



AIS SCHOOL VISION

For our students to become confident, capable and socially aware global citizens who contribute meaningfully to the communities in which they choose to live and work.

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Jakarta Bytes, 20th February 2026

Week 3 Principal's Highlights



A great start to our academic week with our annual Lunar New Year Lion Dance. It was a great experience for all in attendance and a great way to usher in the **Year of the Horse**. With a mini-break on Tuesday, it was good to see everyone back learning on Wednesday and back into all-important routines. Finishing the week with our PnF Annual General Meeting, we are setting up for an exciting year in 2026 for all members of our learning community!





Our Standardised Testing – ACER PAT



Here at AIS Jakarta we use the world-class ACER PAT platform for our standardised testing, done at the start and end of the academic year. This informs our teaching and learning for individual student needs and maps student progress. Due to the current support infrastructure and a delay in results feedback, the NAPLAN tests will no longer

be taken by our students. We understand that if our families are returning to Australia, schools may be asking for NAPLAN results. The ACER PAT tests results can be supplied to them, so please just enquire and we can support you.

Campus Advisory Council (CAC)

The Campus Advisory Council forms an imperative part of our communication strategy here at AIS Jakarta. Meetings will be held late in each of our four academic terms, with our first meeting on Tuesday 10 March 2026. Here are the representatives for 2026:

AIS Leadership: Brenton Hall, Dean Cummins (chair), Beth Ashfield & Hakan Demiralay

AIS Staff: Ani Surya & David Kessell

AIS Parents: Lina Crawford & Heather Stagg

Many thanks to our 2026 representatives, parents should look forward to strong representation in important decisions we make as a learning community throughout the year.

Parents and Friends Jakarta Annual General Meeting (AGM)

It was great to see parents attending the PnF Jakarta AGM today (Friday 20 February). Many thanks go to our 2025 PnF Jakarta executive team for the wide variety of events making the 2025 year so special.

I am pleased to announce the following parents that will form the PnF Jakarta Executive team for 2026:

Lisa Wong – Chairperson

Fiantika Ambadar – Secretary

Evi Tobing – Treasurer

Lisa Dickinson – Social Coordinator

Dzung Nguyen – Workshop Coordinator

Yuliana Darmanto – Media Coordinator

All members come with a wealth of experience, expertise and passion for making it a great year here at AIS Jakarta.



PnF Jakarta Invitation to all parents – Zumba Class!



Term 1
2026

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Every other Monday at 8:10 a.m.
 AIS MPC North Campus

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Open House - Wednesday 11 March 2026

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AIS Jakarta

- Early Years
- Primary School
- High School

Open House

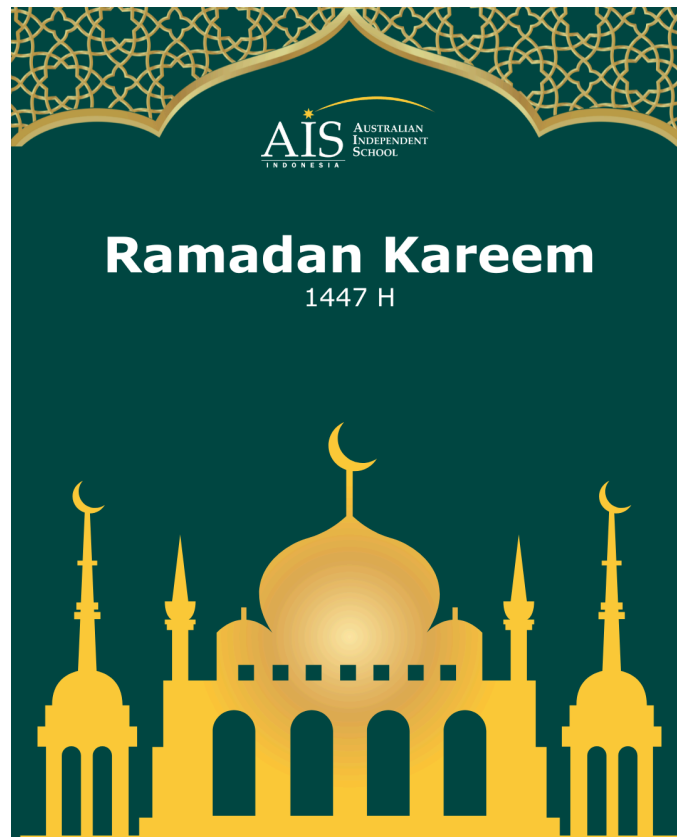
**Wednesday
11 March 2026
08.30am - 10.00am**

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"Wishing our AIS Indonesia Community a peaceful and blessed Ramadan.

