

## **Parent Newsletter 21 June 2019**

Dear parents,

We are facing our summer holiday break and with that comes the end of the school year 2018-2019. Last Tuesday evening we were all treated to the group 8 year end musical 'The Party Planet'. It was a magnificent spectacle where the kids displayed their talents enthusiastically and with great confidence. After their performance each student was celebrated in a personal address and we ended the evening with a nibble and a drink. On Wednesday our groups 8 celebrated the end of their elementary school years and thanked their teachers with a high tea and an honorary parade through all the other students. Looking at the skills, knowledge and personal developments we can conclude that these group 8 students carry a treasure with them on their way to their secondary educational program. I would like to thank all group 8 students and their teacher, Miss Jolinda and Mister Walter, for this wonderful end ceremony.

This is also a week of looking back and looking forward, of saying thank you and saying goodbye. In our final assembly this Friday morning we said goodbye to all departing students and Mister Stan, Miss Merel, Miss Ellen, Miss Michèle, Miss Nathalie and Miss Sabina.

We wish them and all their families the very best for their futures and hope to hear how the children are faring at their new schools. Students departing to another school in Singapore, the Netherlands or anywhere else will receive a survey early October that is meant to inform us of their return and transfers to elementary and secondary schools elsewhere.

The school year 2018-2019 was a school year with an abundance of activities and plenty of learning took place. On behalf of the whole HSL community, the school board and especially on behalf of all the students we would like to warmly thank you for your support and engagement.

In the summer months ahead we are planning to do some major maintenance projects in the school. The main building's roof tiles will be replaced and where necessary the roof construction will be adjusted. A large undertaking that should be finished in six weeks. Together with the contractors the project has been thoroughly prepared; all that is left to do is hope the weather will be on our side. Besides the roof project the usual maintenance will take place at the school. In all these projects the focus is on improvement of the school buildings and facilities. This year the regular maintenance taking place mostly focuses on paintwork in and outside of the school and other minor adjustments.

Finally, we wish all of you a wonderful summer holiday, be it in Singapore, in Europe, or anywhere else in the world. We hope to see you back at school again on Saturday 10 August for our Orientation Day. We look forward to opening the new school year 2019-2020 on that day together with you from 10.30am-12 noon. The official first day of school is Tuesday 13 August.

With kind regards,

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HSL Principal