

In Dan Parnell's article for his final newsletter, he wrote about the many changes KISC had gone through over the last academic year – from change of location to the development of new routines to the changes in the Leadership Team (both Virginia and Dan left). He ended with his prayer that KISC would remain a community full of grace and love.

My fervent prayer is that KISC will continue to be a caring community that reflects Christ's overwhelming love for us and for the people of Nepal. I have been very thankful for and impressed by the love and concern that I see expressed at the school daily. I see it by both teachers for their fellow staff members and for their students, and by the students for each other.

Our theme for the term was 'Knowledge and Knowing God'. Most assemblies throughout the term focused on how knowing God brings meaning and purpose to our lives. We pray that all our students will daily be increasing in their knowledge of God and commitment to Him.

The first term had many highlights, including a very successful and safe Activity Week – both for our Secondary and Primary students, a fun-filled Primary Splash Day and a Secondary football tournament. We also had our first Praise Morning Tea for Secondary students. The new Student Council is committed to making KISC a school where students get to share

fun times, have opportunities to develop their creative and sporting talents and show care for each other and Nepal. The Student Council has been meeting weekly to organise activities and events for all Secondary students.

We are committed to being a community that listens – to students, parents and the wider community in which we live. We have consulted with other international schools, both in and outside of Nepal and involved parents in our review of the KISC transcript that we issue to students when they leave the school. We are also commencing a review of the curriculum options we provide in the senior Secondary School. We want to continue talking to parents and students this term as we review how we transition students from Primary to Secondary school. We hope that when you are invited to provide feedback in either our survey or focus groups that you will participate, knowing that we want to listen to your views.



Judy Gerber, *KISC Director*

TERM 1 THEME: Knowledge & Knowing God

TERM 1 VERSE: Psalm 139:1

"You've searched me, Lord, and you know me."

"TO BE LIVING WITNESSES OF CHRIST'S LOVE THROUGH EXCELLENT EDUCATION"



WHOLE SCHOOL LIFE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Samantha Seymour
Head of Primary

We have finished our first term! I am enjoying all the new “firsts” that we are experiencing in Thecho.

Our term theme was ‘Knowledge and Knowing God’. This was a perfect theme for Term 1 at our new site. Each and every day we gain knowledge of things that are working, not working and the many things that still need to be

done at our new site. The community has been truly amazing in their grace for our school. The move wasn't easy, but the smiles and happy faces around campus are a joy to see.

We thank God for the wisdom He gives us each and every day. Our school will continue to seek knowledge and continue our path to know God more. He is the one we thank for the many blessings KISC has. We want our students to grow in their academic knowledge while also continuing to grow and develop in their relationship with God.

As we begin our second term and shift our focus to relationships, let's continue to remember all the values KISC holds close: love, grace, excellence, justice and community.

Thanks to all the parents and students who attended the Safe and Smart Online Seminars last term. So many of you have continued to have family and class discussions after the event, which is wonderful. [Click here](#) to access a google document with all the information that was presented, links to the videos we watched and some extra reading as well.

JILL PALMER, *Counsellor*



SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 2018

11.00 AM - 4.00 PM

Please join us for the 17th annual Zuala Cup and 2nd annual KISC Community Fun Day.

The Zuala Cup basketball tournament was created in honour of a boy named Zuala. He was a very lively, happy boy who loved basketball and attended KISC. Sadly, when he was in Year 7, he was killed in a motorbike accident. KISC established this basketball house tournament in memory of Zuala to celebrate his life.

Along with the tournament, it is also a community fun day. There will also be carnival games, a bouncy castle, delicious food and gifts for sale. You won't want to miss the fun!

