



# North Jakarta International School Newsletter

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## From the Headmaster's Desk

All of us at NJIS hoped you enjoyed the Spring Break with family and friends, but although it is great to have the students back as we make the final push to the end of the year, please note that NJIS will be closed on 5 April, Elections Day; 9 April, Good Friday; and 12 April, Easter Monday.

By now you should have signed up for or have been notified about your Parent/Teacher Conference on either Tuesday, 6 April, or Wednesday, 7 April. Conference request forms were sent to parents in a letter distributed on Friday, 12 March, along with the *Newsletter*. This will be followed up with a conference reminder today, 2 April. Parents are requested to bring the second trimester or third quarter Report Cards to the meetings to assist with the discussion associated with the progress of your child. Please make sure you sign and return the Report Card envelope to be recycled for the fourth quarter.

Parents of students in Grades 6 - 9 will know by now that class trips to Singapore, Yogyakarta, Ujung Kulon, and Perth have been approved by the Board and organized by the grade level advisors. Thank you for attending the trip meetings and supporting the school's attempts to include learning opportunities for our students that go beyond the campus. Please call if you have comments,

concerns, or suggestions about these "classroom without walls" educational excursions.

The past few weeks have been exciting in Indonesia, as the election process gathered momentum. After our initial early dismissal on the opening day of elections, we do not anticipate any further disruptions to the school schedule or calendar, but we remain prepared for any unforeseen circumstances. For any emergency messages NJIS administration needs to share with students and parents, the Telephone Chain will be used. It seemed to work effectively on 11 March, when we closed early, but please make sure Anna Rangkuti, NJIS Admission Director, has your latest landline and hand phone numbers so that you do not miss out on any urgent information. We would also ask that you check the "News Update" section of the NJIS Web site - [www.njis.org](http://www.njis.org) for daily bulletins. Of course, it is everyone's wish that our state of preparedness be only a drill, and the school schedule and calendar remain as advertised. As mentioned in previous communications, the safety and welfare of your children are paramount. That said, using our community contacts, we would assess the political situation carefully and cautiously before making a decision about the status of the school. Your understanding is appreciated.

Once again, enjoy the long election weekend, and stay in touch with NJIS through the *Newsletter* and the Web site as local and regional events unfold.

Allan "Buck" Forslund

## Summer School Program

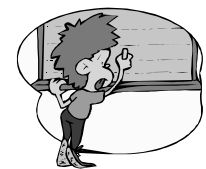
NJIS will offer the following Summer School programs:

- Fun Camp
- Activities Camp
- ESL Camps
- Academic Camps
- Computer Camp

All of these programs will begin on Monday, 14 June, and run four weeks, through Friday, 9 July. The day begins at 8:00 A.M. and ends at 12:00 Noon.

For those parents who will stay in Jakarta for the summer break, we suggest that you get your children involved in one of the academic and/or recreational programs. Classes will be filled on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Registration and payment must be received by Friday, 28 May. To

take advantage of the Early Bird registration and discounted fee, make payment by 30 April 2004. All registration and payment must be completed through the Business Office. Refer to the attached course descriptions and registration form. Inquiries can be addressed to Anna Rangkuti, Summer School Coordinator.



## No School on Monday - 5 April

North Jakarta International School will be closed on Monday due to the general parliamentary elections that will take place on that day. Classes will resume as usual on Tuesday, 6 April.

## The Magical Lamp of Aladdin” a Magic Carpet Ride

*Genies, dragons, and lamb sausages just like grandmother used to make. The Magical Lamp of Aladdin* had all these and more! A cast of thousands (actually 20 students) presented the play on 27 and 28 February to an enthusiastic audience in the NJIS theatre. We laughed at monkey Alakazam’s antics, feared the evil intentions of siblings Jammal and Halima, and rooted for scrappy Aladdin to win Princess Jasmine’s hand in marriage. As Assistant Director, it was an enormous privilege for me to work with Upper School students at this rewarding and very successful endeavor. The students learned their lines early enough in the rehearsal process that they were able to concentrate almost entirely on developing their roles into the colorful characters that we saw during the performances.

The positive effect of an experience like this is immeasurable. In addition to theatrics, students learned about teamwork, discipline, encouragement, and the importance of following through on a commitment—even when that commitment is difficult or time-consuming.

Mr. Shea and I appreciate this and would like to thank all of the students who were involved in the play for their dedication and hard work: Michael Nivens, Evelyn Lu, Nashin Mahtani, Chandni Samtani, Karmila Harder, Lyndsey Kotchapaw, Milisa Sumarno, Hannah Townley, Taylor Kotchapaw, Kevin Wu, Landon Kotchapaw, Resham Amarnani, Kristy Dindorf, Analyn Solis, Shaheena Nathani, Marlon Solis, Josh Ortega, Gary Tanoesoedibjo, Chance Mahtani, Margaret Lie, Drew Duvall, Lisa Russo, Silvia Schreiber, Kyle Sjarif, Sherly Hartono, Patricia Yoe, and Upper School Student Council.

We would also like to thank those staff members who donated their time and energy to ensure the play’s success: Mrs. Elsa v.d. Westhuizen, Mr. David Burke, Ms. Juanita McGarrigle, Mr. Scott Townley, Mrs. Lynn Townley, Ms. Tracey Reed, Mrs. Mary Dindorf, Mr. Derek Markey, Mrs. Janet Shea, Ms. Leanne Pepple, Mr. Donovan Dorning, Mr. Brandon Hoover, Mr. John Hyland, and Pak Herry.

Thanks also to you as audience members for thrilling the students with your presence and excitement!

Alicia Duell  
Assistant Director

## As the Page Turns

*9,720 books have been checked out as of 1 April 2004!*

April is here, and my parents tell me that back home in Illinois, U.S.A., the tulips are starting to bloom—a sure sign that spring weather is on its way. It’s always hot in Jakarta, but it is nice to imagine the seasons changing and the promise of the summer fun that is not too far away!

Lower School students have been busy learning how to use the many encyclopedia options available to them in the Library: *The World Book Student Discovery Encyclopedia*, *Online Encyclopedia Britannica*, and online *Microsoft Encarta*. Their school reports have already begun to benefit from these new research skills.

**Lower School Author of the Week: Lynley Dodd** (New Zealand author Lynley Dodd writes lively rhyming stories about the hilarious adventures of wonderfully-named dogs and cats. Titles include *Hairy Maclary from Donaldson’s Dairy*, *Hairy Maclary’s Rumpus at the Vet*, *Slinky Malinki*) **Call #: E DOD**

**Upper School Author of the Week: John Marsden** (Australian author John Marsden writes exciting young adult adventure novels. *Tomorrow, When the War Began* begins a series in which seven teenage friends return from a camping trip to find that everyone has disappeared. Titles include

*Tomorrow, When the War Began, Darkness Be My Friend, Letters From the Inside*) **Call #: F MAR**

**Web site of the week: Webgrammar.com**  
[www.webgrammar.com](http://www.webgrammar.com) provides help with grammar, capitalization, punctuation, definitions, writing style, and even web development. This Web site would be useful for any student writing project.

Have an amazing April,  
Alicia Duell  
NJIS Librarian

## Date Change

Please note that the Grades 4- 5 music program has been moved to 29 April at 7.00 P.M. due to the long weekend.

## Calendar

5 April	No School - Elections
6 April	Parent Teacher Conferences Community Night
7 April	Parent Teacher Conferences Community Night
8 April	Community Night
9 April	Good Friday
12 April	Easter Monday
25 - 23 April	Grades 6 - 9 Class trips