From the Principal

READY FOR THE WORLD – JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

You may know James and Geraldine as the proud parents of Jasper and Oliver who are in Early Learning at IGS.

James and I met to talk about how we could bring our parent body into the strategy making conversation that began last term. He has graciously accepted my invitation to deliver a provocation to us in KMB3, on the evening of 26 May. It will be his take on our new mission.

He will also weave our three new strategic domains into his provocation: limitless learning, empowered students and a sustainable future. I believe these areas of action will drive our school into the future.

But now we need your input. We will stage this one-night only conversation about

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This week, I had a fascinating conversation with IGS dad James Chin Moody. James is the Founder and CEO of Sendle, Australia’s first carbon-neutral parcel delivery service. He is the co-author of The Sixth Wave: How to Succeed in a Resource-Limited World and CEO of TuShare, Australia’s fastest growing giving community. James has also held roles as Executive Director, Development at the CSIRO, Australian National Commissioner for UNESCO*.

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Our mission at IGS is to equip our students to be world ready. But what does ‘world ready’ mean against a backdrop of staggering change? And what will the world be like in 2030 when our current preschoolers leave IGS? What will have changed and what will have stayed the same?

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our school and its future. It should be an engaging stakeholder consultation with around 100 parents. It’s also an important opportunity for me to hear your views.

On the night, James will set the scene. I’ll share some insights from Harvard’s Think Tank on Global Education which I’m heading off to in early May and then we’ll open the floor for a discussion about what we currently do well at IGS in the areas of limitless learning, empowered students and sustainability.

Finally, we’ll share ideas about what we could do to build our future in these areas. I’m interested in your hopes and dreams for your children and the ideas you have about our school. So please save the date and over the coming weeks I will send out more information about this event. I sense that together we can achieve so much.

Shauna Colnan
Principal

* More on James...
James Moody has also been a member of the Australian Bureau of Meteorology Advisory Board and Trustee for the Australian Museum. He sits on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Advisory Council and is a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on the Future of Software and Society.

SCIENCE SPACE #1

Science and Technology tour set for USA in 2016

The journey begins in Arizona, at the Grand Canyon, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, where we will go on a guided ‘trek’ to learn about the Canyon’s unique geological history and the contemporary scientific research begin carried out. Students will then have the opportunity to have a guided tour of the Lowell Observatory, exploring exhibits and telescopes, and can watch the night sky at ‘Sky night’.

Students will also visit the site of the Barringer Meteor Crater, where they will learn about how meteoric collisions impact the earth and other planets.

Flying from Phoenix to San Jose, we visit the NASA – Ames Research Centre, located in the heart of California’s Silicon Valley. Ames has led NASA in conducting excellent research and development. Students will have the chance to see Earth and other planets from a new perspective with the Science on a Sphere Visualisation System. Next up is Yosemite National Park, best known for its waterfalls, deep valleys and ancient giant sequoias.

Moving on to Los Angeles, we will visit the Jet Propulsion Laboratory where students can take a peek at the latest research on Mars by taking a guided tour of the Mars Curiosity Probe and learning the current scientific experiments. Finally, we fly to Honolulu then transfer to the Big Island where we hear to Volcanoes National Park to observe the flowing lava, which created the Hawaiian Islands. We also take a tour of the research facilities at the Institute of Marine Biology to gain a better understanding of the marine and coastal biodiversity the islands offer.

The tour will be open to students in years 9, 10 and 11 2016 (current Year 8, 9 and 10).

If you may be interested in joining the tour, please attend the information evening on 4 May, 2015 at 6pm in the Atrium.

Any questions please email Stacey Preston on staceyp@igssyd.nsw.edu.au.