May this sacred month strengthen our spirit of respect, compassion, and unity. ✨"



Jungle Toppings – Special Offer

Just a reminder that our canteen is now operating in full conjunction with our AIS iSmart Parent Portal. For those that need it, here is a short clip to review its use: [Using the AIS iSmart Parent Portal](#).

Jungle Toppings

Special Iftar

Menu List

-  **Beverage Menu (3pcs 500ml)** Rp. 110.000
 Kopi Susu Gula Aren, Biko Pandan, Chesse Cendol
-  **Tajiri Menu** Rp. 60.000
 Spingroni, Resoles Itagout Ayam, Chicken Wrap, Sosis Solo, Pisoles Smoked Beef, Kolak Biji Salak
-  **Choice Of Package 1** Rp. 100.000
 • Kibuli Rice with Full Leg Roasted Chicken Kobuli,
 Sambal Goreng and Acar Namis
 • Choice of Tajiri
 • Choice of Beverage (500ml)
-  **Choice Of Package 2** Rp. 100.000
 • Nasi Merah with Ayam Bakar Full Leg, Mix Saute
 Vegetables, Tempio, Bacem, Sambal, Kerupuk Udang
 • Choice of Tajiri
 • Choice of Beverage (500ml)
-  **Family Package (5-7persi)** Rp. 300.000
 • Nasi Kibuli dengan Ayam Utun (Nasi Basmati yg dimasak dengan kudu ayam kesat dan pedas rempah khas), disajikan dengan 1 ekor ayam yang diungkep dengan tempayan lalu dipanggang hingga kecoklatan dengan sambal goreng dan acar namis segar



Special Iftar Package

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Mr Dean Cummins
Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Lunar New Year! We had a fantastic celebration at school on Monday, highlighted by the vibrant Lion Dance performance. The energy and excitement of the show made it a memorable experience for our students and a joyful way to welcome the new year.

Across many classes this week, students have been developing important self-regulation skills. They are learning how to reflect on their own progress and assess their learning, which helps them grow into independent and confident learners. Our younger students have also been showing great confidence in sharing their ideas and organising themselves each morning. Their clear understanding of routines and willingness to take responsibility is impressive, and this can be reinforced at home by giving children a few responsibilities around the house.

We've also been encouraging the use of "brain breaks" throughout the day to keep minds sharp and ready for learning. These short pauses help students refocus and maintain their energy levels.

A highlight of the week was an outstanding presentation from our Year 2 students on the important topic of Digital Citizenship. Their work showed both creativity and maturity, and it was wonderful to see them engaging with such a relevant subject.

As we enter the holy month of Ramadan, we extend our warmest wishes to our Muslim families. Ramadan is a time of reflection, compassion, and community, and we value the opportunity it gives us to celebrate the diversity within our school. We hope this special month brings peace and blessings to all.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students thrive both academically and personally. We look forward to sharing more of their achievements with you as the term progresses.

Mr Hakan Demiralay
Head of Primary School

Year 6



Year 6 has made a strong and positive start to Term 1 as students settle into new routines and embrace the added responsibilities of their final year of primary school. Alongside signing up for classroom jobs and our Year 6 ministries, students have begun taking greater ownership of our community and contributing to the smooth running of the class. Our migration inquiry has invited students to share their own family stories and compare them with Indonesia's Transmigrasi program and the White Australia Policy, exploring how push and pull factors shape lives and opportunities. These ideas have connected meaningfully with our reading of *Wonder* by RJ Palacio, where the precept "Choose Kind" has inspired thoughtful discussion, drama freeze frames and the planning of suspense

narratives. In Science, students have modelled the Sun, Earth and Moon and investigated how ideas change in light of new evidence. It has been encouraging to see growing confidence, curiosity and a strong sense of responsibility across the year group.

Mr. Cosi & Ms. Emily
Year 6 Teachers

merit

Merit Certificate

Class		Teacher
Preschool 3/4L	Jio	Ms Linda
Preschool 3/4T	Yujun	Ms Tia
Foundation E	Ivy	Ms Elizabeth
Foundation E	Sahara	Ms Nada
Foundation J	Martina	Ms Jordan
Year 1E	Rumi	Ms Ellis
Year 1J	Janice	Ms Joan
Year 1J	Kayla	Ms Kourtney
Year 1J	Meliala	Mr Johnny
Year 2G	Alfonso	Mr Giles
Year 2K	Gahyeon	Ms Karlina
Year 2K	Jun Hyuk	Ms Tetty
Year 3A	Vikrant	Ms Aditi
Year 3A	Mikhayla	Mr Yohan
Year 3K	Aaron	Mr Kessell
Year 4D	Azlan	Mr David
Year 4D	Hyorin	Ms Deasy D.
Year 4M/S	Kalia	Ms Mo
Year 4M/S	Bahle	Ms Sara
Year 4M/S	Dain	Mr Yohan
Year 4M/S	Minjun	Ms Deasy D.
Year 5D	Safeena	Mr Dan
Year 5S	Kari	Ms Susan
Year 6C	Edna	Mr Cosi
Year 6E	Kal	Ms Emily
Year 6E	Dzaki	Ms Nada

