

June 2024

April 2023 - Lavesa

Dear Parents,

Warm Greetings! As we reflect on the events of the past few weeks, we are delighted to share with you some of the highlights that have taken place at our school.

The convergence of Nyepi, Ramadan, and Holy Week within the same month held special significance. It presented us with a valuable opportunity for our students to learn and appreciate different faiths and customs. Nyepi was celebrated with great enthusiasm by our students and staff. Holy Week allowed some of us to spend time with our families and for others to reflect on new beginnings. The start of the Holy month of Ramadan has allowed us to bear witness to numerous instances of care and consideration among our students and parents. Many students have been observed looking after each other, showing empathy and support towards their peers who may be observing the fast. Parents have graciously contributed towards supporting our support staff. It is heartwarming to see our community demonstrate the values of empathy, respect, and inclusivity by showing concern and fostering a sense of community during the fasting month of Ramadan.

This week our school participated in the WASC and IB accreditation. As a school, we have been preparing for this visit for over a year. The accreditation process that involved teachers, students, parents and the board has helped us reflect on areas of strength and growth; a testament to our dedication to providing a high-quality education that meets rigorous international standards. We are extremely proud of the way our students interacted with the visitors. We look forward to sharing their feedback with the wider community soon.

Our school also actively participated in World Water Week, a global campaign that aims to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation and sustainability. Led by the Environmental Committee, our students took part in various activities such as workshops, discussions, and community initiatives to promote responsible water usage and conservation efforts. Thank you for all your efforts and support. We raised IDR 11,076,400 for the blue dress day.

Also, in line with our commitment to environmental stewardship, our school also conducted an e-waste campaign, encouraging our community to contribute to our e-waste collection. If you have any electronics (appliances, wires, plugs etc.) that are broken or you need to dispose of, please consider this campaign. The e-waste collection boxes are located at the East and West gates and will be there until May 11.

We are grateful for your continued support and partnership. For all our parents observing Ramadan, we wish you a very happy Idul Fitri.

February 2023 - Dewi

Dear Parents and Students,

It seems like it was just yesterday when we started the year of 2023 and now we are already at the end of February. We are only less than three weeks away from the end of Term 3!

We express our deep gratitude that thus far, both the curriculum and school program have been executed seamlessly as intended. February has traditionally been a hectic month, during which several significant events were conducted. For the first time since the onset of the pandemic, we were able to resume parent invitations to the assemblies on-site fieldtrips, guest speaker sessions, year level mini expos, unannounced emergency drills, swimming carnivals, Year 5 MUN, and the most recent event - Year 6 PYP Exhibition. You may also read about several other activities on the year-level page of this Kontak edition, along with some upcoming events such as camps, parent workshops, and more. It is evident that our primary students and teachers are striving relentlessly to uphold and embody the school's vision and mission statements.

Coming up next in our school calendar is the **Mid-Semester Conference (MSC)**. It is going to be held on the 16th and 17th March. MSC is a celebration of student's learning. During MSC, Primary students will lead a conference to their parents and inform them of their learning journey. Parents, students, and teachers will also have the opportunity to sit together to discuss and reflect on student achievement and set future goals. Please ensure that you have booked your time to attend this very important event. If you haven't done so, please contact Ibu Imas, our Primary Administrative Assistant.

We would also like to use this opportunity to share with you a great news from our environment committee. Our school were just acknowledged as one of Adiwiyata Schools (eco-friendly school) for the Tangerang Selatan City level. This boost our enthusiasm as we continue our commitment to becoming an environmentally friendly school and prepare to get the province level acknowledgement.

As school principals, we take immense pride in the level of dedication and hard work exhibited by our students in their pursuit of knowledge. Their unwavering enthusiasm and positivity, evident from the cheerful smiles they greet us with each morning, their persistent efforts to excel, and even the anecdotes they share with us, are the hallmarks

that set our school community apart. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who have made us feel that we have the most rewarding job in the world!

