

# One World International School Newsletter



## Message from the Head of School

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Christmas performance yesterday. (See some of the photos taken at the performance)

I hope you enjoy this Christmas newsletter edition. If you celebrate at this time of year, have a festive holiday.

Many thanks to all parents and children for your donations to our charity fund. In all we raised S\$1,000 which is fantastic for half an hour bazaar and raffle sales!

This money will be sent to Sanctuary House from OWIS with our Christmas greetings.



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## Christmas Performance 2011





Calendar Dates	
<b>JANUARY</b>	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning with Head of School
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	ECAs Registration Due Date
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Middle School Curriculum Evening 6-7 pm

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**What's coming up?**

For those of you who might have spotted the signs along the road announcing works to build a new MRT station on Upper Changi Road, yes this is true!

However, be reassured that OWIS will be here for a few more years to come. Our lease with the Government lasts until 2017 and currently we are in discussion with them regarding another brownfield or greenfield site in the East Coast area, to provide us with facilities to expand up to Grade 12.

Meanwhile we continue with our strategic plan to extend our age range each year and in August 2012 we will be introducing Grade 8 as an extension to our Middle School.

If you would like to learn more about our strategic plan, please join the Head of School in a coffee morning on *Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012*.

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**REMINDERS**

- It is essential that parents inform the teacher if they need to unavoidably take children out of school in term time. In particular teachers need to know when planning for performances if children are going to be in school. Please note that the school endorses good attendance and believes that

**Christmas Bazaar 2011**



every day makes a difference to children's learning at school.

- P.E. uniform prices will be increasing due to the increase from suppliers as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

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**Staff News**

At the end of Term 2 we will be saying goodbye to our Nursery Teacher, Helen Curtis, as she will be returning with her family back to Australia.

I am pleased to advise parents of Nursery children that Ms Ellie De Silva has agreed to take on the position of Nursery Teacher with the support of Mrs Ruth Cresswell as assistant. Ellie has experience of teaching in the Nursery and will ensure continuity for all Nursery children.

Sadly we also say farewell to Oonagh Hunter Lynn the Prep B teaching assistant. Oonagh and her family will be returning to South Africa at the end of term 2. For the time being, Mrs Vidhiya Napolean will provide assistant teacher support for the Prep grade

Both Helen and Oonagh have contributed a huge amount to the school and we send them and their families our wishes in their new adventures.

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**Middle School Curriculum Evening for all parents**

On Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6-7p.m. all parents are invited to find out more about our Middle School Curriculum and what our students learn in Grade 6 and 7. This evening is especially designed for parents of students in Grade 5 but open to anybody who would like to learn more about the different subjects, philosophy and programme designed to lay the foundation for IGSCCE Examinations at Grade 9 and 10.

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**From The Fish Tank**

This week's fish: Siamese Algae Eater.  
 Scientific name: *Crossocheilus siamensis*.



Natural Habitat: Chao Phraya and Mekong river basins, and Peninsular Malaysia (see map).

Maximum adult size: 14 cm. / 5.5 in. long.

Preferred water temperature: 24-28°C.

Preferred food: Algae, Algae wafers, dried fish food flakes, water fleas, insect larvae.

Minimum tank length: 90 cm. / 36 in. long.

There are many fish sold as "algae eaters", but the Siamese Algae Eater (SAE) is the best at eating this aquarium plant pest – better even than any catfish. Visually, it is easily confused with the Flying Fox, False SAE and to a lesser degree Chinese Algae Eater, but it eats much more algae and is far less aggressive than any of these fish. SAEs should be kept either alone or in groups of 4-7, depending on the size of the tank. They



like to swim quickly and are often active, resting only occasionally. At OWIS we have 5 SAEs, and they are all juveniles.

If you're thinking of getting some pet fish, but want a little help starting out, feel free to email Mr Shirley at [duncan@owis.org](mailto:duncan@owis.org), or check out this really helpful website [www.wetwebmedia.com](http://www.wetwebmedia.com)

Next week's fish... the Banded Gourami!