



الأكاديمية الدولية - عمان  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY - AMMAN

# Parent News

## Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Calendar

Monday	12	--Grade 10 DP Transition Week --Grade 11 Exams --Grade 9 Exams --Grade 7 and Grade 8 Exams Week --Grade 6 Exams Week --Open meeting with Primary Principal, Mr. Andrew Powell, Primary Principal's Office, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Tuesday	13	--Grade 10 DP Transition Week --Grade 11 Exams --Grade 9 Exams --Grade 7 and Grade 8 Exams Week --Grade 6 Exams Week --Parents Open Meeting with the Director, Director's Office, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM --Grade 5 Promotion, Auditorium, 17:00 PM – 18:00 PM
Wednesday	14	--Grade 10 DP Transition Week --Grade 11 Exams --Grade 9 Exams --Grade 7 and Grade 8 Exams Week --Grade 6 Exams Week --Final Reports: Grade 6 to 11 sent out --Last Day for Students --G3-5 End of Year Assembly & Awards Ceremony, Auditorium, 13:00 PM – 14:00 PM
Thursday	15	--Primary Reports Home --Last Day for Staff --Summer Break Starts

## **A Message from the Director**

Dear IAA Community,

This is the last newsletter of the year!

And it is the time of year again where we wish farewell to our Class of 2017 and wish our Grades 5 and 10 students the best of luck in their Middle School and DP years respectively. To all staff and students who are leaving us, good luck and best wishes. Remember that the IAA will always remain your second home.

It was a very productive year! I want to thank you for your loyalty and support of IAA. Undeniably, our wonderful sense of community played a tremendous part in this successful year and in preparing our students for tomorrow. I would also like to express my gratitude for the PTA for their ongoing support and commitment to IAA. And of course, I thank the great IAA staff for their dedication and in particular Primary Principal Andrew Powell and Secondary Principal Martin Thompson for their sound vision and direction.

We could not have done it alone and I am privileged to be a part of this remarkable community.

As we reflect on our achievements during the past year, a plethora of images, posts and news items cross my mind: from sports trophies to numerous adventure, cultural and drama trips, book fairs, assemblies and concerts that showcase students' talents and skills, science fairs that celebrate solid research, competitions – both local and international- that teach sportsmanship and events that host renowned figures and speakers from across the globe. All these develop our IAA students and firmly ground them to the school pillars of leadership, acceptance, duty and cultural heritage. This is IAA.

Finally, my office is open next Tuesday from 9-10am for parents who wish to see me. This is the final meeting for the 2016/17 academic year.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break. And a Happy Eid El Fitr!

**Hana Kanan, Ed.D.**

**Director**

## **Primary School News**

Dear Parents,

We have arrived at the end of the school year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families that have been so supportive of our endeavours. There have been many highlights for me in my first year at IAA

but what stands out more than anything else, is the caring and loving nature of our students. While our students continue to develop the ability to manage their social interactions like any children of this age, very few principals have the privilege of working in such an encouraging environment.

I am looking forward to our Grade 5 Promotion Ceremony this week as we formally recognise our students who have completed their primary education at IAA. While excited about the upcoming holiday, I know that many are even more excited about starting Grade 6 and the many new experiences on offer in our Middle School. Our Grade 3-5 End of Year Assembly will also be a great way to end the year on Wednesday. At this time, we will announce the winners of our Sports Day and House Cup, as well as our Prefects for the 2017-2018 school year.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, it is this time of year that many parents want to express their gratitude to our teachers. We do have a very strict gift policy and I do want to remind you that teachers may only receive small gifts such as chocolates or bouquet of flowers.

We recommence school on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and an email will be sent home towards the end of the holidays detailing important dates and procedures for the commencement of classes. It is typical for our youngest students (PreK and KG1) to have a staggered start and early dismissal for the first few weeks of school.