December 2022

Dear Parents,

The end of the first semester quickly dawned upon us. Before we realize it, we will be stepping into another dynamic year.

As we reflect back on 2022 and all that it had to offer, we can do so with a great sense of collective pride and achievement. Making progress towards what had become the norm is a challenge. However, as a community, we have risen above and taken every opportunity to celebrate and move forward with kindness and grace.

November was the month of kindness while December, the month of giving. As we made kindness the norm and participated in Random acts of Kindness, we witnessed something beautiful and wonderful that sparked in all our students. In particular, our reception students integrated kindness in to their unit of inquiry and took action by identifying the members of the community that serve us, interviewed them, wrote thank you notes, invited the primary school to thank them and finally concluded the month and unit by initiating the Reception got Gratitude. The students gave thanks to the community members by serving them breakfast, singing and dancing and saying their personal thanks to those who serve our school.

The Primary school was buzzing with students demonstrating acts of kindness towards their peers, teachers and family members. We also came together as a community and raised funds to support with the relief operations for the earthquake victims in Cianjuar. As a community, we raised IDR 32,000,000. For those who witnessed and participated in these beautiful and selfless act, would agree that it's these simple acts which make a big difference to the people who are touched by these gestures.

The coming of the new year is a great time for self reflection, and goal setting. As you cross the line between 2022 to 2023, consider things that you are grateful for and great things that you want to achieve.

We take this opportunity to wish you a happy holiday season and blessed new year. If you are traveling, safe travels. If you are staying in town, we hope you are able to spend quality time with your family and loved ones. Whatever your plans, we wish you safety, health and happiness. We look forward to seeing you on January 9, 2023.

Happy Holidays and a Blessed New Year.

Kind regards,

Ibu Lavesa Devnani and Ibu Oscarina Dewi

Primary Principals



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October 2022

Dear Primary Parents,

We have successfully completed Term 1 and are looking forward to even more active, engaging, and full hands-on learning in Term 2. October being a very busy month offered us a sense of normalcy that we were all seeking. We held the much anticipated Athletics Carnival where students participated in active living and shared a spirit of team sports and competition. This was followed by the MSC where our students had the privilege to share their learning experience with their parents and also engage in discussion of their future goals with teachers. Our parents had the opportunity to provide feedback to their children in the form of handwritten letters. The joy of receiving handwritten notes and the smile on students' lips when they read the note of appreciation from their parents was rewarding. Our term break ended 48 days of student instruction. We hope you had a restful term break and took some time to spend quality time with your family and loved ones.

Book Week (October 31 - November 4)

Our Book Week will be held from October 31 - November 4th. The week starts off with a Book Character/Halloween Parade on October 31st followed by a range of activities. You may click here for the [Book Week](#) plans and the [Poster](#) and [Halloween](#) posters. Parents are welcome to watch the parade on October 31st and also visit the book fair held during the week.

Environmental Committee Update

We are delighted to share that Global Jaya School is currently working towards obtaining green school recognition through [Adiwiyata](#), a government program aimed at improving awareness and action around sustainability in Indonesia. This initiative is extremely important to us and is led by the Green School committee which comprises a team of dedicated and passionate students and teachers. The aim of the committee is to raise awareness of how we can sustainably use the resources at our disposal and create environmental awareness. If you are passionate about this program and can offer support and advice, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to working with our students in helping them develop a greater awareness of the world around them.

Random Acts of Kindness Challenge

November is often associated with kindness. In fact, November 13 is observed as World Kindness Day. And because performing random acts of kindness promotes positive feelings of love, compassion, empathy and gratitude, we invite all our parents, teachers and students to participate in the Kindness Challenge.

What: Kindness Challenge



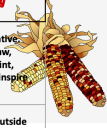




Who: All students, teachers and parents

When: Every day in November

Why: We are committed to making kindness a norm.

