



## Developing Talent @ Learning 2 Conference

### The Nature of Work

Last week I had the opportunity to visit the newly opened assembly plant of a company here in Jiangsu. Perhaps the most interesting part of the visit was the amount of automation and artificial intelligence utilized in every aspect of their workplace, from assembling products and fulfilling orders to troubleshooting customer concerns and even cleaning the floors. One example of this was a trio of engineers who created an automated solution using robotics that had reduced the number of employees needed to complete a series of tasks from 150 to 2. The investments this company is making are not centered around the assembly line or logistics, but in creating an inclusive workspace that inspires personal excellence and creative thinking...sound familiar?

What I witnessed made even more clear to me that the kind of learning we value at NIS is absolutely essential to the success of our students, both now and into the future. The focus on developing talent, crafting a collaborative learning environment, supporting creative problem-solving, and placing emphasis on cognitive non-routine tasks are priorities shared by both NIS and workplaces and institutions of higher learning the world over. The nature of work has changed and will continue to do so. I'm proud to be part of a learning community that is working each and every day to change with it.

Have a Novel November,

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## Safety Reminder and Appeal

In the last couple of weeks I have received notes of concern from parents, including members of the PTA, about road safety in our neighbourhood. We continue to work with the authorities to take some action about the traffic around the school. I have personally raised this point with the Mayor of QiXia District. There are however four points I would like to bring to your attention.

1. Vehicles have the right to turn even if the green crossing light is on, however they are supposed to give way to pedestrians. Many don't so caution is needed.
2. Only children over the age of 12 are supposed to ride bicycles on public roads and cycle ways. NIS does not place restrictions on the age of cyclists from our community coming on campus.
3. Many of parents still park their motorised bikes off campus to avoid wearing helmets for themselves and their children.
4. The most common reason that a student or adult is in need of some form of medical treatment due to an accident is when riding a bicycle off campus. I know of two adults this week alone. Fortunately, both were minor, but could have been worse.

NIS can only remind parents that it is their responsibilities to look after their children's safety off campus. I sometimes feel that my safety messages in assemblies or in the bulletin are met with long sighs. It just seems so simple to me but clearly this is viewed as a matter of personal choice by many of you. Be safe, be well.

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## Upcoming Events:

### The Upcoming Week is W12

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

SCISAC Soccer @ Macao

G10 Drama Showcase

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

SCISAC Soccer @ Macao

PS Parent Forum

Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> November

SCISAC Soccer @ Macao

## PS Parent Forum

Date: Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Time: 9:00am-10:00am

"Heart-Mind-Body" of Young Learners

Exploring learning in the Early Years at NIS

[adamdodge@nanjing-school.com](mailto:adamdodge@nanjing-school.com)



## School Fees Collection Dates

Dear Parents,

Please be informed that Nanjing International School has issued invoices for Semester 2 of School Year 2019/2020 on Friday 11th October 2019.

All parents have received an email with the JPG invoice attached and are responsible for payment of the fees.

**The fee must be paid by 29th November 2019.**

When appropriate, please pass this information to your company's Finance or Human Resources Department and arrange for the payment to be made by the due date.

You can also view your child(ren)'s school fee invoice in Veracross from October 14th. The instructions are below:

1. Log into Veracross Parent

Portal: <http://portals.veracross.com/nis>

2. Click "Billing/Invoices" to view the Billing Account Page

3. Click "View " to view and "Print to PDF" to save the invoice as a pdf file

Please contact me if you require further assistance.

