

# The International School of Hout Bay Newsletter

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## IGCSE EXAM RESULTS RELEASED!

### IGCSE Results for 2010

It is with great pleasure that we publish our IGCSE results for 2010. Our High School students write the two-year Cambridge IGCSE's as preparation for their International Baccalaureate Diploma final examinations. Our school is an official Cambridge examination centre. In 2010, 9 students wrote and they achieved:

Distinction	1
Merit	4
Pass	4
Fail	0

Our congratulations go to Katherine Turner who achieved a Distinction.

Andy Wood  
Principal

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### 'PYP - What's it all about?'

#### Parent Information Workshop

When: Wednesday, 16 February 2011

Where: Swan Cottage or High School Hall (depending on number of people wanting to attend)

Time: 19:00 – 21:00

I will be leading a workshop for parents, which will help give you further insight into your child's learning experience and the philosophy of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme - the essential elements that make up the curriculum and learning through inquiry.

If you would like to attend please RSVP to the Primary School office (Beth or Susie) to help me finalise the venue.

I look forward to sharing an overview of this educational programme with you, which I truly believe is the education for the future.

Denise Michel

### Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend last night's meeting. I trust you found it informative. Parents who were unable to attend should receive an information pack today, consisting of a term calendar, parent hand book and IES magazine. If your contact details have changed in any way, please notify the office to update. You will be receiving a class list with contact details in the near future. I will also be giving feedback on some of the questions that were raised in the meetings.

A reminder that if you have any concerns, queries or praise please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment as soon as possible. This can either be done through the message book or by contacting the office and leaving a message with Susie or Beth. Our aim is to have an open-door policy and to work together as a team in supporting your child's learning and development.

### Class Reps

A huge thank you to the parents who volunteered or were persuaded to be Class Reps. Andy and I look forward to meeting with you and discussing taking the school forward.

Early Years and Junior Primary (Yr 1 & 2) Coffee Morning – Wednesday, 2nd February, 08:30am in the Primary School Staff Room.

Senior Primary (Yr 3 – 6) Coffee Morning – Thursday, 3rd February, 08:30am in the Primary School Staff Room

### Stop and Drop

As was mentioned in last night's meeting – we appeal to all parents dropping off their children in the morning to **please** note the Stop and Drop procedure. This has been put in place to ensure the safety of all the children and to keep the flow of traffic reasonable.

If you are walking your child into the school premises please only use the pedestrian gate to enter the school. Please do not park in the Stop and Drop area at all.



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# Primary School News cont.....

## The Sports Column

### **Cricket**

There seems to have been a misprint on the club forms that went out last year regarding practice times for cricket. To accommodate our cricket coaches practice sessions will only end at 15:45. Normal procedure for practices are that Mr. Stofberg will do a team warm-up from 14:30 – 14:45, after which time the coach takes over for an hour, ending practice at 15:45.

Matches generally end between 17:00 and 17:30 and we encourage parents to support these.

The school arranges transport to the venue of an away fixture, but it is the parents' responsibility to collect or arrange for transport back to Hout Bay after the match. Directions to each venue will always be available in the office.

The U/10 team will play their first cricket match on Monday, 7 February, against Wynberg. This is an away fixture. Children not involved in the match will be able to attend a practice session at school.

### **Tennis**

Parents are reminded that there will be a supervised class for children who do tennis on Mondays or Wednesdays in which they have the opportunity to finish their homework before the tennis session. Children will then be shuttled to the tennis courts, using the school bus. Parents must please collect their children from Dominican Grimley at 16:30. Can we ask that everyone collecting children from Dominican Grimley School drive up to the school, turn around and then park in the road next to the tennis courts facing downhill. The road is too narrow for parked cars and two lanes of moving traffic, so let us try and make this as easy as possible. We are not the only school that uses the facilities at Dominican Grimley and there are a lot of cars on this little road, so let us try and make it flow as smoothly as possible please.

### **Outdoor Education**

Outdoor Education for children in Years 5 & 6 will kick off next week Friday, 4 February, with a hike up Chapmans Peak. Part of our mission in Outdoor Education is to create an opportunity for parents to spend some time with their children in the outdoors. Parents are always welcome to join us on our adventures and many often do take part. Not only is it a wonderful opportunity to be outdoors but it also helps us where extra eyes and assistance is needed. Siblings in other schools or friends will unfortunately not be allowed to join as this is an ISHB school-based activity.

This year Mr. Stofberg has added the "Hout Bay 5 Peak Challenge" as a new goal for the children. In the coming year we will be conquering 5 peaks that surround Hout Bay: Chapmans Peak; Sentinel; Klein Leeukoppie; Skoorsteenkop; Eagle's Nest. Children who manage to complete all 5 of these peaks will earn a special certificate of merit and earn some extra Leopard Points for themselves and their house.

### **Bursary Programme** **AGM**

We are very pleased to be able to announce the date of the first Bursary Programme AGM. The programme has been running successfully for two years and is now ready for the next step in its development.