How: The calendar below features a fun and easy way to do something kind for someone else for each day of the month. Simply follow the prompt of the day and make someone smile.

Action: We would love to hear from you. If you have a Kindness story that would inspire others, please share them with us via your teachers, office admin, or leadership, or simply drop your stories in any format (letters, pictures with captions, videos) in this [FOLDER](#). Kindness cannot be measured, No act of kindness is too small or big. Kindness is addictive The more you share the faster it spreads. Link to [Random Acts of Kindness Poster](#).

November Random Acts of Kindness Challenge						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Smile at everyone you pass by today	2 Make it a point to genuinely thank someone who serves you today	3 Recycle 	4 Hold the door open for someone	5 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire 
6 Help make dinner	7 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	8 Write a positive note to someone who inspired you today	9 Give a compliment to as many people as you can	10 Post positive notes around your community	11 Make a card for someone and take time to pass it to them	12 Get outside and appreciate the nature around you
13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Make someone laugh today 	15 Stay positive all day long	16 Pick up trash you see on the ground	17 Write a thank you note for your community helper (cleaners, security etc.)	18 Leave a treat for someone at their desk	19 Try out a new way of being physically active
20 Spend time and connect with your grandparents 	21 Eat snack/lunch with a new friend	22 Thank everyone who helped you	23 Eat a healthy meal today	24 Help someone clean up 	25 Tell someone the reasons you appreciate them	26 Give someone a hug today 
27 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	28 Play with a new friend during recess/ call someone you have not in a long time	29 Make a card for your favorite teacher	30 Tell someone what makes them super			

Open House

A gentle reminder that our Global Jaya Open House will be held on November 24th for Secondary and November 25th for Primary. We look forward to welcoming new and potential families and sharing all the wonderful and special things that make up our school. We are also using this as an opportunity to build strong communication and leadership skills within our Student Council body. Our young learners will be involved in speaking with potential families about their experience and sharing what makes this place special.

Lastly, We would like to wish all our families a very Happy Diwali for all those who celebrate the festival of lights.

Upcoming Dates:

November - Random Acts of Kindness

November 9 - UDL Parent Workshop

November 24 - 25 - Open House

November 25 - National Teacher's Day

Please know that you can reach us anytime at lavesa@globaljaya.com and dewi_oscarina@globaljaya.com

Stay safe and healthy.





Kind regards,
Ibu Lavesa Devnani and Ibu Oscarina Dewi
Primary Principals

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September 2022

Dear Primary Parents,

We have successfully completed two months of school. Our students have demonstrated that they are resilient, flexible, and adaptable learners. Our teachers and wider staff have demonstrated empathy, deeper understanding and adaptability when working with our students. Together, we are lucky to have a strong team of educators and an adaptable group of learners.

The Primary Mid-semester Conference will be held on October 6th and 7th. During these conferences, students will have the opportunity to share their learning journey, explain their understanding and reflect on their goals and achievement. It is an event that needs to be celebrated. In preparation for these conferences, one really important habit that we as parents can build is to have quality conversations with our children about school. Quality conversations do not elicit a yes or no response. Asking your child "What did you do today?" or "Did you have a good day?" will result in a single word or phrase response. Instead, try asking a question that is open-ended and thoughtful. We want our children to share their real emotions and feelings. Here are some ideas to try out.

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- What did you need help with today? Who helped you?
- What is one thing you did today that helped a friend or your teacher?
- Who had a hard time in school today?
- Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
- What made you laugh today?
- Tell me about what you read in class.
- Who did you play with today? What did you play?
- Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
- What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
- What rules are different at school than our rules at home?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?
- When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
- Tell me one new thing you learned today.

Athletics Carnival

After almost two and half years, our students will be taking part in the Athletics Carnival on October 3 for Kindy and Reception and October 4 for Primary School. It will be a day full of fun and of

immersing ourselves in active living. Students will represent their assigned house and compete against others. Parents are welcome to attend the event and cheer on the students.