KISC will offer transportation - a bus will leave the old KISC site at Dhobighat at 10.00am and return after the closing ceremony at around 4.00pm. Please reserve a space on the bus by contacting reception@kisc.edu.np

PRIMARY STUDENT LIFE

A SPLASHING SUCCESS



Our KISC Primary students had a great Splash Day on 21 September. We had six different stations with different water games. We also had ten students from Asha Bal Bikash Sewa (ABBS) who joined our children for the day. It was a house competition and having ABBS join our events made it an even more exciting day! "I am very proud of our students who participated" said Mr Gaire, who organised the event. "It was also great to see the students welcome and help the ABBS students throughout the activities." A special congratulations to Anapurna, who won the Splash Day house competition this year.

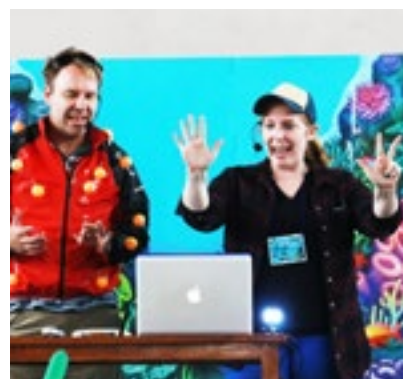


DISCOVERING THE DEEP SEA AND GOD

Primary Activity Week was a "Deep Sea Discovery" – an action-packed week with lots of fun, games, snacks, crafts, music and Bible stories! Students learnt that God **knows, hears, strengthens, loves and sends us**. Each day was filled with a lesson and theme from the Bible and all within the theme of discovering God's presence in our lives and the mission He's given us to serve others.

Students also collected funds for disabled children at ABBS as their Primary Activity Week service project this year and raised an extraordinary 79,107 rupees! This was a huge blessing for the leadership of the school and was a fitting way to end our week – focused on giving to others. Great job, Primary students!

A special thanks to all the staff and parent volunteers that made the 2018 Primary Activity Week an unforgettable week of "Deep Sea Discovery" for our students.



SECONDARY STUDENT LIFE

ACTIVITY WEEK REFLECTIONS

8-12 OCTOBER 2018

Wow, what an exciting time we had! All of the students were challenged in some way during the week. Students were able to learn more about themselves, peers and teachers. It was an opportunity to witness God's creation in the mountains and valleys and really enjoy the environment we live in. Many thanks to the teachers who took the students away and to the students who were all amazing.

GRADE 6 TREK



Breathtaking mountain views, building friendships and battling leeches – those were some of the highlights during the Grade 6 trek. Students and staff got to build serious muscle as they trekked for hours through the hills each day. The real reward seemed to be when we played games and spent time together. Loud games of Jungle Speed and laughter echoed through our campsite each night. The major battle that we faced was with the leeches – Mr Doe counted and thinks we've set a new KISC record with around 300 bites! Despite those sneaky creatures, it was a lovely week. We connected with each other and experienced God's beautiful creation.

GRADE 7 CHITWAN



Grade 7 students and staff enjoyed their Activity Week exploring the Chitwan National Park surrounded by elephants, crocodiles, birds and two rhinos. Students learnt about elephant rehabilitation and joined a volunteer group collecting rubbish in the forest buffer zone next to the national park.

GRADE 8 LAMJUNG



Grade 8 students were very busy serving in a local school in Besisahar in Lamjung District. On day one, we taught music, sport, craft and English lessons to the students. On day two we started painting the classrooms (two of them with murals!) We delivered toys to a number of schools in the Lamjung area. We also visited the community hospital managed by HDCS. We tidied up the hospital grounds by picking up litter. Overall, we had a fun trip where we learnt to be of service to others.

SECONDARY STUDENT LIFE

GRADE 9 LAST RESORT



“This year for Activity Week, we went to The Last Resort. The main goal of the trip was to improve our team building skills. The staff helped us do this by putting us into teams and giving us certain assignments that challenged us as individuals and required us to work together as a team. We did a scavenger hunt, hiked up a very steep hill, went rock climbing, abseiling, and canyoning. They also gave us some silent time to reflect on the trip. All of these activities helped us learn new skills, gain more experience and bond with the rest of the people in the class. It was a very successful trip.”

