we can arrange for a teacher to do extended late duties.

☺ Please advise your nannies or babysitters not to stay in the canteen during school hours. The little ones now have fully adjusted. We are training our students to be independent and self-reliant and it is not a good example for children to see nannies/babysitters sleeping or chatting for long hours during the day. If it is really necessary for your nannies/babysitters to stay at school, it is advised that they wait in the security guards' post.

This semester, we would like to welcome new teachers to our community. We are pleased to have Ms. Astrid as our new music teacher. She will work full-time with us and will handle all levels from Toddlers to Preparatory, as Mr. Steve will concentrate with his music classes in SLK. We also welcome Mr. Pierre, our new computer teacher. Ms. Meme, our former computer teacher has resigned, as her family will relocate to China.

If you have questions regarding the above-mentioned matters or for any concerns regarding your child's education, please feel free to see me during office hours.

"If we succeed in giving the love of learning, the learning itself is sure to follow." -SIR JOHN LUBBOCK

Thank you for your unceasing support and cooperation. Happy Valentine's Day!

Very truly yours,

Ms. Ner



Happy new year for 2012 and happy Chinese new year! Last year students worked very well and produced good results and we look forward to great progress this semester. There are a number of points I would like to share this issue of The Beacon.

Sekolah Lentera Kasih is a school renowned for its academic excellence and caring friendly environment. We are proud of this and continue to build upon our strengths. We aim to achieve the best academic results from students with professional and qualified teachers. We also are committed to providing qualified expatriate teachers together with qualified national teachers for the education of students at SLK.

Ms. Melissa has resigned unexpectedly due to personal reasons. She is missed as an excellent teacher and outstanding with special needs. We are currently seeking a replacement and in the meantime welcome Ms Susi teaching 3 Jade.

There has been one change to the calendar. Friday Feb 3 is now a school holiday for the Galungan break, and school is extended an extra day in June to finish on June 13 for last day for students.

Our school offers both Cambridge and national curriculum to students, and our Grade 6 and 9 national curriculum students will soon be sitting their practice tests in February. The UASBN national exam for Grade 6 will be on May 7-9 and the UAN national exam for Grade 9 will be on April 23-26.

Last term we had some students come to school with lice in their hair and had to send them home. If your child has lice please treat the hair and have your child remain at home until the lice have all gone.

Please drive slowly around the car park. We have now installed a speed bump to help slow down vehicles. Please park only at designated parking areas so that traffic can flow better.

There have been a few changes to the timetable this semester. These changes include Grade 8 students now doing three lessons of Indonesian per week, an extra Science and two extra Math lessons to better prepare them for their studies. Ms Ekaning is now taking Ms Neny's classes in Bahasa Indonesia. Ms Shella is now teaching Character Studies and ISL for Grades 1-3, whilst Ms Susi is teaching 3 Jade.

Due to demand for an another outdoor activity in CCA we have added the activity of outdoor games.

We have just planted some new plants at the front of the canteen. The older plants were damaged due to students jumping over or walking through them. We ask that students do not walk through or jump over these plants.

Thank you very much teachers, staff and parents for a productive semester last year. Sekolah Lentera Kasih is focused on the children and what we do is for their benefit.

God Bless,

Mr. Mark

Praise and Worship

Dates for Term 3 for Praise and Worship are:

Feb 7 Grades 1-5

Feb 14 Grades 6-9

Feb 28 Grades 6-9

March 13 Grades 6-9

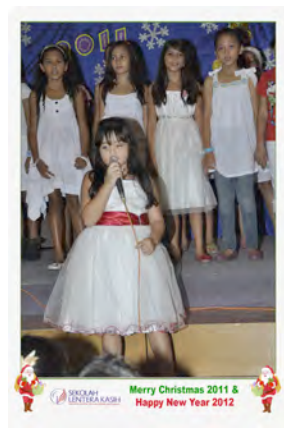
Feb 21 Grades 1-5

March 6 Grades 1-5

March 20 Grades 1-5

Christmas at SLK 9th December

Organised by Mr Steve and Ms Dawn



Money raised from the Christmas carols was donated to the orphanage Benih Harapan.

Christmas Concert at Lollypop 15th December



Lollypop Preschool Conducts Charitable Work

The Faculty and Staff of Lollypop Preschool held a Christmas Charity Concert last December 15, 2011. The fund raised from the said event was given to the Panti Asuhan Maria Goretti in Palasari and to the children in the village of Jatiluwih.

The concert was participated in by all the teaching and non-teaching staff of Lollypop Preschool. Some Lollypop families and friends also performed to show their support for this noble cause.

