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## Forthcoming Events

### **Friday 28th August**

Sub-school Assemblies:

- Secondary School, MFH, 8:40am
- Primary School, MFH, 1:45pm

### **Tuesday 1st September**

- FoCCS Welcome Coffee Morning, Canggu Club, 8:30am

### **Wednesday 2nd September**

- BSSA Soccer, commences 3:00pm
- Secondary School Information Session for Parents; 4:30-6:00pm

### **Friday 4th September**

- FoCCS AGM, MFH, 2:30pm

### **Wednesday 9th September**

- BSSA Soccer

### **Saturday 19th September**

- Clean up the World Day

### **Mon 21st—Tues 22nd September**

- Idul Fitri holiday

### **Mon 5th—Fri 9th October**

Book Week at CCS

### **Friday 9th October**

- Term 1 ends

## **From Admissions Desk**

We extend a warm welcome back at CCS to Chloe (1W), and Dillon (7B).

## **Clerk/Recording Secretary Required**

- To record monthly Education Board (EB) meeting minutes.
  - EB meets once monthly, Monday 5:00—6:30pm.
- If you are:

- Experienced in recording minutes
- Competent with word processing
- Interested in being a part of the EB meeting minutes,

Please contact Jeanie Forde, CCS Director

# CCS NEWSLETTER

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## **Message from The Director**

Dear CCS Families,

What are our goals for the 2009/2010 school year? The overarching Goal is to develop a Five Year Plan. This plan will define Preschool through to Year 13 curriculum, graduation requirements, facility, resources, staffing, financial and budgetary requirements and school accreditation plans. At yesterday's Director's Coffee Session, I had an opportunity to share with the parents in attendance the fact that CCS continues to evolve and that a five year plan to strategically position CCS into the future is being formulated. I would like to thank the parents who joined me yesterday for coming prepared to contribute to the session. Here is an example of some of the questions that we discussed: How does the Cambridge system compare to an American style education? How do we decide on each pupil's grade placement? How do we accommodate pupils at various achievement levels within one year range? Is there consistency in our discipline policy? What are the lines of communication? How are CCS pupils involved in competition outside of CCS? How can we build a stronger sense of community? Will we offer other foreign languages? How can we actively engage parents in the school? Parents, I would encourage you to join me for future meetings; the next meeting will focus on the proposed graduation standards (meeting date to be announced). We will look at the school curriculum and subject offerings from PS to Year 13. You will also have an opportunity to share with me your challenges, issues, hopes and dreams for your son/daughter at CCS.

Parents, if you know of families on the island that would like to know more about CCS, please let us know as we are most willing to share with them what CCS has to offer their children.

Warmest regards,

Ms Jeanie Forde

## **FoCCS Welcome Coffee Morning**

On Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, FoCCS shall be hosting a coffee/tea morning from 8.30 – 10:00am at the Canggu Club for new parents of CCS and any other parents of the school who would like to come and learn more about FoCCS. We encourage you to come along and meet the current 2008/09 FoCCS committee, meet other parents of the school and to become involved in FoCCS in 2009/2010.

## From the Secondary School Desk

**Ian Ward, Principal Secondary**

Dear Parents and Friends,

Homework is an important part of the learning process for secondary school pupils. Homework tasks are designed to:

- support and reinforce learning that has taken place in school,
- help pupils complete extended research tasks and investigations,
- encourage pupils to develop good work habits, including time management and organization, and
- give parents a better understanding of work being covered in class.

By taking responsibility for all aspects of their homework, your son/daughter will develop greater self discipline. In addition to completing short-term tasks, which will generally be due within the next day or two, pupils will have to plan the completion of extended tasks so that they are done over several homework sessions and by the due date. To help them with this, pastoral care teachers have helped to organise a homework timetable, which is in the Pupil Organiser. It advises which subjects should be the focus for homework each night. There will be times when a specific task may not be set for a subject so pupils should use these to complete some revision.

Pupils are expected to record the amount of time spent on each homework task each session as it helps teachers monitor their progress with the set work. Should your son/daughter find they are unable to complete the homework, please write a brief note to the teacher, in the Organiser. Ideally, this should identify any difficult work or an explanation of any other reason for the incomplete work.

Homework is not intended to be a painful task or a battle of wills between your son/daughter and you. He/she should attempt to complete homework on their own as it will have been explained in class. A desk or table in a quiet, well lit area, with subject specific equipment at hand and a regular time for homework will help develop positive work habits.