Regards

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# **PARENT COFFEE MORNING**

**You're Invited to join with us!**

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**8:15 Finding your way through MAP testing G3-10**

Led by Kasson Bratton

**9:00 Inquiring into Service Learning & Xblock in Middle School**

Led by Ruth Clarke

**Support for Chinese and Korean language provided**

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**TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER**

**MS/US LARGE GROUP ROOM**

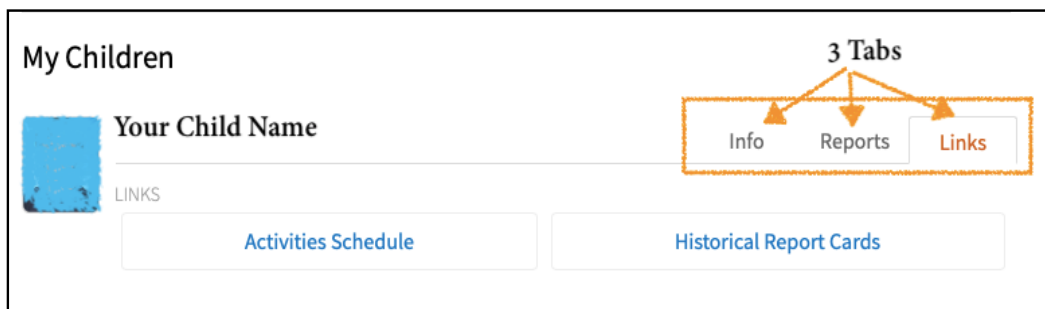
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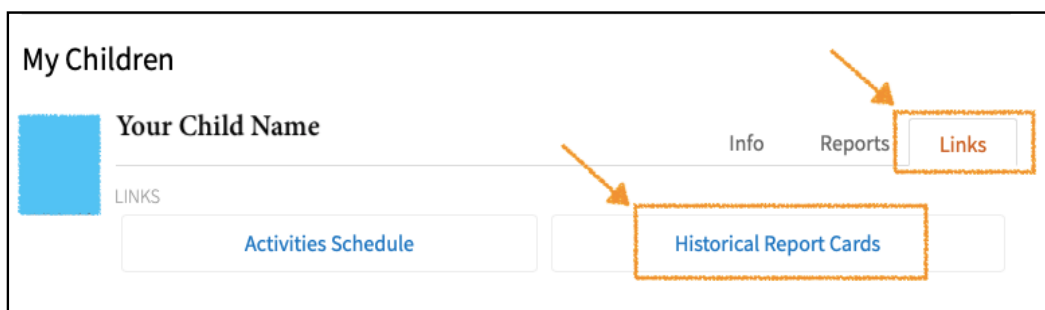


# How to check Historical Report Cards for Your Child(ren)

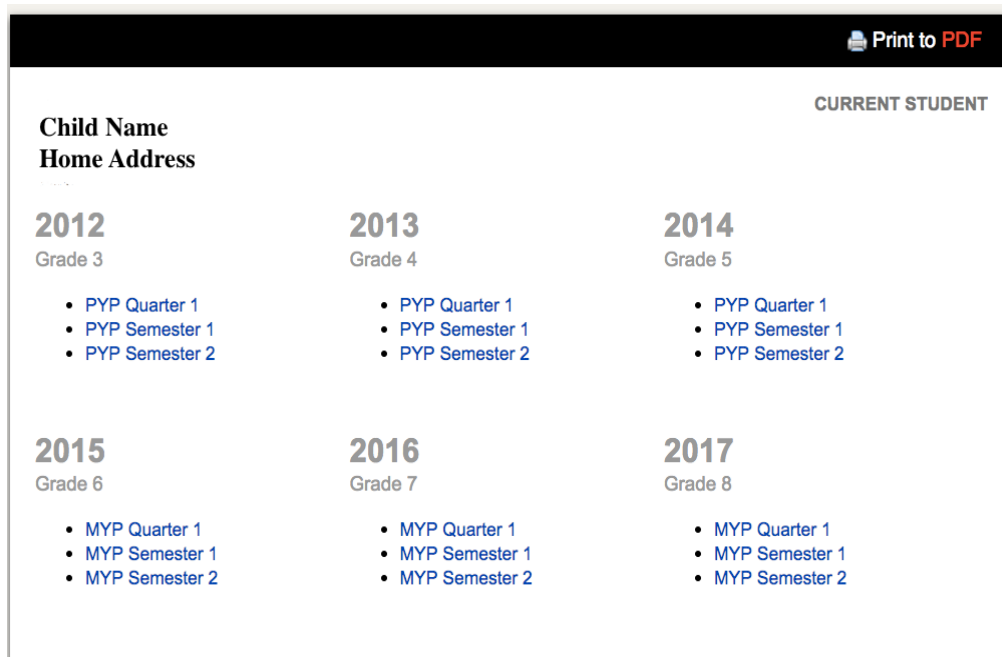
1. Login **Veracross Portal**: <http://portals.veracross.com/nis>
2. Please follow the steps blow:
  - 1) Go to the **"My Children"** section which is under the **"Upcoming"** Calendar, where you can see three tabs: **Info, Reports and Links**



