COMING EVENTS

TERM 4

WEEK 7
Monday 21 November
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Parent Info Meeting, 6pm, Hall
Tuesday 22 November
Year 10 “Writing the Island” Exhibition
Wednesday 23 November
IGS Music Showcase, 6pm, Hall
Thursday 24 November
Year 9/10 Design Mode Fashion Show
Friday 25 November
Parent volunteers ‘Thank you’ Breakfast Year 9/10 Commerce Young Enterprise Groups
PTF Secondhand Book and Uniform Market

WEEK 8
Monday 28 November
Year K-1 Swimming Carnival
Year 10 USYD Campus Tour
Tuesday 29 November
Early Learning Concert Rehearsal
Wednesday 30 November
Year 3 Chinese Whispers excursion
Thursday 1 December
HS Public Speaking Final
Year 6 Farewell Assembly
Friday 2 December
Speech Night Prize Winners Rehearsal

Special Community Learning Program Report

MUSIC TURNS A FINE TUNING FORK TO LEARNING

Why is music in children’s education important? Number one – because it’s good for them. Number two – because it’s unique. And number three – because it can enhance ALL areas of learning. The following account is part of the inspiring adventure many of the IGS community took with renowned music educator Richard Gill OAM* last night.

Richard Gill reveals how mentoring music teachers has an exponential effect on learning at last night’s CLP forum: ‘Music and your Child’

Richard Gill has a long history with IGS – he was approached by IGS Founder Professor Reg St Leon to be the School’s first principal in the 1980s, his wife Maureen taught at IGS for many years and for a school that offers six languages, he has stayed close

to us through the delivery of our ‘other’ extremely important language, Music.

Richard believes that the best way to teach music is through singing, as it is accessible to all and an effective method for children to learn formal musical concepts.

“The earlier you have music in the life of a child the greater the chances are of developing that capacity for hearing. And that capacity for hearing – and to focus and to concentrate – then transfers to all areas of learning,” Richard said.

During his presentation, Richard took the audience through the cyclical years of valued music teaching to now – a time when educators need to return to the basics, the pitch, the rhythm and the capability. He pointed out that in 1902, according to an original teaching

“The answer is always right, for example, what does this music make you feel? … this is gold for learning”.

A feature on Year 10’s inaugural SAGE week - ‘Tasmania - Writing the Island’ will appear in next week’s

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This Year’s Languages Award

Congratulations to our fantastic students who received high distinctions in the Assessment of Languages Competence (ALC) exam.

Certificate 1 High Distinction in Listening and Reading:

Certificate 2 High Distinction in Listening and Reading:
Katerina Alexander, Macy McLean, Nancy Bertoli, Tea-Anna Murrin, Tom Wilkin, Theresa Briganti, Masa Lurie

Well done everyone!

For more exciting language news, go to pages 4, 5 and 6...
SNAPSHOT - OPERA ON KELLY

Year 9 spent the week preparing four fantastic performances for ‘Opera on Kelly’ with the help of Opera Express.

“What an incredible end to an incredible week! Such an enjoyable evening seeing 100 fabulous young people on stage showing us what they can achieve in just 5 amazing days! The joy, the laughter, the tunes and the journeys they shared were just awesome! Thank you IGS!” - Murray Dahm, Opera Express
A cooking class in Italian conducted by il cuoco Luca Roncari from “Piatto Perfetto” was engaging, entertaining and enjoyed by both Early Learning Preschool, Transition and Kindy children.

The children had the opportunity to make fresh pasta, cook it and eat it. They wore chef hats and aprons. Early Learning was transformed into the best ‘pasta fresca ristorante’ in Sydney. The students were active learners embracing the experience through repetition of words and gestures provided by Luca (l’impasto; gira; passa; la farina; l’uovo)

It was very delizioso, and many asked for seconds!

Check out the website of “Piatto Perfetto”. Use their recipe and make this authentic pasta dish at home. View also the step by step clip.

http://www.piattoperfetto.com/site_5/Recipes.html

Elena Palmitessa
Italian Early Learning Educator
Sushi-making with little ones

This sushi making activity was a good opportunity for all the children to learn a little about Japanese food and culture and at the same time we integrated the language into a classroom activity. After identifying each ingredient in Japanese, the children were excited to begin making the Sushi.

Once made, the children dipped it in the soy sauce and ate it. It was really yummy!

Below are easy steps to make our sushi rolls.
1. Lay the seaweed on the bamboo mat
2. Spread steamed rice on the seaweed
3. Add a thin strip of filling in the middle
4. Start with the bottom edge of the mat, roll up and away from you, pressing lightly while you roll.

Akemi Hattori
Japanese Early Learning Educator

Global Celebrations in German

In Term 4, Year 2 German is learning all about “Global Celebrations”. The students are learning songs and poems about various celebrations, they explore customs and traditions of other countries and of Indigenous people, they listen to stories about the origins of different celebrations and they do little craft activities.

In this context, we were very fortunate to get one of the Year 2 student’s mother in to do some craft activities with us. Marlee’s mum, Leena, is from Samoa but also has a German background. Marlee’s dad is Torres Strait Islander.

One of the Year 2 students started the lesson by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land, of course in German. Afterwards, Leena introduced herself and gave some information about her and Marlee’s background. She then showed us some traditional paintings from Marlee’s grandmother and explained the story of these beautiful pieces of art. Then it was all “hands on” as the children created their own unique pieces of art.

