



Nanjing International School receives International School Award 2020

NIS WINS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

Mr McLellan was in London for the International School Awards 2020 event on January 20. The panel of 14 judges was chaired by Emeritus Professor Jeff Thompson CBE, University of Bath. NIS was shortlisted and won the Strategic Leadership Initiative Award. Our Initiative was described as 'An initiative designed to transform learning and develop talent by focusing on strategy, embedding it around the key ideas of inclusion, creative thinking and personal excellence which has led to student-centred improvements including a student-led inquiry programme, partnerships with industry, and the development of service-driven social enterprise.' NIS was the only China based school to win an award.

Happy Year of the Rat

Chinese Lunar New Year is always a time of great celebration at NIS. Our assemblies are wonderful community events that remind us of the cultural richness of our host country, China.

To all our community from all the staff at NIS Xin Nian Kuai Le.

新年快乐

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We are delighted to welcome over 20 new students to NIS this week for the new semester!



Upcoming Events:
The Upcoming Week is W21

Wednesday 12th February

GCD Up @ NIS - **Cancelled**

ISA Writing Test Begins

New Parents iPad Training

Thursday 13th February

GCD Up @ NIS - **Cancelled**

Friday 14th February

GCD Up @ NIS - **Cancelled**

Saturday 15th February

Community Swimathon

Facility Notice

Access to School Campus **will be closed** from 27th Jan. to 2nd Feb.

However, there will be daily access (0530h to 2120h) to the Fitness Room, Level 3 in the Center for NIS Community members.

Following discussions at SLT Meeting, all water dispensers will be removed from school until we return from holiday.

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Novel Coronavirus----Practice usual precautions

Recently an illness, identified as a “novel coronavirus,” has had an occurrence in China. Though transmission potential and modes of transmission remain unclear, practicing the following usual precautions is advised:

- Avoid close contact with people suffering from respiratory infections
- Wash hands frequently
- Cook food and reheat the food thoroughly
- Practice good cough etiquette (wear masks, maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or clothing, and wash hands)
- All individuals planning travel should seek advice on the potential hazards in your chosen destinations and understand how best to protect your health

For more information, please have a look at this site from the World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>. Unfortunately, even with the best care, viruses can make us sick. If symptoms appear, see a physician. Please keep in mind the guidelines below when deciding if your child should come to school. Any child with the following symptoms should stay home:

- A fever 100 degrees or higher. A child should not come back to school **until the temperature is normal for 24 hours without medication.**
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- A frequent cough
- Any rash accompanied by a fever
- Ear pain and/or eye drainage
- Sore throat with a fever and/or rash

Here at school, we have put additional infectious illness protocols in place and are in constant communication with the local Board of Health as well as iSOS in Beijing. Please feel free to contact our School Nurse with medical queries and Mr. Bratton with any other questions.

Many Thanks,

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February 3-Way Conferences

On Wednesday, February 19th parents and students will have the opportunity to meet with teachers about progress from Semester One and set goals for Semester Two. Sign-ups for these conferences will take place on Veracross February 10-17th. Semester One reports will be available via Veracross at 4:00pm on January 16th. Please note that February 19th is on a conference schedule. No classes will be held on this date.

Key Dates and Times

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|-----------------------|--|
| January 16 at 4:00pm | S1 reports are available on Veracross |
| February 10 at 4:00pm | Conference sign-ups open via Veracross |
| February 17 at 4:00pm | Conference sign-ups close on Veracross |
| February 19-All Day | 3-Way Conferences take place |

After registering, please remember to **download your conference schedule**. Once registration closes on February 17th, you will no longer be able to download this important document from Veracross.

If Korean translation is needed, we ask that families bring translation assistance. If this is not possible, please contact Kasson Bratton at kassonbratton@nanjing-school.com by **4pm on Thursday, January 23rd** and we will do our best to assist.

Special note for PRIMARY parents: P.E., Design, Mandarin, and Performing Arts teachers will be available in their classrooms on the day for drop-in visits.

Please let us know if you have any questions. See you then!

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Activities Update



Sporting Team Award. Well done!!

Gr9 – 12 Soccer practices have just got going this week but there is still time to sign up if you want to take part. Sign up on Veracross and join the next session on Tuesday afternoon after the break.

Coming Up:

20 -23 Feb: SCISAC Volleyball in Hong Kong

26 Feb.-1 Mar: BEI MUN in Beijing

28-29 Feb.: ACAMIS Cultural Convention in Suzhou

21-22 Feb.: SSL Swim Round 4 in Suzhou

Athletics

A big congratulations to the athletes and coaches of the Basketball teams who competed with pride and honour at last weekend's ACAMIS tournament in Shenzhen. Our principles of 'Commitment Respect Teamwork' were in full view!