- 2) Click on the **"Links"** tab
- 3) Find **"Historical Report Cards"** link



3. A new window will open and show you all the historical report cards. You can click on each link to check your report. Click **"Print to PDF"** to save your report as a PDF file.



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# ACTIVITIES

## Athletics

Congratulations to our fantastic Volleyballers on their performances and results at last week's ACAMIS tournament. Girls came 4<sup>th</sup> and the boys were crowned Champions!! Our students had a nice break with their trip week last week and next week start the new ACAMIS Basketball season. Good luck to our Middle School Soccer players as they travel to Macao for the SCISAC Soccer Championships next weekend.



## Updates

### Coming up!

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: CISSA Junior Soccer @BSN  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: CISSA Senior Soccer @ NIS  
7 - 10 Nov: SCISAC Soccer in Macao  
14 - 16 Nov: ACAMIS Cross Country @ Chengdu  
15 - 16 Nov: CISSA Soccer @ Shanghai  
15 - 17 Nov: SSL Swim Round 2 @Dulwich Suzhou

## Swimming

NIS Mini-Lions (8 and under) Swim Team participated at their first ever swim meet at SSIS. A bunch of very excited little swimmers showed off their expertise using different strokes and isolated skills.

NIS, one of the smallest schools, sent one of the largest numbers of swimmers and their 'fan-club', rocking up with 2 buses in Suzhou.



## Community Activities

Please remember to sign up your child for the second cycle of swim lessons by mailing to the Community Activity coordinator ([cac@nanjing-school.com](mailto:cac@nanjing-school.com)).

The second cycle will begin on Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>:

PreK Aquatics level1 and level2 (PreK-G1) and Learn to Swim level 1&2 (K2-G2). Wednesdays November 13<sup>th</sup>: PreK Aquatics level 1(PreK-G1) and Learn to Swim level 3-5 (G3-5).

You can also sign up for Adult lessons: Wednesdays 4:40-5 pm: Improving skills and swimming strokes.

Your Community Activity Coordinator  
Katja Schubert



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# ACAMIS Girls' Volleyball



If I were to sum up this year's ACAMIS Volleyball season in one word, that word would be "resilience." Resilience, according to the Oxford English Dictionary, is "the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties." In 中文 (zhōngwén), the word translates roughly to 弹性 (tánxìng) - meaning elasticity or the ability to spring back to natural form. Very appropriate considering this year's team demonstrated this ability throughout the season. At the SISAC tournament, we had to play in 4 games over one

day, finishing with three wins, including several, come-from-behind, three-set matches. Then again, at the ACAMIS tournament, we had to bounce back from a 0-2 start to fight for a spot in the semi-finals, leading to a 4th place finish. While the final result in the tournament might not seem like a demonstration of resilience, our team's response certainly showed this in terms of looking towards the future. The message from our senior team members to our younger players was clear: learn from our experiences this year and continue the progress next year, maintaining our resilient attitude and approach.

Paraphrasing a famous American Football coach, Vince Lombardi, we didn't lose the last game, we just ran out of time. With a resilient attitude, improvement is our natural form and losing a game, a set, a point, is only part of the process of



getting better. Thank you to our seniors for leading the way and giving us a great experience! And thank you to the rest of our team for your steadfast support in and out of the game! 加油雄獅! Let's go, Lions!