The total cash donation was Rp. 6,050,000 and it was divided equally between Panti Asuhan

Maria Goretti and to the children in the village of Jatiluwih. 100 school bags and 2 boxes of toy were also given to the children in the village and slippers and boxes of non-perishable goods were given to the orphanage.

The children from the village of Jatiluwih came to Lollypop Preschool on December 14th to receive the donations and they also joined the Christmas Program and Party. Sr. Fredoline together with the 15 children from the orphanage came to the concert and received the cash donation. The Palasari children also performed a Balinese dance.

It was a memorable and heartwarming experience for everybody.

5. From the security division, we are also upgrading our system by introducing the use of ID cards for students, teachers and staff. Further information on this new system will be made available when the ID cards have arrived from Jakarta.

Lastly, after 6 months of observation and evaluation of SLK, I have decided to place a Head of School starting February 6th, 2012. This decision has been made in the best interest of the school as a whole, and to support both the Administrator and Principal in my absence.

We welcome Ibu Jenny Sumarauw from Jakarta, and trust that she will settle into Bali nicely, and enjoy our school.

Previously from Ora et Labora, Ibu Jenny has worked for 13 years in Sekolah Pelita Harapan.

She held the position of Primary Principal in the last 7 years. *Selamat bergabung bu Jenny!*

In her stead, I will maintain my position as SLK Director of Bali & Jakarta, however starting the month of April, I will be spending 1 week at a time in Bali as opposed to 2 weeks. I encourage you all to keep an eye on my Newsletter corner for further significant updates in and around our campus.

To all teachers and staff, I wish you all the best for this second semester.

Blessings,

Thelma Poetiray

Prep Field Trip to FlapJaks



Last December, the prep students had a blast when we went on a field trip to FlapJaks at Mall Bali Galeria. It was an experience that the children would not want to miss for anything. They learned how to make the famous FlapJaks pancake and waffle.

Upon arrival the children took photos with "Mr. Flapjaks". After that they were asked to group themselves into groups of 4 or 5. A chef was assigned to each group. He explained to the children the procedure of pancake making and afterwards supervised them as they did the pouring, sifting and mixing by themselves. Soon the children were all ready to make their own pancakes. They enjoyed pouring the mixture on the hot surface and watched it formed into pancakes which they also had for snacks.

While their pancakes and waffles were being prepared, the children were given some materials to color. And one of them was even given a prize for doing his work well.

Indeed, learning does not only take place in the four walls of the classroom. Our trip to FlapJaks was one proof of it.

By Ms. Nell, Ms. Myrna & Ms. Marline





Smoke-free regulations were set in Bali in November 2011, affecting tourist sites, including restaurants and hotels; plus schools, government buildings, places of worship and other public places.

Anyone violating the bylaw faces up to six months' imprisonment and a 50 million rupiah (US\$5,500) fine from Indonesian authorities.

SLK and Lollypop are a smoke free zone.

There is no smoking within the school grounds including the car park.

The exact date when the law will go into full effect is not yet known. However we ask that our school community including teachers parents, drivers and workers will cooperate for the sake of our children's' health.

Half of long-term smokers will die from tobacco. Every cigarette smoked cuts at least five minutes of life on average - about the time taken to smoke it.

Smoking is the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death. It is a prime factor in heart disease, stroke and chronic lung disease.

Parents and Reading



Decades of research show that when parents are directly involved with their child's education, particularly at home, students have:

- * Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
- * Increased motivation and better self esteem

* Decreased use of drugs and alcohol

* Lower rates of suspension and fewer instances of violent behavior

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Final_Parent_Involvement_Fact_Sheet_14732_7.pdf

One way of being involved and productive with young learners is reading. When children practice reading at home with parents, the children make significant gains in reading achievement compared to those who only practice at school.

Tizard, J.; Schofield, W.N.; & Hewison, J. (1982). Collaboration Between Teachers and Parents in Assisting Children's Reading.

CHINESE NEW YEAR at Lollypop

The Chinese New Year Celebration at Lollypop Preschool was held in January 24, 2012. Students wore their Chinese costumes on that day.

At 9 o'clock in the morning, all students gathered in the main hall singing the Chinese New Year song and they started the parade happily. After the parade, Toddlers Apple, Pre-Nursery Plum, Nursery Grapes and Nursery Lemon went back to the main hall. Each class had a performance. Though they are still young, their cheerful spirits have made the celebration alive.

After the performances of the younger ones at around 9.45 in the morning, they went back to their respective classrooms and the Kg and Prep students gathered at the main hall. The students in these levels danced cheerfully. After all the performances, regular class resumed.

As a culmination of the Chinese New Year celebration, all Lollypop students received an orange as a tradition for good and sweet New Year in the Dragon Year.



Lollypop Christmas Party