This week I would like to congratulate the following Award Winners:

#### Bronze Award Winners

Sanad Al Khawaldeh 2H

#### Silver Award Winners

Mohammad Badran 5J

Talal Al- Asad 3LC

Abdallah Frarij 1F

Elisa Shomali 5J

Fulla Al Farhoud 3G

George Akkawi 1E

Kareem Al- Saoudi 5J

Sumaya Makanai 2J

Zaid Rahahleh 1E

Dana Al Darabseh 4D

Jude Malkawi 2H

Shafiq Hourani 1L

Dana Yasin 4D

Eid Al Halawani 2H

Loulwa Bilbeisi 1C

Marwan Al- Kayed 3A

Ramzi Awad 2H

#### Gold Award Winners

Rashed Al- Dabbas 5MM

Yasmeen Al Saudi 3LC

Zaid Haddad 1E

Sarah Al Assaf 5M

Hashem Ellauzi 3LC

Nadine Hammoudeh 1E

Zaid Manasra 5J

Zaid Al Bdour 3LC

Jazmine Al Jamal 1C

Rashed Mansour 5J

Talal Al Asad 3LC

Hashem Saket 1C

Natalie Al Abed 4G

Marwan Al- Kayed 3A

Zakariyah Hoozeer 1C

Ahmad Mustafa 4M

Kareem Ghnaimat 2H

Haya Sunnaa 1C

Mariam Al Saket 4M

Basel Al Qusus 2H

Sultan Abu Irshid 1C

Ahmad Al Nammari 4M

Mohammed Al Dabbas 2H

Abeer Dajani 1C

Farah Zureikat 3G	Abbas Hamdan 2H	Leen Quweider 1C
Selena Al Shakhshir 3LC	Muhyeddin Al Ghazawi 1E	Ghina Al Khatib 1C
Mouj Hijawi 3LC	Nora Sharaan 1E	Talal Rudeini 1C
Mohammad Dajani 3LC	Aysha Salous 1E	Jehad Atwan 1C
Hashem Al Jazy 3LC	Taj Qsous 1E	Abdullah Shami 1C

Gold with Merit Award Winners

Jana Madi 5J		
Omar Ayyad 5J	Natalie Hammoudeh 3G	Hashem Al Jazy 3LC
Salma Salem 4G	Hashem Al Rashdan 3LC	Isabella Maroun 3LC
Natali Al Abed 4G	Zaid Al- Bdour 3LC	Saba Hourani 3LC
Nour Damrah 3G	Tayma Abu Al Issam 3LC	Celina Al Mawajdeh 3LC
Omar Manasra 3G	Jude Al Hussein 3LC	Omar Toukan 1F

Gold with Excellence Award Winners

Rania Arabiyat 5MM	Juan Allozi 5J	Hisham Al- Nsour 3LC
Raad Sunnaa 5M	Leah Halabi 5T	Sadeen Rashid 3LC
Farah Saadi 5J	Issam Al Saket 4G	

Platinum Award Winners

Noah Jihayel 5MM	Abdel Majed Salameh 5T	Noor Asali 2Z
Mira Matraji 5MM	Natalia Imseeh 5J	

Wishing you a wonderful holiday break!

Yours sincerely,

***Andrew Powell***

***Primary School Principal***

## *Secondary School News*

Dear Parents,

With just a few days of exams to go, the end of the year draws very close. We will be sending out the final report cards on the afternoon of June 14<sup>th</sup>. A reminder that students must return all textbooks and library items by June 13<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the PTA for all the work they have done this year. We have held a lot of events where we have been well supported by the PTA, and so often this year their generosity has been enjoyed by the staff at school. On behalf of the IAA staff, thank you.

We also thank our staff for the countless hours that they have put into creating wonderful learning opportunities and for encouraging our students that they can be successful when they believe in themselves and work hard. To teachers who are moving on, we wish you every success in your future endeavours and know that you will always be part of the IAA community.

We see the summer holiday as an opportunity to extend learning, and the most effective mean of doing so is through reading. The IAA Libraries have set up a blog at <http://iaareads.blogspot.com/> that recommends some good reads. Students are also encouraged to suggest a book, write a book review or post a constructive comment. Many G6 and G7 students have signed up for “The Amazing Reading Race” and have received a “Reading Race” passport. The challenge is to read one book per continent over the summer holiday. Anyone who participates in “The Amazing Reading Race” or becomes a member of the new [library blog](#), can get a 15% discount from Readers from the 10<sup>th</sup> of June until the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. All you have to do is mention IAA Summer Reading when you go to the check-out. This offer does not apply to in-house promotions or other existing offers. Please encourage your child to keep reading over the holidays.

We wish you all a wonderful long summer, and all the best for the rest of Ramadan and for Eid. We know that many of our students are travelling this summer and being given the opportunity to participate in wonderful summer programmes. So wherever you go this summer and whatever you are planning to do, be safe and enjoy your holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all back in August for another packed year of learning.

Regards

**Zena Muhtaseb**  
*Head of Middle Years*

**Martin Thompson**  
*Secondary School Principal*