Term Break and Professional Development Day

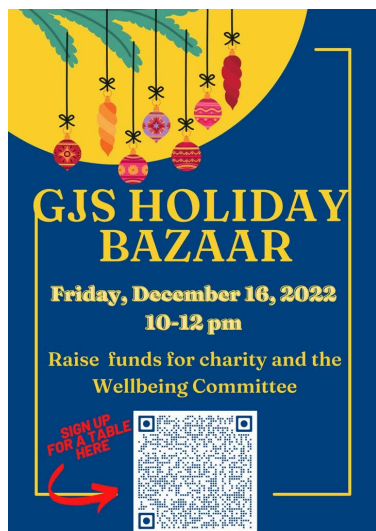
We will have our well-deserved term break from October 8 to October 16. On October 17, our teachers will engage in Professional Development. There will be no school for our students on Monday, October 17. Students will be welcomed back to campus on October 18.

Book Week

On October 31 - November 4, we will also be celebrating Book Week. The committee has lined up a week-long of fun and meaningful activities for all our students and teachers.

Holiday Bazaar

On December 16, a Holiday Bazaar will be held at GJS from 10.00 am-12:00 pm. We hope that parents, students, and teachers will bring homemade and hand-made merchandise to sell. Parents may purchase a table for 250,000. Teachers and students may purchase a table for 100,000. The revenue collected from table bookings will be used to support the work of the GJS Wellbeing Committee. Payment will be collected on the day of the Holiday Bazaar. Students who are selling items in order to raise money for charity may book a table for free. Each table is approximately 1 meter 60cm long by 1 meter 20 wide. We invite parents and small businesses to host a table and support this community initiative. Here is the [LINK](#).



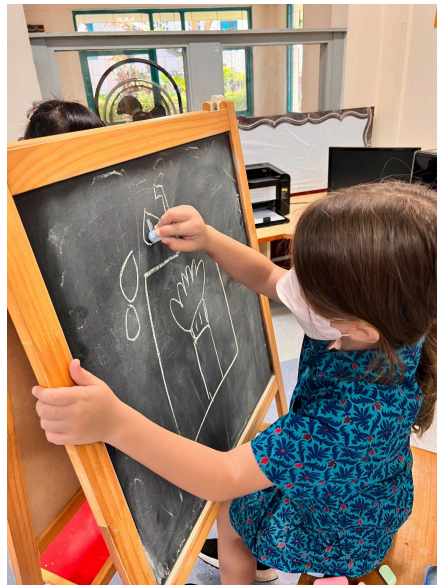
Long Term Service Awards

The success of an organization highly depends on its people. Similarly, the biggest asset of a school is its teachers. Last September 22, I had the pleasure of witnessing Yayasan Group recognize all its long term employees within its educational system. The

categories were 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years. It is with pride and honor that we celebrate our teachers who have been serving our students, some for 30 years.



We have started to open up some of our spaces to allow students to engage in hands-on learning and student inquiry. Here are some of our students in action.





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Stay safe and healthy.

Kind regards,
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Dear Primary Parents,

August 2022

We are very grateful to have started this year offline and personally welcome our students back to school.

We welcomed many new students and families to our growing Global Jaya community this semester, including myself. As a new member of the GJS community, I cannot help but compare my experiences to that of other schools I have served at internationally. Our first assembly was held in the first week of school where I introduced myself to the students and expressed how scared I was as a new person joining this school and community. I was being courageous yet deep down I was scared. Imagine my surprise when over the next few days, I had numerous students stopping by to introduce themselves, and offering their friendship and advice. My observations and daily interactions with students and our community's members have made me appreciate this remarkable place where the IB values and skills are practiced on a daily basis.

It has only been four short weeks and there is so much we are already proud of. We have established routines and expectations with all our students, conducted pre-assessments for teaching and learning, commenced our After School Activities (ASA), participated in student-led assemblies, organized our student council and environmental committees, held Professional Development, liaised with the Year Level representatives, and celebrated Independence Day. We are truly proud of all our students and their accomplishments. Our student-led assemblies are a testament to student voice, agency, presentation skills and willingness to take risks. Parents can view these assemblies on the Global Jaya Youtube channel.