– Alyssa, Grade 9

GRADE 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

During work experience Grade 10 students had the opportunity to go and work with different organisations throughout Nepal. They enjoyed and learnt from a wide range of activities that included internal organisational communication, how to create a presentation, designing documentation for use by an organisation and what it means to be a vet. Students were challenged in new ways and came to an understanding of the pressures and demands of work. Well done to the students on a great week.

GRADES 11 & 12 RAFTING & KAYAKING



Students and teachers had an exciting few days rafting down the river, kayaking, playing games, enjoying campfires and taking in the scenery. It was a fantastic trip. The biggest question now is... how do we top it for next year? KISC staff and students would like to express their sincere thanks to Bidur-daa'i and all his team at the Himalika Camp for looking after us so well—super fun guides, fabulous food and expert risk management, all the while allowing the students the most exciting possible experience.

SERVICE TRIP REFLECTION



“The service trip was a great success this year! A couple of highlights were that we completed three murals and whitewashed one of the office buildings at Gerkhutar School. We also built relationships with students and members of the church that hosted us. The week was incredibly fun and gave us the opportunity to connect with the Gerkhutar community and make new friends. Thank you to all of our sponsors for helping us go out and bless this wonderful community!” -Annakhah, Grade 11

PARENTS & STAFF



2018-19 SMC Members: (Left to Right): Khim Kandel, Carol Smith, Debbie Drew, Krishna Prasad Dhungana, Judy Gerber, Kapil Sharma, Sun-Min Kim, Biz Jens, Michelle Zygmunt

AN UPDATE FROM SMC

The School Management Committee (SMC) is a dedicated team of parents, staff and HDCS members that work closely with KISC Leadership Team, particularly on strategic matters. We meet six times a year as a whole group, but work according to our different responsibilities throughout the year. Matters that we considered in Term 1 included expatriate recruitment, government requirements, changes to the Grade 12 graduation requirements, developments in KISC EQUIP and financial matters, amongst other things.

In Term 1, we thanked Dr Sharma for his support as he moves on from his role as HDCS Executive Director, and congratulated and welcomed Kapil Sharma to that position.

You are welcome to approach any of us if you want to raise a matter about KISC. You can also email the Chair, Debbie Drew, at smcchair@kisc.edu.np

Debbie Drew, SMC Chair



NOTE FROM THE PTA

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) thanks all parents who helped to make the first Second Hand Sale at our new site a great success. The event was well attended by our local community and we raised just over US \$700 to go towards the building of new play spaces in the school grounds.

As we seek to support the school in prayer the PTA has begun facilitating prayer walks a couple of times each term. This is time set aside for parents to walk around the site, give thanks for our school and pray for needs. Please keep an eye out for the next advertised date, we would love for you to join us.

Kylie Colville, PTA Chair





EQUIP HAPPENINGS



EQUIP Teacher Trainers

FRONT ROW (L-R): Phurba Tamang, Khim Kandel, Madhav Neupane **MIDDLE ROW (L-R):** Krishna Bohora, Nirajan Thapa, Dil Bahadur Chettri **BACK ROW (L-R):** Annie Brown, Simon Hall

It's been a busy few months for the team, as we continue to equip and empower teachers, students and communities through our training in different areas across the country. Here are some highlights from the last few months:

- Simon Hall, who is based in Lamjung District with his wife and daughter, has been involved in an innovative partnership with Microsoft and the local government education office. He has established new computer labs in four schools.
- In mid-August, Annie Brown presented workshops at the Innovation in Education Fair in Kathmandu. Others from EQUIP also attended



this annual forum, in which educational professionals from schools, universities and NGO's look for ways to make teaching and learning in schools more engaging, meaningful and memorable.

- EQUIP have had several visitors over the last two months, including a group of eight teachers from Australia, four visitors from the UK and a SIM filmmaker from Thailand.
- Our newest teacher trainers, Nirajan Thapa and Phurba Tamang have conducted training on Classroom Management and Checking for Understanding for the teachers from Somang Academy.
- In September we made a second visit to Nuwakot District to train teachers in English and Thinking Skills. We will be making one final visit in November to complete this programme.



