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IN THE LOOP

Updates for the Secondary parents of BMIS



OVERVIEW

This week in our BMIS **community**

It's a short three day week, as we observe Martyrs' Day this Thursday 3rd March., a day to respect and honour those who suffered in the name of freedom.

It is a time for reflection, too, given the current world events. Many of our students have been talking about Ukraine, trying to make sense of the unfolding events. At school, we are holding space for discussions and inquiry and some of our units naturally create an avenue for exploration and understanding, such as our current Year 10 MUN (Model United Nations) unit of inquiry. We encourage you to speak with your children too, to learn, build empathy, and support where we can.

While this is a somber note, it's uplifting to know that our students are living and breathing our BMIS mission, and are "ready to take action in the local and global communities." This is so apparent in last week's and this week's bulletin, which focuses heavily on service opportunities that our students are leading.

Our Interact Flood Appeal continues this week, so please can I encourage you to donate if you haven't done so already - let's support those in the southern regions who have been greatly affected by the floods.

If you are travelling this long weekend, please take care, be safe, and enjoy time with your family. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday next week.

So, please still settle down and grab a "cuppa" as you stay "In the Loop!"

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"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

- DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Y12 ESS Service

Our Year 12 ESS students were taking a closer look at our recycling initiative at the end of last week. Ammarah shares: *As ESS students we found it necessary to check up on the coloured bins and see if students were putting their materials in the allocated bins. We went to the paper bin and saw mixed garbage such as cardboard, juice boxes, food and plastic in the paper bin. So we decided to separate all these materials and put it in which group and bin they belonged to.*

BMIS **community** we need your help to ensure that we put the correct materials in each bin - thank you for your support!



Learning spaces

As I walked around and visited classrooms this week, it was great to see the different ways our learning spaces are being used. Check out some pics below!



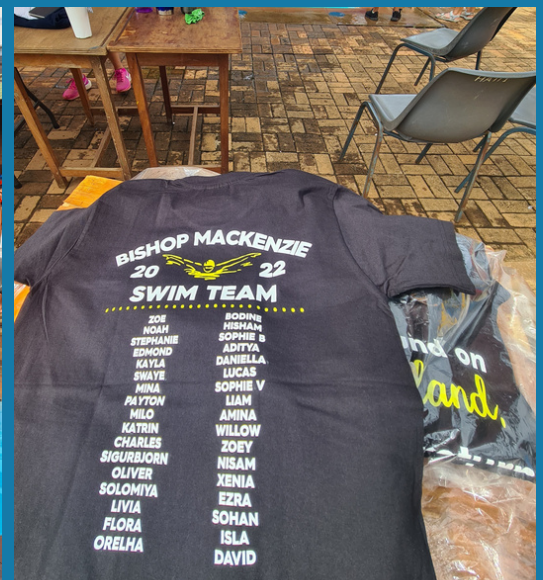
More ways to learn

On Monday morning we came to our campus to find that our tree species have been identified for us! I'm not sure if we can thank The Squeaky Wheelbarrow or our Eco Warriors for this initiative, but either way, it's such a great way to build our knowledge of the natural world - thank you! It also made me stop to appreciate our surroundings that little bit more!



Nationals Swim Trials at BMIS

Last Friday we hosted a "Dual Meet" in preparation for Malawi Nationals this weekend. It was a positive, fun, and happy atmosphere at the event, which is thanks to our awesome **community** and our swim captains Sophie and Hisham! A huge thank you to the teachers and parents who got involved to run this event, showing great **community** spirit! We are looking forward to Nationals updates next week. Best of luck to the BMIS swimmers!

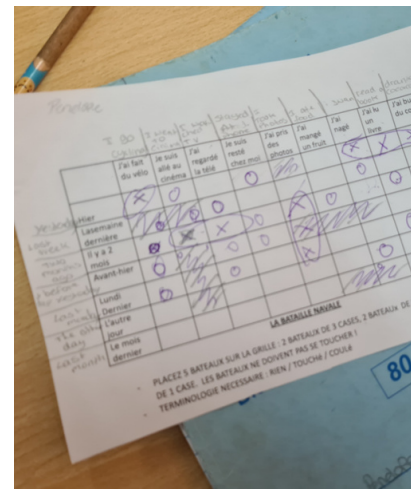
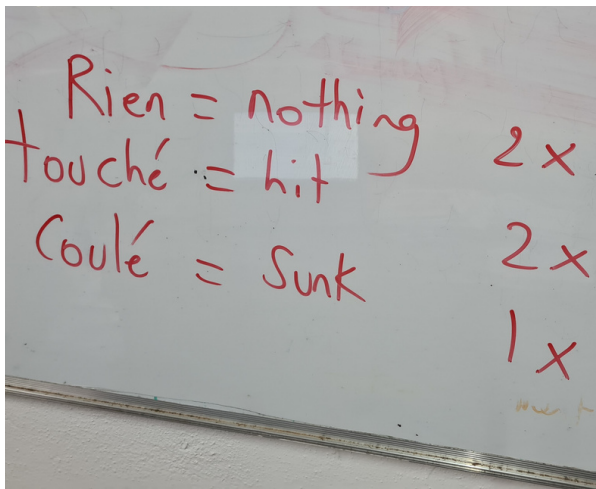