Both teams returned with silverware; the boys brought home the 3rd place trophy after just losing out in overtime in the semi-final whilst the girls won 4 and lost 2 of their games and brought home the Most



Passport and Visa Updates Grade 5-12

If your children acquire a new passport or visa during the year, please send a photo of the document to the Activities Offices. Valid travel documentation facilitates the planning of the many trips we organise.

Please also update the information on Veracross. For assistance, please contact us, we're happy to show you how to update the information.



Nanjing International School
An Inclusive Learning Community



Inspiring International Mindedness,
Personal Excellence, Creative Thinking

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The ACAMIS teams travelled to Shenzhen International School for the Orange Division Basketball Tournament. A team of eleven boys and nine girls travelled by bus, train, plane, taxi and ferry to compete against seven other schools from around China and Mongolia.

"Playing two overtime games in one day was tough, but despite losing in the semifinals, we brought home a third-place trophy and had a lot of fun in the process." -Winston, Senior - Class of 2020.

"Throughout ACAMIS we experienced all emotions and came together in those times which made us stronger." - Eva

"We improved our individual and team skills during practices throughout the season and came third place in hard fought and intense matches." - Pierson

"The basketball season is very short, and to attempt to improve individual dribbling skills, there were also several morning practices. We showed commitment to the sport by attending these practices when possible as well as the after school ones, especially since it was cold and very early. Perseverance showed primarily in our games, as even in the ones where we were losing we kept fighting, pressing the other team and looking for fast breaks to score quick baskets to get back into the game." - Maria B. Senior - Class of 2020

"Throughout the season, we developed great teamwork by being able to look to one another when having difficulties understanding a drill, as well as teaching each other different calls and plays during the ACAMIS tournament." - Katie



"ACAMIS allowed us all to grow as a team, persevere through losses by supporting each other and improve our skills overall, individually and as a team." - Lucy

"As a team we were able to rise up from a heartbreaking loss in overtime in the semi-finals and brought a trophy home." - Gautier, Senior - Class of 2020

"For my first ACAMIS basketball season, I learned and improved a lot in all skills, drills and games. As a team, we experienced lots of different situations and conditions becoming stronger." - Melissa

As a team we all worked hard and gave it our best and managed to accomplish third place in the tournament. - Cameron

"During the basketball season we became closer as a team whilst overcoming challenges as some team members were new to strategies like laker cut, however, with the help of more experienced players our team improved." - Madeleine

"As a team we all worked hard and gave it our best and managed to finish in third place in the tournament." - Takita, Senior - Class of 2020

Throughout the season we showed that teamwork is the key to playing good basketball. - Edwin

"This is my 4th and last ACAMIS basketball season at NIS and I would like to thank everyone who has coached me throughout the years. Without your advice, support and encouragement, I would not be where I am today. I will miss the competitions but not as much as I will miss the friendships and winning the countless numbers of Sportsmanship Trophies." - Felicity, Senior - Class of 2020





CIRCUS

Grades 2 to 5 Production (Friday March 6th, 2020)

In class we have been running through all of our performance pieces,
making
sure that everyone has memorized all of their lines, lyrics,
choreography and stage directions.

We have also been working on performing with expression.

Please encourage your child/children to practice their parts at home.

All song lyrics, choreography and lines will be made available on the
PS Performing Arts edublog

[http://share.nanjing-school.com/pyppperformingarts/grade-2-to-5-
production/](http://share.nanjing-school.com/pyppperformingarts/grade-2-to-5-production/)

and under the activities section on seesaw.

