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From our Director, Mr. Fred Runkel

We recognize how much we have grown and how far the school has come when it takes three newsletters to introduce the teaching team. This week I would like to introduce the members of our HS team and their respective functions as well as the support staff.

Our High School team is headed by Dr. Liam Browne, who is both the Principal and the IB Coordinator. The homeroom teachers are: Gr. 9 – Andrew Collins who teaches English and Kim Sonderborg who teaches Humanities; Gr. 10 - Martina Thomas who teaches German and Business, and is the IGCSE Coordinator; Gr. 11 – Alexandra McGettigan who teaches German and Judy Bradley who is our counselor; Gr. 12 – Liam Browne.

Teachers in the High School who have not been mentioned previously are Bryan Landmann who teaches Mathematics, Phillip Bird and Janis Armstrong who teach English, Andreas Sayer who teaches Math and Meg Rouse who teaches ESL and assists the IB students. Steven Fogarty teaches a multitude of areas, Ian Armstrong, Tara Bay and Mike Reid teach in the Sciences. Slawa Wrzesniewska is our new HS art specialist. All of the others which were mentioned in last week's newsletter share their duties generally in both the Middle and High Schools.

Further staff includes many new faces as well as returning faces to the school. In the cafeteria, the team is headed up by Susanne Schmitt. Our office team has faces which are very familiar to us and new ones as well: Sigrid Hehz, Karine Chaveriat and Petra Malessa take care of duties in the downstairs office, while Bettina Wiegel also serves as an administrative assistant for the management team. Evelyn Killick returns as the Admissions and Development Officer, Beatrice Müller is our senior accountant and is assisted by Susanne Tischer-Plack, and Thomas Hegenauer is the Business Manager. Pierre Stöth is the Hausmeister and working alongside of him is Roland Schorn. Matthias Lohwasser is new to the FIS and works with Rene' Löhnert as a network administrator. Elaine Smith is our whole school librarian and purchasing officer. Working with Elaine in the library is our second librarian Teresa Rotherham and Susanne Ohlmeyer. Kathleen Grundig is our new Human Resources Officer.

We also have 20 teaching assistants in the school, most of which work in the Kindergarten and Elementary School. Additionally more assistants in the cafeteria as lunch servers enable us to give the individual attention for our students.

Our whole FIS team is here for the well-being of all of our students, and we look forward to taking care of the needs of the students throughout the course of this school year.

Kindergarten/Elementary School Parent Information Evening – 14th September 2009

KiGa/ ES Parent Information Evening is scheduled for Monday 14th September to give parents of students in Kindergarten and Elementary School the opportunity of meeting their child's teachers as well as giving all of the teachers the opportunity of presenting their programs and expectations for the school year. The Information Evening will be held at the FIS beginning at 7:00 pm (19:00) in the Aula and should be finished before 9:00 (21:00). If possible, we ask that children be left at home, but limited babysitting by volunteer students will be available for the evening. The PTO will provide refreshments. The evening is scheduled as follows:

7:00	Welcome and opening remarks by Glenn Lawler
7:10-7:40	Information presentations on German, Music, Sports, I.T., Student Support and ESL classes in the auditorium: German Constanze Brüning, Laura Pontones, Helga Harrison Music Andrea La Rose, Constanze Brüning, Connie Panagakis P.E. Helga Harrison, Eric Newton I.T. Doug Manning Student Support Deb Obermanns Counselling Judy Bradley ESL Sabine Lang, Lori Friedmann, Fay Manna
7:40 – 8:00	Coffee Break – coffee and refreshments supplied by the PTO.
8:00 – 8:25	Session 1: Classroom presentations in the classrooms of Kindergarten and Grades 1-4
8:25 – 8:30	Session 1 concludes and parents move to the next classroom for Session 2 if needed
8:30 – 8:55	Session 2: Classroom presentations – for parents with more than one child in the Kindergarten and Elementary School this gives the opportunity for you to visit the classroom of your second child – in classrooms of Kindergarten and Grades 1-4
8:55	Session 2 concluded
9:15	Building closed

Grade 11 & 12 Parent Information Night - 17th September 2009

The Grade 11 and 12 Parent Information Night is scheduled for Thursday September 17th to give the parents of students in Grades 11 and 12 the opportunity to meet their child's teachers as well as give all of these teachers the opportunity to present the programme and expectations for the school year. The Grade 11 and 12 Information Night will begin at 7:00 pm (19:00) and should be finished at 10:00 (22:00). The PTO will also provide refreshments. The evening is scheduled as follows:

- 7:00 Opening remarks and introductions by Dr Liam Browne in the Aula
- 7:10 Counselling and Career Guidance – Ms. Judy Bradley
- 7:20 CAS & Student Support – Mrs. Deb Obermanns

The programme will continue at 7:45.

The following schedule will take effect after the coffee break:

Time	All Grade 11 families Room 257	Grade 12 Room 246	Parallel Programme Grade 11 and 12 students
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7:45	Judy Bradley and Alexandra McGettigan (abs) Grade 11 homeroom teachers	Liam Browne Grade 12 homeroom teacher	
7:50	<u>IB Science</u> Biology Ian Armstrong Physics Tara Cole Bay & Michael Reid Chemistry Terry Rotherham	<u>A1 IB English</u> Phillip Bird	<u>Applied Mathematics</u> Doug Manning
8:05	<u>IB Math</u> Bryan Landmann & Andreas Sayer	<u>IB History</u> Kim Sonderborg	<u>Science</u> Tara Cole Bay & Michael Reid
8:20	<u>IB English</u> A1 English Phillip Bird A2 English Andrew Collins IB English B Meg Rouse (room 245)	<u>IB Biology</u> Ian Armstrong <u>IB Physics</u> Tara Cole Bay & Michael Reid (room 245)	<i>Coffee Break for Parents in this programme</i>
8:35	<u>IB History</u> Kim Sonderborg & Liam Browne	<u>IB Math Studies</u> Andreas Sayer <u>IB Math HL & SL</u> Bryan Landmann (room 245)	<u>English</u> Janis Armstrong (abs) <u>Sociology</u> Phillip Bird In light of Mrs. Armstrong's absence, Mr. Bird will present on the Parallel English and Sociology courses.
8:50	<u>IB German</u> A1 German Beatrix Lux A2 German Martina Thomas German B & ab initio Alexandra McGettigan (abs)	<u>Theory of Knowledge</u> Liam Browne	Parents of students in the Parallel Programme now go to Grade 11 or 12 IB courses their sons/daughters are taking.
9:05	<u>Theory of Knowledge</u> Andrew Collins	<u>IB Business</u> Martina Thomas <u>IB Art</u> Slawa Wrzesniewska (Art room)	
9:20	<u>IB Business Management</u> Martina Thomas <u>IB Art</u>	<u>IB German A2</u> Alexandra McGettigan (abs) <u>IB German B & ab initio</u>	

	Slawa Wrzesniewska (Art room)	Beatrix Lux (room 245)	
9:35	<u>IB Spanish B</u> Teresa Carballes and Tabita Sandoval		
9:50	<i>Evening concluded and building closed at 10:00</i>		

School Goes Back in Bavaria 15th September

Next Tuesday 15th September all the other schools in Bavaria will be opening their doors for the new school year. We would like to remind the FIS community to keep this in mind as it may take a little longer for you to get to and from school.

Contact Details – do we know where you are?

We seem to have had a number of children coming to the Sick Bay this week. We have had some difficulty contacting parents because of outdated contact numbers, and would encourage you to check with our Office (or by email to info@the-fis.de) to make sure the contact information we have for you is correct.

Signing In – All visitors to report to Reception

For the safety and security of the whole FIS community, we would like to reinforce with families of importance of **all adults in the building signing in at the Reception Desk** and **wearing a visitor’s badge** when in the building. The only exception to this is if they are briefly entering the school at drop off or pick-up time to drop off or pick up a child. Parents who need to pick up their children earlier than the normal dismissal time **must** make themselves known to the Receptionist. The Office/Receptionist will contact the responsible teacher and arrange for pick up to take place.

Parking @FIS

We would like to remind FIS families to **use our car park** if they need to leave their cars to bring a child in to school or pick them up at the end of the day. Please do not model inappropriate behaviour by driving on the wrong side of the road, parking on the wrong side of the road, parking in another person’s parking place or crossing the road unsafely.

Scarlet Fever

There has been a case of Scarlet Fever reported in Grade Four. Scarlet fever is a fairly common childhood illness caused by streptococci bacteria and characterised by a rash. These bacteria more often cause a sore throat alone. The main symptoms include a nasty sore throat and fever. Scarlet Fever is passed by close contact with the patient and rarely by indirect contact through objects or hands. The incubation period is usually 1-3 days, rarely longer. People are infectious from the day the sore throat starts until 24-48 hours after

starting antibiotics. After that they can return to school or work when they feel well. Please consult your doctor if you have any concerns.

H1N1 – We again attach our letter to parents for your information.

Buses @the FIS

Many thanks to all of our bus riders who have settled in very quickly to the new system this year. Thanks to your cooperation everything has been running very smoothly. Thank you also to our senior students who take the trouble to look after the younger members of the FIS community on the buses.

FIS SINGERS

Rehearsals for the “FIS SINGERS” – the school’s adult vocal ensemble – will take place on Wednesdays at 5pm in the ES Music Room (Room 159). However, the first rehearsal will be on Wednesday 7th October from 5:00pm. Please email Connie Panagakis (connie.panagakis@the-fis.de) if you would like to come. No talent or experience needed, only a love of singing.

Private MUSIC tuition at the FIS

The FIS Music department will offer private instrumental tuition again this year on a fee for service basis. Tuition is available after school in the FIS Music Rooms on a range of instruments including Piano, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion. If you are interested, please contact Ms Panagakis (connie.panagakis@the-fis.de) and she will provide you with further details.

Stuck on You - Have you considered the Stuck on You range of labels for every imaginable piece of property they might bring to school? Please see the attachment for details – all sales through our FIS community member Kirsten Higgins raise money for our school.

WANTED - A couple of new teachers at the FIS need a **small freezer**. If you can oblige please contact Ian or Janis Armstrong at school on ian.armstrong@the-fis.de or janis.armstrong@the-fis.de.

Next Week @ THE FIS

Monday	14 th Sep	➤ 19:00 KiGa ES Parent Information Evening
Tuesday	15 th Sep	➤ 16:45 – 17:15 Girls Volleyball practice ➤ 16:45 – 17:15 Girl Scouts – please contact Amanda Cartwright at 09132 730541 or via email cartwright@herzovision.de
Wednesday	16 th Sep	
Thursday	17 th Sep	➤ 8:45 - 10:45 Toddler Group, ES Music Room (1.59) ➤ 19:00 Grades 11 & 12 Parent Information Night
Friday	18 th Sep	

FIS School Newsletter The FIS newsletter is published on a weekly basis and is emailed home each Friday. The newsletter contains items of information relating to school operations, PTO News, for-sale items placed by members of our community, and much more. Contributions to the newsletter can be emailed to the school at info@the-fis.de. The editor reserves the right to... edit... This newsletter and other important school information, can also be found on the school’s web page. Newsletters are usually placed on the web site (www.the-fis.de) a day or two after publication and will remain there until the end of the school year.