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# Global Citizen Diploma

Launch Celebration  
for Middle School Parents  
Nanjing International School  
Performing Arts Centre

November 12, 2019

6:15 pm Refreshments

6:30 pm Start



Featuring Grade 9

My story is more than numbers.



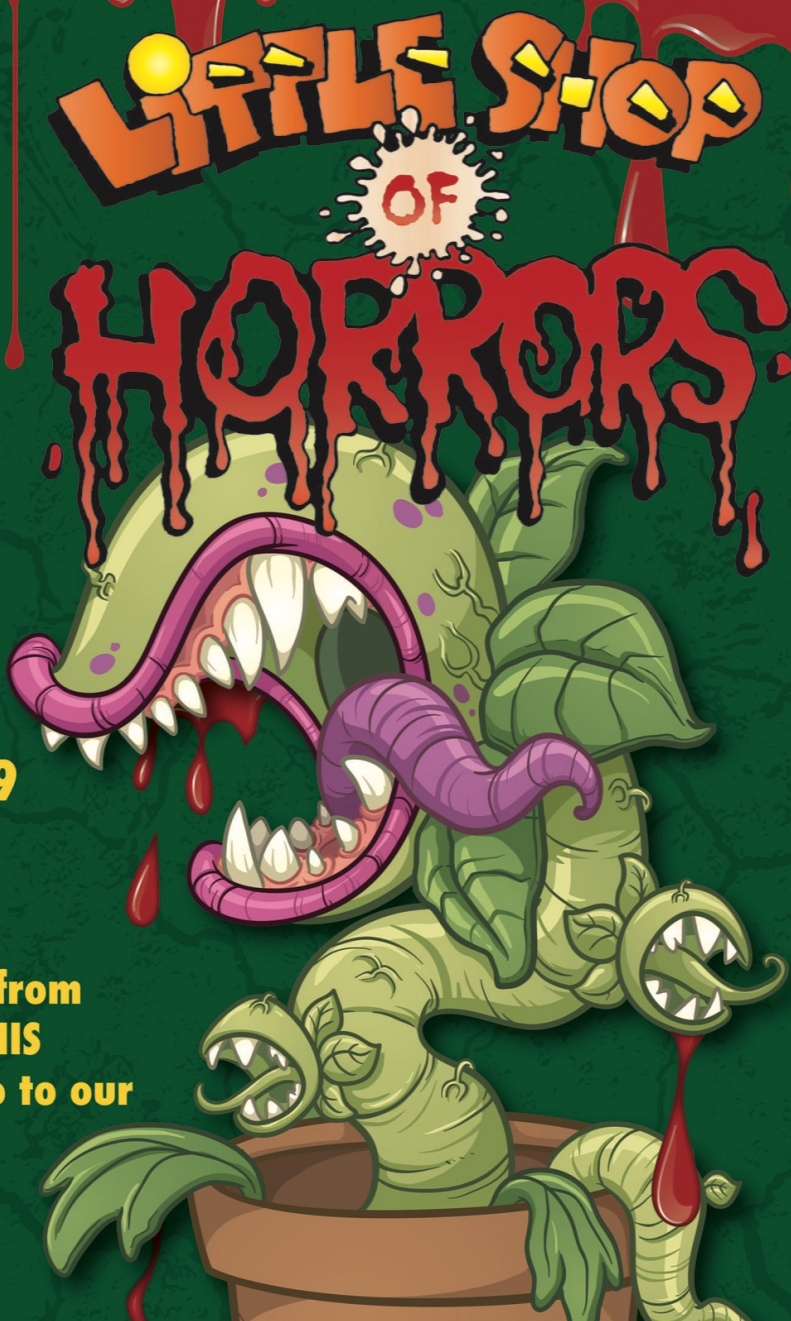
**NIS PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS AN MSUS PRODUCTION...**