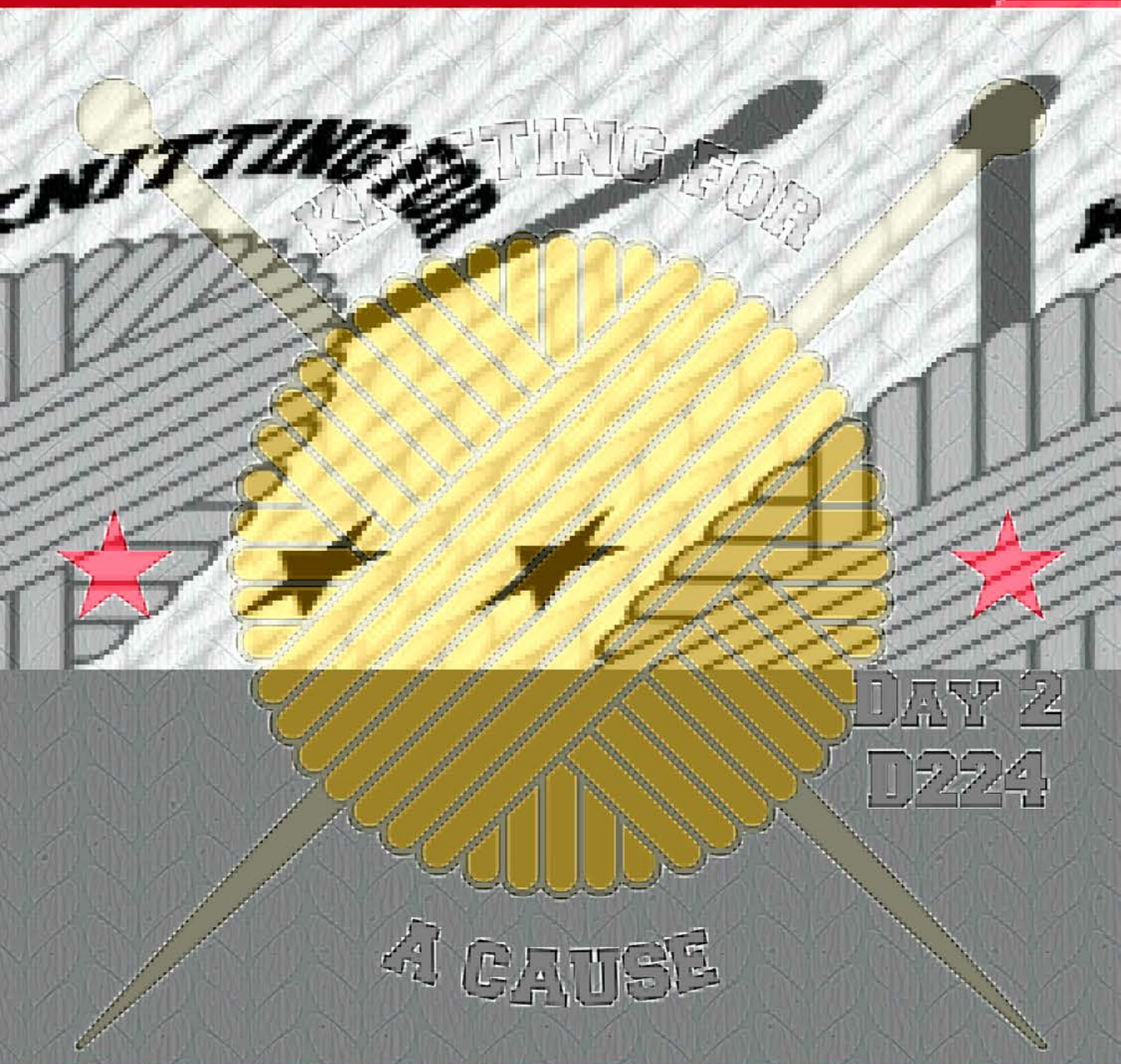
4 school weeks to go!

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AN NIS PRIMARY SCHOOL PRODUCTION

SERVICE AS ACTION PRESENTS...



**LEARN TO LOOM KNIT, CIRCULAR KNIT, OR CROCHET.
GIVE THE GIVE OF WARMTH TO SOMEONE IN NEED!**

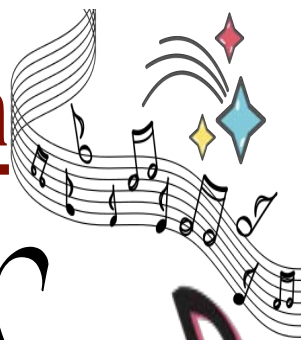
**PARENTS, TEACHERS, & STUDENTS:
IF YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE HANDMADE KNIT OR CROCHET ITEMS,
PLEASE DROP THEM OFF WITH
MS. ANNA IN THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE.**

Audition: February 18th



MS/US Talent Show

7PM on March 18, 2020





Important Information about Travel Documentation

Since August 2019, the Activities Office has already organized overnight trips for students. In the new year, we have many more exciting events and tournaments planned.

In order to plan these trips, it is important to have the students' current travel info. We have the documentation used for Discover China. However, if your child has since been issued a new paspsort, visa or ID card, please send us photos.