Afterwards, we sat in a circle, as Indigenous people often do when celebrating, and did some beading together, creating bracelets with the colours of the Australian Aboriginal Flag which are also the colours of the German flag. Today, Year 2 German got an insight into the way Indigenous people celebrate and they even learnt to say “Hello” in Samoan - “Talofa”.

Daniela Laucht
Yoga nel giardino della pace

What started off as an activity during language camp has evolved. Visiting the Giardino della Pace (Peace Garden), Year 5 and 6 students used simple images as a guide for yoga poses and Italian chants ‘Sono calmo, sono sereno’ as a focus for slow movement and breathing to invite calm.

ENRICHMENT NEWS

Great results in Gateways Challenge

On Saturday 32 IGS primary students participated in the inaugural “Gateways Challenge”, where in teams students participated in creative and academically challenging tasks ranging from board game design to physics and drama.

All students did a fantastic job representing IGS with some great results:

IGS Team Yellow – 2nd overall (Lola Merten, Leo Carmody, Patrick Lee and Coryne de Vocht). The team also scored the top score of the day in the “Quick Response” mathematics challenge, led by Patrick Lee.

IGS Team Emerald – 5th overall (Iris Crennan, Jonas Meyer, Elsa Susnjara and Hugo Johnson). The team also scored the top score of the day in the “Throne of Games” board game design challenge, led by Elsa Susnjara.

IGS Team Red – Scored the top score of the day in “I Witness” critical thinking challenge, led by Chiara Marchi.

Jessica Parsonage
Enrichment Teacher
STEAMpunks explore Google

On Monday, a group of STEAMpunks visited Google HQ in Pyrmont, a visit made possible with the help of Jamye Harrison, dad to Francesca and Octavia. Our guide, Marie, explained the nature of work at Google before taking us on a tour of the different environments there. Now, several IGS students are keen to become “site reliability engineers” in order to be able to sleep in the “metronap” pod in the Google library in their downtime.

Melissa Silk
STEAM Innovator

Here are some of the student impressions of Google:

**Josh:** Not just a normal business and workspace, it’s very relaxing.

**Sophia:** They put lots of thought into the design of each room and how they work.

**Sienna:** Fun experience. Glad I came because Google’s very colourful and that inspires me.

**Francesca:** I like the diversity, even in the different foods they have in the cafes and wellness, like swimming and rock-climbing.

**Sophia:** Surprising, because work is mixed with games and relaxing.

**Paul:** [I like] the pictures on the elevators of the androids because they are funny and creative.

**Harriet:** All the little things made a big difference to the style of the work environment.

**Nathan:** When you think of Google, you think of it as a normal office building but when you’re here you see people working really hard, then they get a big reward that’s reflected throughout the whole world.

**Tom:** the tour has changed my perspective on Google, it gave me great insight on the type of jobs that exist here.

**Eve:** It’s really unique, the design of the place and all the people who work there.

**Octavia:** I like how they designed the library because they also had books and plush toys.

AIME goes global...

Principal Shauna Colnan accompanied some of our Indigenous Scholarship Participants to celebrate the #AIME launch to become global, at Sydney University.
Lest we forget

Remembrance Day, on Friday 11 November 2016, marked the 98th anniversary of the armistice that ended the First World War. Students paid their respects during a special Remembrance Day Assembly.

Shauna shared a moving poem with us last week, written by the late Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae in 1915. Here is a reminder...

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

On display was the beautiful wreath crocheted by Margarita Cantafio (pictured above).

The Comedy of Errors

AUDITIONS!

Term One 2017
International Grammar School Presents
William Shakespeare’s
‘The Comedy of Errors’
Directed by Damien Strothers
To Apply, Check your school email for information!

Reel news

Good news for some IGS filmmakers!

Ella Geracitiano and Maxime Oguey will have their films screened as part of the competition on the night, and Mia Hilliard’s will be shown during the audience voting.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6w1Vs_2mkGs&feature=youtu.be
EVENTS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
Annual Text Book & Musical Instrument Swap Meet
Friday 25th November 2016
3.30pm until 5pm in the school hall

Bring your old texts to sell and come along for a bargain on next year’s. Also bring any Instruments, music books and accessories. The more items brought along to sell the more successful the day. All sales are between participants.

Second hand uniform including backpacks. Lots of good quality items at super low prices – we are all about recycling. All proceeds to the PTF.

CASH ONLY PLEASE – Please bring smaller change.
Organised and run by PTF volunteers
ptf@igssyd.nsw.edu.au

Annual Music Showcase

Music scores, texts and Instrument SWAP MEET
Friday 25th November
3.30pm until 5pm in the school hall

Bring your old texts, music scores and instruments to sell & buy next years’ for a bargain!
All sales are between participants. CASH ONLY PLEASE
Organised and run by PTF volunteers
Run in conjunction with the EOY high school text book swap and second hand uniform sale.

Early Learning Concert
Friday 2 December
School Hall
11.00am
All K-2 Students are required to wear full school uniform

K-2 Speech Day
Wednesday 30 November
School Hall
11:00 am

Years 3-12 Speech Night
Monday 5 December
State Theatre
7:00pm
49 Market Street Sydney
Parking available at nearby parking stations (details to follow for special parking rate)
This is a compulsory event for all Years 3-12 students

End of Year School Picnic
Tuesday 6 December
Clifton Gardens
Kindergarten - Year 11.
Parents are welcome to join us on the day!
More details to follow later in the term.