Celebrations have a way of bringing the community together.

After two long years, on Friday 19th August our community celebrated Indonesia's 77th Independence Day. The flag raising ceremony 'Upacara' was enthusiastically performed by our students and teachers. Ibu Nadya led our choir

and sang the national anthem and patriotic songs. Teachers led students in fun traditional games and activities throughout the day.

Our team of dedicated teachers are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for our students. While COVID-19 is still a reality, we ask all our parents to be vigilant and remind that if your child is unwell, please keep them at home, monitor their symptoms and allow them to rest and recover fully before sending them back to school.

Reminders: Upcoming events

September 8: Parent Workshop

October 6-7: Mid Semester Conference

We look forward to working with you as parents and community members to provide the best educational experiences for our students to assist their social, emotional, physical and academic development.

Warm Regards,
Lavesa Devnani



Warm regards,

Ibu Lavesa and Ibu Dewi

Sample

I feel an incredible sense of gratitude and appreciation as I reflect on the year that we have had together at Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. The celebrations and highlights have been many and varied and I am so glad that I have been given this opportunity to lead the school community. I look forward to seeing community members at our End of Year mass held on Friday at 8:30am at Holy Spirit Church. I have been truly grateful for the dedication and commitment of parents at Holy Spirit this year. There is no doubt that the families contribute considerably to the wonderful community atmosphere and school spirit. Parents have worked tirelessly for the whole school community and their efforts have had a major impact on student learning – enabling us to provide fantastic resources for our students, including new iPads, school phone app, new junior playground and the list goes on. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Fr. Jimmy and our School Board members who are committed to the pursuit of excellence at Holy Spirit and to building a strong, faith filled Catholic community. The support, advocacy and wisdom of our Board members have been a real asset to our school and has made my job as Principal a pleasure. I acknowledge and thank the fabulous Holy Spirit staff that continually strive to provide challenging and stimulating learning opportunities for our students in partnership with families. Each staff member goes above and beyond in so many ways. I have been truly blessed to work with such enthusiastic, passionate and fun loving colleagues. This was particularly evident with last Thursday night's Christmas concert. Finally I would like to say how proud I am of our students and all that they have achieved this year. It has been a privilege to be entrusted with their care and education and to watch each one grow not only academically but also in faith, love and wisdom. Farewell to the staff, students and families who are moving on or beginning a new venture and thank you for being a part of our community. We hope Holy Spirit always holds a special place in your heart. We wish Ms. Kate

Fiedler and Mrs. Dewi Claridge all the best at their new schools in Victoria next year. We welcome Kristy Boath and Shannon Lea to our teaching staff at Holy Spirit for the start of the 2015 school year. I take this opportunity to thank our Year Six students for their many contributions to our school community. I wish them all the best for their move to Middle School and hope that their memories of Holy Spirit School will be fond. The Year 6 Graduation mass and dinner will be held at Holy Spirit Church starting at 6pm followed by dinner and awards at school on Wednesday 10th December. All Holy Spirit community members are most welcome to come along and farewell our Year 6 students. The school has received two early Christmas presents. Firstly, the school was successful in receiving a \$37,000 grant from the Block Grant Authority funded by the Australian Government. Solomon MP Natasha Griggs visited the school to hand over the BIG cheque. This money will assist in providing large shade sails over our new playground and outdoor learning space. Secondly, we received a \$5000 grant from the Long Day Care Upgrade Grants to assist in improving the flooring in the Community of Learners building. Both projects will take place over the holidays. We also finish the year by launching our “new” school website. The new web address is www.holyspiritnt.catholic.edu.au. This new website along with our school app aims to provide the most up to date information for parents about our school community. As this is the final