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to High School News

On Friday last week Year 11 and 12 students had the first alumni talk of the year, organised by Mr Jeremias. Gibeom Park, the Dux of our first year of IBDP students in 2016, came back to school to tell the students about his journey, experiences and how studying at AIS had helped him along the way. He spoke to the students about finding their spark:



It has been good this week to see the students really settling into the routine of school and CCAs. Here is a small peak into Junior Basketball with Mr Tal:

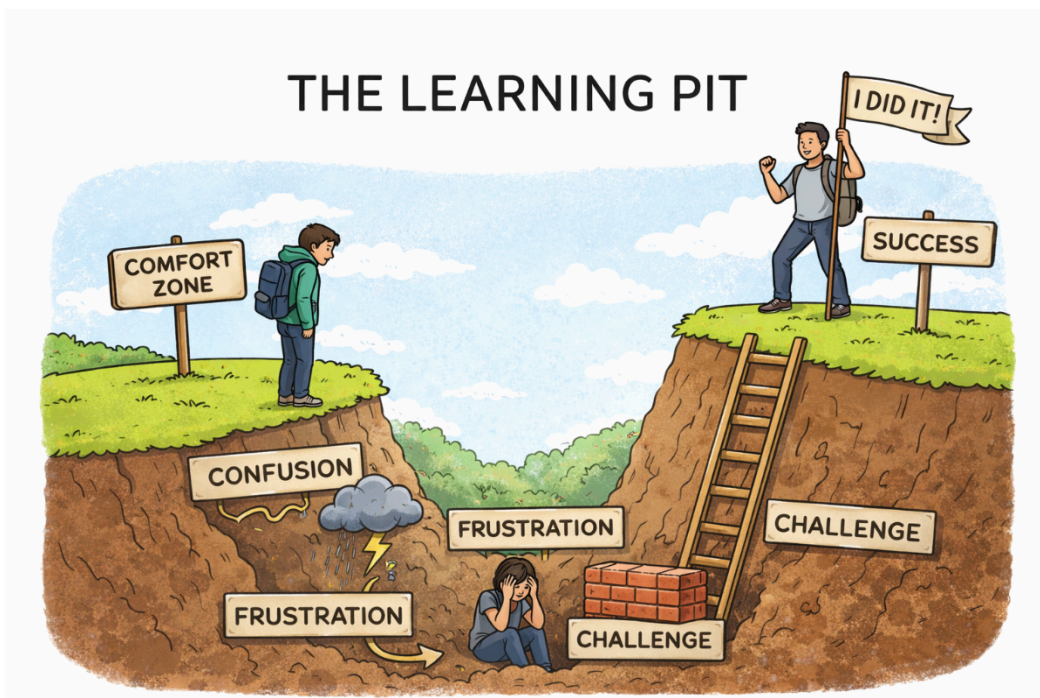


On Thursday we had our second High School assembly of the term. Ms Jill joined me to celebrate our Senior Girl's Basketball team, who came 3rd in the JAAC championships, beating teams from much bigger schools and making us very proud!



Students who left at the end of last year are still eligible to play until the end of the semester, so a big thank you to Bella and Mischa for coming back to play.

Our focus in assembly was on the importance of struggle in learning, of how necessary it is to acknowledge that learning is hard and can feel frustrating. We used the image of a learning pit to describe how it feels when you start to learn something new and challenging.



The image of a learning pit helps students to visualise the journey that they need to take to learn new things and the actions that are necessary for the learning to take place. We spoke about the importance of recognising that being stuck doesn't mean that you are bad at a subject, just that you have not learnt it **yet**. Making mistakes, practising methods, asking 'why?' not 'what's the answer',

supporting each other and taking risks by asking and answering questions in class are all good strategies to expand and cement understanding.

Our next High School assembly on Thursday 5th March will be taken by the Indonesian faculty and will be focusing on the importance and meaning of Ramadhan and Idul Fitri.