You are all invited to attend the AGM to find out more about the programme and how it is run and hopefully to become more involved in its maintenance and growth.

When: Thursday, 17 February

Time: 19:00

Where: Year 6 classroom – Primary School

## **Kronendal Land Update Meeting**

You are invited to a presentation by Mr Luis Martinez, Vice-President of IES, on the progress with regard to our campus on the Kronendal land. The presentation will take place at 6:00pm on Monday, 31 January 2011, at the High School.

For seating purposes kindly RSVP to [houtbay.high@iesedu.com](mailto:houtbay.high@iesedu.com) or [houtbay.primary@iesedu.com](mailto:houtbay.primary@iesedu.com)

## **Dates to diarise**

### **Monday, 31 January**

- Kronendal Land Meeting  
18h00 @ High School (RT - Riverside Terrace)

### **Wednesday, 2 February**

- EY & JP Class Rep Meeting  
08h30 @ SC

### **Thursday, 3 February**

- SP Class Rep Meeting  
08h30 @ SC

### **Friday, 4 February**

- Outdoor Education  
Years 5&6  
Chapmans Peak Hike

# High School News

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## Business Breakfast

Our first 'Business Breakfast' will be hosted by the Business and management department on Friday morning, 28 January, at 8:15am in the High School hall. All Business students are invited.

We will begin the morning with refreshments and time for a bit of networking across the grades.

Our speaker is Mark Seymour from Alphen Asset Management and he will be speaking about "How to make money on the stock exchange".

## Inter-House Gala

This afternoon (**Thursday, 27 January**) sees the first of the inter-house events for 2011 - the Swimming Gala. We look forward to seeing you all there at Dominican Grimley School (DGS) at 3:30pm. The gala is expected to finish between 4:30pm and 5:00pm.

## Homework Planner Workshop

Many thanks to Jan McWilliams who ran our Homework Planner Workshop yesterday for those students who purchased the specially designed 'Planner for Students'. By all accounts the workshop was a huge success and hopefully our students are well on their way to implementing this very valuable skill in to ensure academic success this year.

## CIA Confirmation Forms

Your child would have received a confirmation form today regarding his / her selected CIA activities for the year. Please be sure to make payment for **ALL** paid activities **BEFORE Monday, 31 January**, with the exception of activities that take place **off campus**, e.g., surfing, which must **NOT BE** paid into the school account but rather to the individual service provider. Details can be found on your confirmation form. Please fax/email confirmation of your EFT/cash payment deposited into the school account. **NO CHILD MAY BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND ANY 'PAID ACTIVITY' UNLESS PROOF OF PAYMENT IS SUBMITTED.** Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Student Information Update Forms

You will have received an email AND hard copy of the '**Student Information Form**' on Wednesday. Please assist us by thoroughly completing the form and as accurately as possible. The form must be returned to your child's class tutor by **NO LATER than Friday, 28 January**. This is very important as we want to ensure that we have the correct contact numbers in case of an emergency and have effective communication between the school and our parent body.

## Middle East Educational Tour

In June 2011, Mr. Ruskovich will be accompanying students to the Middle East (Egypt, Israel & Jordan). The tour will be open to **ALL** IGCSE and IB students and will be of great benefit to any student who would like to select History as a subject in IB. A detailed letter and information meeting will be scheduled in the next week so please be on the look out for that and be sure to attend to hear more about this exciting educational opportunity.

## National School Science Essay Competition

The Royal Society of South Africa is running its annual Essay Competition. There are three topics for senior students (IGCSE - IB) and one topic for MYC students. The competition draws entries from around the country and offers prizes from R250 to R2000 for winning essays. The Science department is encouraging students to participate, as it is an exercise that will extend their thinking and research skills. See Mr Wilson for further details or visit <http://www.royalsocietysa.org.za/>

## iKhaya le Themba Wins!

Local Bed and Breakfast owner, Paul Hermann, thought he was doing a small thing when he nominated iKhaya le themba in the Multichoice "Nominate Your Favourite Charity" competition. But only a few weeks later that SMS won iKhaya le themba After-School Care R50 000! The cheque was presented during a wonderful children's Christmas party hosted by Multichoice.

When asked why he entered the competition Paul said, "My children go to Hout Bay International School. They have volunteered at iKhaya le themba as part of the school's Community Service program. When I saw the competition in the school newsletter, it was a no-brainer!"

Whilst some enthusiastic iKhaya supporters entered a dozen times or more, Paul only sent one SMS - much to the surprise of the Multichoice representatives. What a wonderful windfall!

Thank you Paul.

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Tuesday evening: 18.30 – 19.45  
Friday morning: 8.15 – 9.30

Booking essential/other times/days possible on request

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Parents have shown an interest in this dance form - classes are given at the Hout Bay Yacht Club on a Tuesday.

**A trial class will be given on Tuesday, 27th January 2009 at 15h30 to 16h00.**



Should you be interested to join, you can contact Audrey for further information.

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