**Nanjing  
International  
School  
Theatre**

**Nov 21 & 22, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

**Tickets 20 RMB  
sold in the main foyer from  
Nov 12th through the NIS  
cashier. All proceeds go to our  
four local charities.**



**WARNING ⚠ HORROR THEMES: PARENTAL GUIDANCE ADVISED**

Little Shop of Horrors is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

[sambrown@nanjing-school.com](mailto:sambrown@nanjing-school.com)

# Parent Leaving Notice

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LEAVING FAMILIES

*Dear Parents,*

*This is a time of year when some of our families will be moving on from Nanjing, either returning to their home countries or embarking on their next overseas posting. To assist our planning for the coming semester please read and follow the exit procedure below. This information may have a direct impact on new families wishing to enter our school. Your help with providing this information as early as possible is much appreciated.*

*We understand that some parents are still unsure, but if **you** know kindly let **us** know as soon as possible.*

### **Exit Procedure**

- 1. Once you know you are leaving please send an email to [admissions@nanjing-school.com](mailto:admissions@nanjing-school.com) indicating your intention to leave and requesting any documentation that you may require. Let us have the name of your child or children, their current grades as well as your expected leaving date.*
- 2. Collect a clearance form from Reception, or download off the website.*
- 3. Clearance forms need to be completed for each leaving student.*
- 4. On the last day of school documents will only be handed over if we have received your completed clearance form.*
- 5. You can find information about the Transfer Procedures on our website on the Parent Portal <https://www.nischina.org/my-nis>*

*Here in Admissions we are always happy to help, so do drop by if you have any questions or concerns.*

*Thank you for your cooperation. We will be sorry to see you go!*

*Jiae, Jane, Lucy and Sue in Admissions*



*\* Delicious food \** Taste Korean food



Don't miss it out!

Our Celebrity Guest Chef  
**Simon Sunwoo** will bring  
the best of the **Korean**  
**Cuisine flavors** to NIS

DATES: 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November.



# Lunch Menu

<https://www.nischina.org/community/food-services/lunch-menu>



# Community Events

<https://www.nischina.org/community/community-activities>



# Swimming Pool Calendar

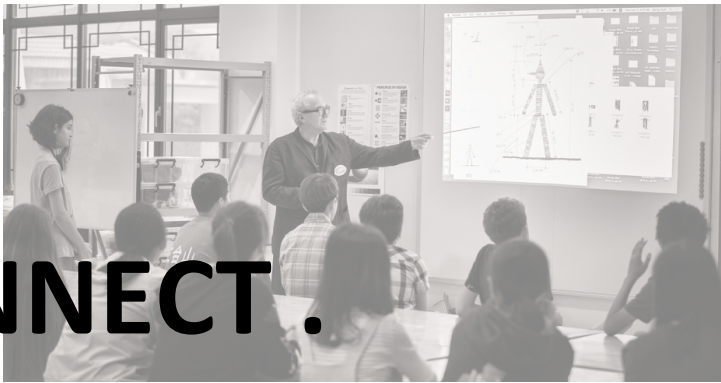
<https://www.nischina.org/learning/activities/athletics/swimming>





There is always something happening on campus and in our community. Stay abreast of the latest by following the NIS Official WeChat Account.

**CONNECT .**



**NIS WECHAT**

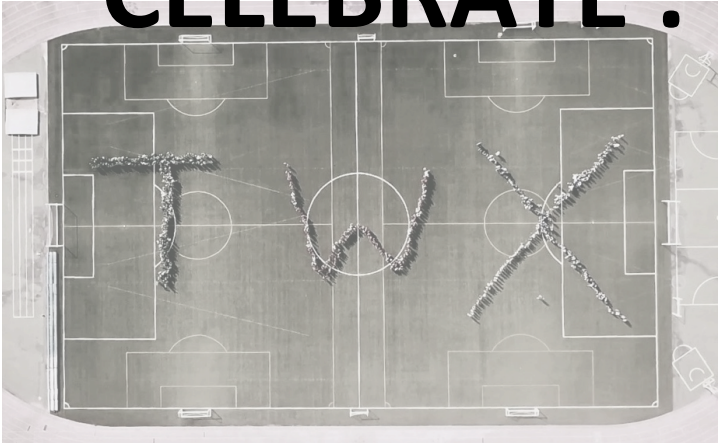
Get updated on news and upcoming events

**SHARE .**

Scan the QR Code to follow, and stay tuned!