French classes

I had the pleasure of popping into two French classes last week. The first was Year 11 French, where they were delivering Ted-X style talks on immigration. While I am not a French speaker, I found the delivery powerful and moving, and could pick up the sentiment of each Ted talk. Mr Miguel Perez shared how impressive and proud he was of their performances, and I was too!



And then I went to see the Year 8 students putting their French speaking skills to good use, while playing "Battleships". The students were having a lot of fun playing the game, while learning important vocabulary! Thanks for making lessons so engaging and enjoyable Ms Pascale Pereira De Rezende!



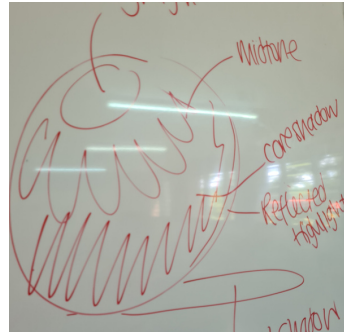
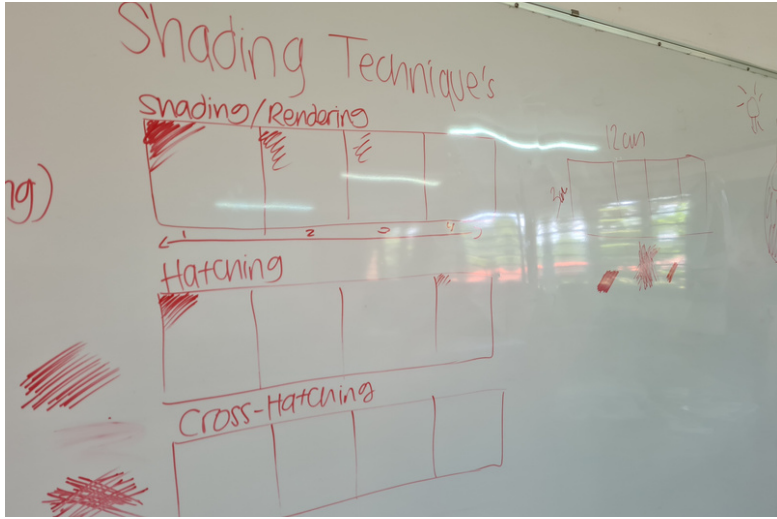
Computer coaching

Last week our Computer Coaching club students visited our service partner Mbinzi Primary School, to understand their needs. One of the club's members, Teresa Obreque, shares, "It was an amazing experience being able to interact with the kids we want to donate laptops to." I'm looking forward to hearing (and sharing) more updates as this service partnership develops! I love our BMIS service community!



Year 7 BMA Art

Teachers were invited into Mrs Blessings Maguires 7MZA Art lesson this morning, where students were being introduced to value and shading techniques. It was a pleasure seeing them learn new skills, and even make visible improvements already!



A couple of reminders...

ECPs

Our Term 2 ECP activities will conclude on Friday 25th March - they won't be running in the last week of Term. We are looking forward to sharing the sign ups for Term 3 during our final week.

Quarantine

If you are travelling over the April break, just a reminder of our current quarantine requirements:



INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

FULLY VACCINATED: do not need to quarantine

UNVACCINATED LAND TRAVEL: do not need to quarantine; self-monitor

UNVACCINATED AIR TRAVEL: Test 3-5 days after travel AND quarantine for 7 days

If you don't get tested, quarantine for 10 days



Put it in your calendar:

Thursday 3rd - Sunday 6th March

Martyrs' Day long weekend (no school)

Monday 7th - Friday 11th March

Y13 DP Mock Examinations

Tuesday 8th March

International Women's Day. Dress up in purple to celebrate!

Tuesday 15th March

Secondary Inter-House Swim Gala

Thursday 17th March

STUCO assembly @1.00pm in the lower hall. Parents welcome. Student performances including the winners of the Talent Show.

Friday 18th March

STUCO presents: Secondary Student Disco @6.30-9.00pm in the Lower Hall. BMIS students only. Tickets MK2000 presale or MK4000 at the door.

Thursday 24th March

DP Art Exhibition. More information to follow

Friday 1st April

Year 13 students' last day; last day of Term 2. School closes @12.15pm