- In mid-September we made a third visit to our 15 partner schools in Lamjung. During the visit, 17 teachers' lessons were observed, six school principals observed lessons with EQUIP trainers, 11 teachers were trained for science labs, 1,199 books were distributed that will benefit 836 students, 111 scholarship recipients were met and encouraged and a set of science labs containing 71 items were provided to the schools.





• From 14-16 September Dil Bahadur Chhetri and Madhav Neupane visited Lamjung and worked with two officers from the Social Welfare Council to successfully complete the monitoring assessment for EQUIP’s External Evaluation.

• In October, Khim Khandel, Angus Douglas, Dil Bahadur Chhetri and Mr Kapil Sharma from HDCS, made a scoping visit to Chaurjhari in Rukum District, where HDCS has been managing the local hospital for several years. The team met with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, visited six schools and discussed the potential of strengthening this community through new school partnerships with KISC EQUIP.



• In October, Annie Brown presented her three-year research on Thinking Skills in Nepali Classrooms at the Kathmandu University School of Education 2nd International Conference on Transformative Education Research and Sustainable Development (TERSD 6-8 Oct 2018). Annie has also begun delivery of the national training on thinking skills she developed for the National Centre for Education Development (NCED) with a taster day for teachers at Machhapuchchhre School.

• Khim completed two further training sessions in partnership with ECEC on leadership for school leaders in Kathmandu.



A MUM’S DREAM COMES TRUE



In the rural mountains of Lamjung District, there is a school called Janajagriti. Parents and children hope for a better future and they know that education is key. We’ll share how we’re helping make that happen.

Janajagriti has around 150 students and one third of them come from very poor, “so-called” low caste Dalit families. We visited in June to do a training and distribute EQUIP scholarships. These go to students across Nepal who cannot afford to go to school. This is also the school that Grade 8 volunteered at during Activity Week.

One mother told us her story.

This woman migrated to a village nine years ago. She comes from a poor Dalit family that had 10 children. Her father passed away when she was five and life was difficult. She always wanted to go to school, but never got the chance.

Although her childhood dreams of getting an education never came true, things are different for her daughters. Today both of them are in school thanks to EQUIP. “I am so pleased,” she says. Both girls hope to be nurses. “Thank you for providing these scholarships for them.”

Because of the financial support we receive at KISC EQUIP, we are able to make dreams like this come true for students and parents across Nepal. We are changing futures through education. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELLS IN TERM 1

Adam Culp: RE Teacher

Matthew Watson: Volunteer

Sanjiv Nayak: ICT System Manager

WELCOME IN TERM 2

Ruby Gamble: English Teacher

Kevin McCrary: Humanities Teacher

Lukas Willig: Maths and Chemistry Intern

FOR SALE!

NEW ARRIVAL

FOR SALE

NEW
KISC MUG
RS 600/- ONLY



Beautiful new mugs are here! They are available for sale at Reception.



30 NOVEMBER 2018

Save the date! KISC's Got Talent is coming on 30 November from 1.10-2.30 pm. Secondary and staff are encouraged to participate! See Mrs Loper for an audition form. Acts must be approved by 23 November. Parents are welcome to attend!

WE NEED YOU!

KISC community members are our best recruiters. Please share our open positions with friends or family you think would be a good fit at KISC. You can also pick up flyers and brochures to give to others to help us recruit. If someone you know is interested they can email their CV or resume to: recruit@kisc.edu.np



STAFFING NEEDS

THIS ACADEMIC YEAR:

- Human Resources and Recruitment Manager (now)
- HR Administration Assistant (now)
- Head of Primary (closing date to apply: 30 November 2018)

2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR:

Primary

- English Language Learner (ELL) Teacher

Secondary

- Art Teacher
- Economics/Business Studies Teacher
- Psychology Teacher
- History Teacher
- Student Support Teacher

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We are always happy to hear from you. Or, if you are in Nepal, please come visit!

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