**CELEBRATE .**



# PTA NEWS

## 2019-2020 PTA COMMITTEE

President: Benedicte Thomasson  
Vice President: Yvonne Zollner  
Vice President: Gina Ryu  
Vice President: Ying Liu  
Treasurer: Gina Policelli  
Secretary: Jo Laycock

## PTA EVENTS

Coffee Morning - 8:15am  
Wednesday 27th November  
Birthday Cupcakes 13th  
November

## PTA SHOP

PTA Shop Hours  
Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00  
Friday 2:30 - 3:30

### • Pumpkin Carving Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the following winners: **PreK** 1st Hannah, 2nd Benjamin; **K1** 1st Tyson, 2nd Michelle, 3rd Felix; **K2** 1st Amber, 2nd Zhisong, 3rd Alejandra; **G1** 1st Paul, 2nd Sam Li, 3rd Sky; **G2** 1st Vivienne, 2nd Benjamin, 3rd Ketsing; **G3**: 1st Daniel, 2nd Elliott, 3rd Emma; **G4**: 1st Tian, 2nd Qiqi, 3rd Leopold; **G5** 1st Eason, 2nd Tom D, 3rd Mira; **G6-12** 1st Niki, 2nd Jihyun, 3rd Kayla.



**Cutest Pumpkin** 1st Marsha, 2nd Alice, 3rd Tabby

**Scariest Pumpkin** 1st Lionel, 2nd Piper, 3rd Lizzie

**Best Carved Pumpkin** 1st Dong Keun, 2nd Han, 3rd Sunchiro

- **PTA Autumn Festival** is on **Saturday, November 2nd from 5:00-8:00pm**. Join us for an evening of spooktacular fun. Come dressed in your favorite costume! Tickets are available at the door.

Are you able to volunteer? PTA is looking for helpers for this event. To sign-up, look at the Unofficial Parents WeChat group for the sign up genius.

To join the volunteer group for any of our PTA events, please contact Benedicte Thomasson, Yvonne Zollner, Gina Policelli or Sue Northcott. Or contact us on at [ptapresident@nanjing-school.com](mailto:ptapresident@nanjing-school.com)