Over the next few weeks, Year 12 students will be completing their Collaborative Science Projects as a part of their Group 4 studies. Students will be working in small groups to research and find a possible scientific solution to a real world issue. We are not expecting them to solve major, complex global issues, rather they will focus on collaboration and model scientific thinking to help them develop into problem-solving global citizens of the future. Thank you to Mr Mark and the Science faculty for supporting them in their projects.

Dr Beth Ashfield
Head of High School

Wednesday Lunchtime Book Club

This week, we (Bluebelle and Olivia) have started the first session of our book club during lunchtime for our CAS project. Our book club creates a welcoming and engaging environment for other students to share their enjoyment of reading. We have students from Year 7 to 10 in our Book Club so far and everyone is keen to read and discuss. The session started with a conversation on favourite books and genres before launching into the first group read of the book *The Midnight Library*. Every week we will set a challenge of how many pages to read and will plan discussion games and activities. Our project is an example of CAS in action, bringing people together to connect in a space for curiosity and understanding.



Olivia and Bluebelle
Year 10 Students

AIS Alumni Talk Series

Last Friday, 13 February, we had the pleasure of welcoming home **Gibeom Park (Class of 2016)** for an alumni talk with our Year 11 and 12 students.

Now pursuing his Ph.D. at Sungkyunkwan University, Gibeom shared his journey from being a student at AIS to becoming a researcher in clean energy and sustainability. His presentation was not just about academic success, but about growth, identity, and purpose.



Here are key takeaways from his session:

- **“Life is a vector, not a scalar.”** Direction matters. It’s fine to pivot—changing direction does not mean failure; it often signals growth and self-discovery.
- **Connect the dots.** Physics, leadership at AIS, and basketball may have seemed unrelated, but together they shaped his character, resilience, and career path. No experience is ever wasted.
- **Find your spark.** Move from a “must do” mindset to a “want to do” mindset by rediscovering genuine curiosity and intrinsic motivation.
- **Prioritize well-being.** Good sleep and physical health are essential foundations for academic success.

As AIS celebrates its 30th year, we are incredibly proud of the journeys our alumni have taken. If you are an AIS graduate and would like to reconnect, please contact Mr. Jeremias at jeremias.sampang@ais-indonesia.com. We would be delighted to welcome you home!

University of British Columbia Visits AIS Jakarta

We are pleased to welcome representatives from the **University of British Columbia (UBC)** to AIS on **Monday, 23 February 2026**.

UBC is consistently ranked among the top universities globally and is one of Canada’s leading research institutions, offering a wide range of undergraduate programs across disciplines including Engineering, Commerce, Science, Arts, and more.

I strongly encourage our **Year 10–12 students and parents** to take advantage of this opportunity to speak directly with the university representatives. Conversations like these help students make informed decisions and better understand their pathways after high school.



Monday, 23 February 2026



15:00 – 16:00 (WIB)



Room N212 - 2nd Floor, North Campus

Join the University of British Columbia


LEARN ALL ABOUT UBC

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Monday, February 23
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Mr Jeremias Sampang, Jr.
University and Careers Counsellor

Upcoming Events

Week 5	
Tuesday 24 February	Parent College - 8.00-10.00am – Understanding our Teens, Tweens & Beyond. Essential Information to increase communication and decrease conflict (Level 2 Staff Lounge). All parents welcome to attend
Friday 27 February	8.10am - Primary School Assembly
Week 6	
Thursday 05 March	9.10am - High School Assembly
Friday 06 March	8.10am - Primary School Assembly
Week 7	
Monday 09 March	9am University Fair (MPC)
Tuesday 10 March	Campus Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting
Wednesday 11 March	AIS Jakarta Open House Day
Thursday 12 March	Board & Staff Buka Puasa (after school day)
Friday 13 March	8.10am - Primary School Assembly Parent College - 9.00-10.00am - From There to Here: Supporting Your Child Through International Transitions (Level 2 Staff Lounge). All parents welcome to attend.
Week 8	
Monday 16 March	Please note, this is a normal school day!
Tuesday 17 – (Thursday 19 Nyepi) Friday 20 March	Eid Al Fitr Holiday
Week 9	

Monday 23 March	Eid Al Fitr Holiday
Thursday 26 March	9.10am – High School Assembly
Friday 27 March	8.10am – Primary School Assembly
Week 10	
Monday 30 March	Three Way Conferences (Early Years to Year 12)
Thursday 02 April	Harmony Day 8.10am – End of Term Whole School Assembly 9.00-10.00am – New to AIS Jakarta in 2026 Parent Morning Coffee Check In. All new parents welcome.
Friday 03 April	Good Friday Holiday

2026 AIS Jakarta Calendar

Please [click here](#) to access a pdf version of the 2026 AIS Jakarta School Calendar