Secondary School parents are invited to attend an information afternoon next Wednesday, 2nd September, from 4:30pm. We will give information about the day-to-day organisation of the Secondary School, pastoral care and curriculum information, and there will be an opportunity for parents to meet our secondary school teachers. A letter with more information will be sent home on Thursday.

We are planning some special activities just for Secondary School pupils. One of these is Hip Hop sessions as an extra After School Activity. It will commence next Monday afternoon. Interested pupils need to complete and return a permission slip by Thursday.

### Warm greetings from Kasih Ibu Hospital.

You may know already that one of our matrons is at Canggu Community School (CCS), just to make sure that anyone who might need medical attention will be taken care of professionally.

Should further examinations or treatment be needed, our international division is ready with the best range of medical equipment and specialist doctors compared to any other international hospital or clinic in Bali. All international division staff, nurses and doctors, speak fluent English to ensure good communication.

So, all patients can definitely be assured that Kasih Ibu Hospital is a safe and comfortable hospital to go to.



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## From the Primary School Desk



Walking around the school last week I saw some wonderful Art work in the classrooms, even on week 2 of a new year! I found this incredible snake in 3D, an enormous piece of work, over 6 metres long to which each pupil has contributed. Great work 3D! Our Primary assembly on Friday showcased some other lovely work from our younger pupils, from Reception to Year 2. This Friday is the turn of Key Stage 2: the pupils from Year 3 to 6. I hope you will be able to come and join us.

Your children will be bringing books home from school. Please make time to read them with your child. Reading, like playing the piano, is a skill. Like other skills, it gets better with practice. Researchers have found that children who spend at least 30 minutes a day reading, or being read to, develop the skills to be better readers at school. A focus for the Primary school this year is Literacy. One of our targets is to improve the standards of reading, not just the mechanics of decoding the text, but to instil a love of reading, from our Pre-school pupils who can read a book from the pictures, to our oldest pupils who have their noses "stuck in a book."  
Happy reading!

**Beccy Fox, Deputy Principal Primary**



## 1,000+ New Library Books

We are very fortunate to have so many generous people in the CCS community. The Library is one area of CCS which has benefited recently.

We had a very successful *Clean Out Your Shelves* Book Drive at the end of the last school year. Families donated 240 books.

For the start of this year, pupils have been encouraged to bring back a book to donate to the Library. We have received 355 books to date. Pupils are reminded that House points are being awarded for this book drive. So far, Barak has donated the most books, followed by Gadang, Pelung and Kuning. A final tally of books will be completed at the end of next week (Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept), so we hope that there will be a few more donations over the next week.

At the end of last year, FoCCS donated Rp20,000,000 to purchase new books for pupils to borrow from the library. This has been combined with some of the school budget to purchase just over 400 new books. In total, that is just over 1,000 new books for the CCS Library. The variety and quality of the books available to pupils of all ages are of a very high standard.

Thank you, everyone, for your support for this important part of our school. We hope that the new books in our library will help all CCS pupils have many enjoyable hours of reading!

## House Points

Points are awarded in classes, for sport and occasionally for participation in special events.

Barak (Red)	12
Gadang (Green)	14
Kuning (Yellow)	8
Pelung (Blue)	6

## House Sports Results

### Tuesday, 18th August—Years 3-4 (Soccer)

Soccer Skills Practice

### Thursday, 20th August—Years 5-6 (Soccer)

Soccer Skills Practice

### Friday, 14 August—Years 7-9 (Soccer)

#### Mixed

Barak vs Gadang	Kuning vs Pelung
2—0	5—1

# Notice of AGM



PLEASE COME ALONG AND VOTE OR NOMINATE YOURSELF  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO ELECT  
NEW FOCCS COMMITTEE FOR 2009-10

**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 2.15<sup>PM</sup> AFTER ASSEMBLY**

Join our friendly committee of parents and teachers. We meet twice per month and organise fun events.

It is also a great way to meet other parents.

For More details contact : [foccs@ccsbali.com](mailto:foccs@ccsbali.com)

If you are able to volunteer some time and join the FoCCS group, please complete the "Nomination Form for FoCCS Committee Members" available at the CCS front office.

# Invitation

Please join the Friends of CCS and the **new parents of CCS** for an **informal Coffee and Tea morning**, at the Canggu Club.

8.40 on Tuesday 1st September

*Come & meet  
other new parents  
and members of  
the CCS parent  
committee known  
as FoCCS*

*Friends of Canggu  
FoCCS  
Community School*