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Dear KIS Community,

Please see the following notes regarding upcoming events and timely reminders.

I will be sending another email on Monday with an update of our search process for the Director for Teaching and Learning position. Stay tuned for those details.

Have an enjoyable and safe long weekend.

Best wishes,



Paul Johnson  
Head of School

**[New] Additional Songkran Holiday on Monday, April 12**

The Thai government has just announced the inclusion of April 12 as an official government holiday therefore KIS will be closed from April 12 through April 15 in observance of Songkran. KIS offices will resume normal operations on April 16.

**[New] Re-enrollment Intentions**

Every year around March, the admissions office requests that all families let us know if their children are continuing at KIS next school year. Please keep an eye out for the email about this, which will be sent to you within the next few weeks.

**[New] Brief News From Our School Divisions and Athletics/Activities**

**Primary School:**

**From Ms. June:**

*As we move towards the end of the term we see our G5 students busy sharing and reflecting on their exhibition, thinking about their experiences and what they have learned. As a part of this process the students are ready to share their goals with their parents. Grade 5 conferences will take place between Tuesday March 30th th and Thursday April 1st . The teachers and students will be sharing their goals next week and the sign up information will be shared too. The Grade 5 teachers will be sending home further details with regards to the process and the conferences.*

*After the Songkran Holiday Gerry and I will be hosting a series of morning meetings to catch up, answer questions and discuss what's happening in the PYP. We hope these will be face-to-face. Please feel free to put together some questions, we are happy to respond to them all. Directly after the break, Monday April 18th, we will be sending information and sign ups for these upcoming grade level meetings.*

*As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me through Ms Mat or via email at [june.va@kis.ac.th](mailto:june.va@kis.ac.th)*

### **Secondary School:**

**From Mr. Mike:**

#### **Third Quarter Progress Reports:**

*MYP and DP Progress Reports will be published this evening via ManageBac. Families will receive a text message once reports have finished being published.*

#### **Three-way Conferences:**

*Thank you to all of the G12 Families who attended today's virtual Three-way Conferences. I hope that you had a positive experience and a productive conference.*

**Grade 6-10 Families will be sent their invitation to register for conferences on Monday March 22nd.** As a reminder, those conferences are on the following dates:

*Grade 10 - Monday March 29th*

*Grade 7 - Tuesday March 30th*

*Grade 6 and 9 - Wednesday March 31st*

*Grade 8 - Thursday April 1st*

*If families are unable to book an appointment with a desired teacher, Ms Nura will be able to assist families in booking virtual Three-Way Conferences outside of the specified date, however some conferences may need to be booked after Songkran holiday.*

*For our Grade 11 Families, we will be hosting our three-way conferences in June to help students and parents process end of year exams, and to discuss progress and plans for their child's Extended Essay.*

#### **University Updates:**

*Since our last communication, our students have received some additional exciting offers and admissions: University of British Columbia, Tilburg University, University of the Arts - London x3, National University of Ireland - Galway, Auburn University, University of California - Irvine x2, University of Washington x2, Purdue University, Michigan State University, Virginia Tech,*

*The New School - Parsons School of Design, and University of California - Davis.*

*As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me through Ms Nura or via email at [michael.hi@kis.ac.th](mailto:michael.hi@kis.ac.th).*

**Athletics and Activities:  
From Ms. Shelley:**

*This week our Season Three sport teams participated in “Wolves vs Wolves” games. Through these competitions, players get strong game learning experiences. This means that the game can be stopped at any point so rules and regulations can be explained to players, which helps them get a clearer understanding of their sport.*

*We appreciate the support of all parents, and we are hopeful that soon we will be able to get back to a regular season of games with other schools.  
Shelley Wowchuk ([shelley.wo@edu.kis.ac.th](mailto:shelley.wo@edu.kis.ac.th))*

**[Reminder] Language of Inclusion**

As stated in our Family Handbook and as a kind reminder, English is not only viewed as our language of instruction, it is also promoted at KIS as the language of inclusion. Students from many linguistic backgrounds come together to learn in our community, with English being the common language of all students. As a school, all students should feel valued as members of the community, so to ensure inclusion and a sense of belonging students are encouraged to communicate with each other in their shared language, English, during the school day. Thank you for your help as parents to support us in ensuring that all members of the community join us to promote this feeling of inclusion that comes through our common language. Thank you very much for your support.

**[Reminder] Use of ID Cards at School Entrances**

Access to our school campus is very much a matter of community safety and we have protocols and procedures to ensure that it remains a safe place at all times. The use of the KIS ID cards ensures that we know who is on and off of campus. It is not permitted to loan ID cards to those that do not have regular access to our campus (i.e. nannies, relatives, friends) as this creates a situation in which we do not know exactly who is on our campus. Parents are asked for their support in ensuring that at all times it is only the cardholder that is using their ID card to access campus.

**[Reminder] Residential Trip Update**

Plans are underway for 21-22 academic year residential trips. The Athletics and Activities department has already contacted providers to secure dates. The COVID-19 pandemic has meant that residential trips will not take place this school year but

it has given us tremendous opportunities to review all of our trips in the spirit of improvement and in other aspects of long-range planning.

**[Reminder] Update to Mask-wearing protocols began on Monday, March 8**

With the risk level in Bangkok having dropped, our schoolwide mask-wearing protocols for students in these activities are as follows and began Monday, May 8:

**Physical Education classes:** Mask wearing for PE will not be required during physical activity. Masks will need to be worn before and after classes so students will need to keep these on their person; for our younger students the neck lanyard remains a great option.

**After School Athletics:** Athletes will follow the same guidelines as indicated for Physical Education classes.

**[Reminder] Kind Reminder: Primary School Drop-off and Pick-up**

If you are dropping your children off in the morning (Early Years parents), please help us by making sure someone is on the playground and then say goodbye. In the Afternoon, all parents and caregivers are encouraged to pick up their child, sign them out and head home. We know that it's nice to stay with your child and watch them play and for you to socialize, but unfortunately at this time, we are trying to limit adult and parent access to the campus for health and safety reasons. We need to work together in partnership to ensure everyone is following the school expectations. Once we are able to relax our protocols we will let you know.

**[Reminder] Parking Update**

With after school activities having begun, parking spaces may be not as easy to find at various times of the day. We do ask for your patience and help in parking in spaces designated as Parent Parking spaces. If you have any questions or comments related to this topic, please contact Mr. Tossapol (Big) Trivithayakran, Finance and Facilities Director if you have any queries or need assistance.

**[Reminder] KIS Risk Assessment form**

Thank you for completing the KIS Risk Assessment form. We would ask that you resubmit the form if the travel circumstances for anyone in your family changes at any time. [KIS Risk Assessment form](#)