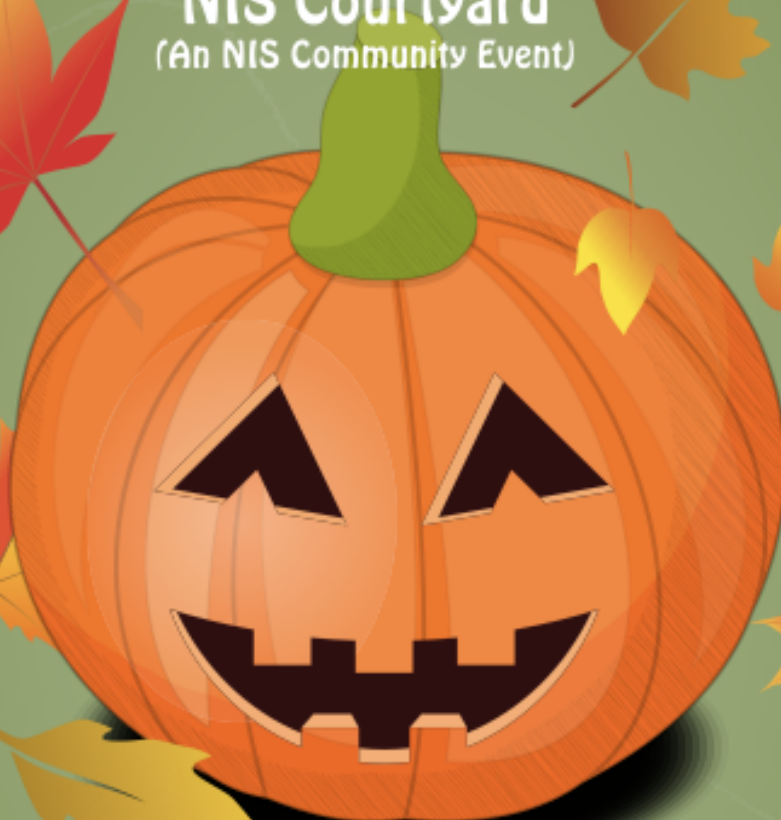


# Autumn Festival

Saturday, November 2

5:00~8:00p.m.

NIS Courtyard  
(An NIS Community Event)



*Join us for an evening of spooktacular fun.  
Come dressed in your favourite costume!*

- Activities and games
- Food and treats
- Haunted House
- Pumpkin Contest
- Photo Booth

TICKETS  
**50**RMB

**CASH  
ONLY!**

FREE: Adults and children under 2 years old.  
Ticket sales are before and after school  
starting October 21.

Contact person for the volunteer : [ptapresident@nanjing-school.com](mailto:ptapresident@nanjing-school.com)  
Benedicte Thomasson : [benesand@hotmail.com](mailto:benesand@hotmail.com)



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Giddy up  
for the  
Melbourne  
Cup!

## **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Put on your glad rags, grab your fascinator and  
get ready for the event of the year!**

Registration fee of Rmb 100 per person includes one horse in the big race! Additional horses can be purchased on the day with a discounted price for NIC members.

A special lunch menu (main course, drink and mini pavlova dessert) will be available at Rmb 100 per person – pay for lunch on the day.

Registration – [tea@theniclub.com](mailto:tea@theniclub.com) by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Payment by wechat to Lucy Mrstica by Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

All proceeds to the Amy Yang Fund



楊靜基金  
Amy Yang Fund

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
November from  
11.00 to 1.30**

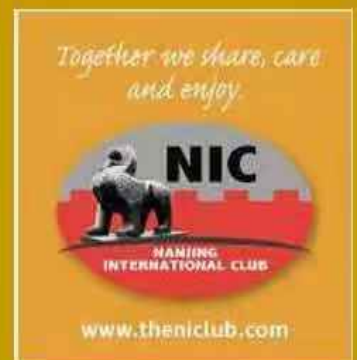
**Motu Restaurant  
Xian Lin**

**Registration**

**Fee rmb 100**

**Prizes for Best  
Dressed and Best  
Hat**

**Fabulous Raffle  
Prizes**





# Save the Date

*Friday & Saturday*

*DECEMBER 6TH & 7TH*



*FOR THE INCREDIBLE*

## Christmas Market

AT ROYAL FAMILY GARDEN

6 XIAN YIN BEI LU, QIXIA, NANJING

Inquiries: lotusklysner (WeChat)

Don't Let  
the Flu Get You Down!  
不要让流感击垮你!



It takes about  
two to four weeks to get  
over the flu.  
It takes a few minutes  
to protect yourself from it.

感染流感通常需要  
两到四周才可以痊愈  
而您只需要几分钟  
就可以摆脱流感病毒的困扰

**This season protect yourself and  
your family by getting a flu vaccine**  
**流感疫苗保护您和您的家人  
远离流感病毒**

**NIS Community can  
have the group price**

**Group Price 团体价格 : RMB 228 (Adult/Child, 成人 / 儿童)**  
**Individual Price 个人价格 : RMB 268 (Adult/Child, 成人 / 儿童)**

**Covered for Diamond and Diamond Plus Members**  
**钻石与钻石 PLUS 会员特权可免费接种流感疫苗**

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