Please follow these simple steps to update the travel information on Veracross:

FOREIGN passport holders:

Step 1:

Log into Veracross via <https://accounts.veracross.com/nis/portals/login>

Go to "Update Family Profile" then "Citizenships & Passports"

The screenshot displays the Veracross user interface. On the left, under the heading "Veracross Links", there are three blue buttons: "Update Family Profile" (with a person icon), "Email Preferences" (with an envelope icon), and "Billing/Invoices" (with a dollar sign icon). A red dashed box highlights the "Update Family Profile" button, and a red arrow points to it with the text "Click here!". On the right, under the heading "FAMILY INFORMATION", there is a link "My Personal Contact Information" and a link "Citizenships & Passports" (which is highlighted with a red dashed box). A red arrow points to the "Citizenships & Passports" link with the text "Click here!".

Step 2:

Add or update passport information:

save x remove cancel

First Name

Country

Primary Citizenship?

yes

**Input passport name,
country then chose primary
citizenship "yes"**

Passport Information:

Issue Date *

Expiry Date *

Passport Number *

**Indicates a required field*

save x remove cancel

First Name

Country

Primary Citizenship? *

yes

These are essential!

Passport Information:

Issue Date *

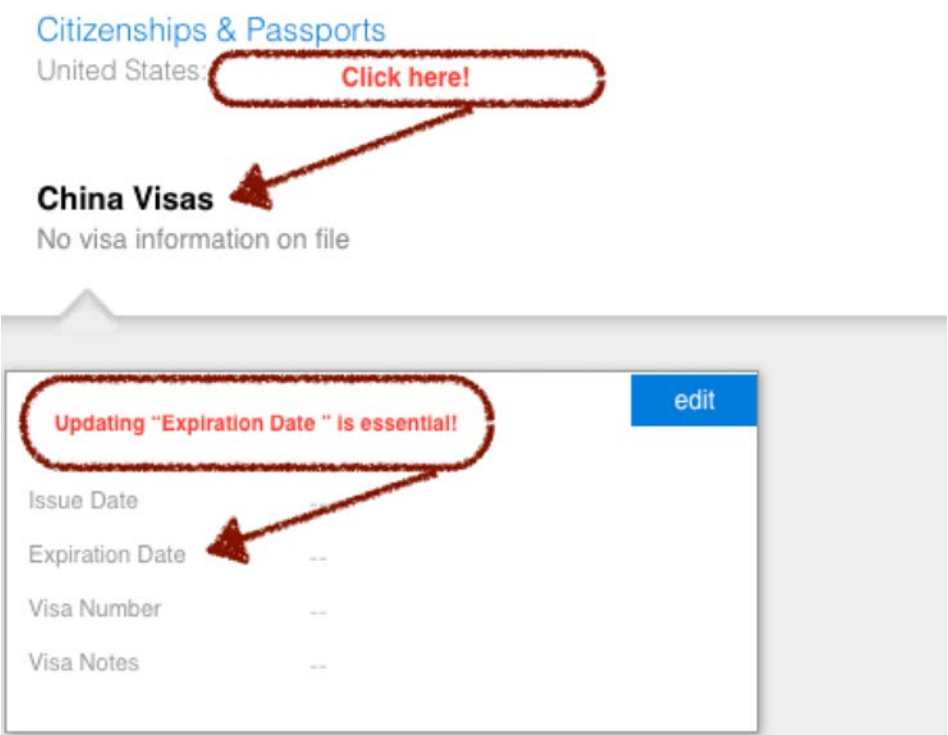
Expiry Date *

Passport Number *

**Indicates a required field*

Step 3:

Add or update China visa information :



China PR Card Holders:

If your child holds a Foreign Permanent Resident ID Card(s)中华人民共和国外国人永久居留证 issued by Ministry of Public Security. Please ensure that it is valid. If a new card has been issued, please send the Activities Office a photo.

the sample is shown as below:



Hongkong, Taiwan & Macau Citizens

HONG KONG, MACAU and TAIWANESE students MUST use Chinese Government issued ID card as the ONLY form of valid travel document for trips on China Mainland. If you have renewed the ID card since November 1st, please send the Activities Office a photo of the new ID Card.

Please see the samples below:

For Hongkong and
Macau resident



For Taiwan resident



Chinese Students

Children have Chinese ID cards, we have had the photos records from Discover China Trip in Activities Office , If you have renewed the ID card since November 1st, please send the Activities Office a photo of the new ID Card(front+ backside).

Please see the Chinese ID Samples:



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Activities Office.

Thank you for your understanding!

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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

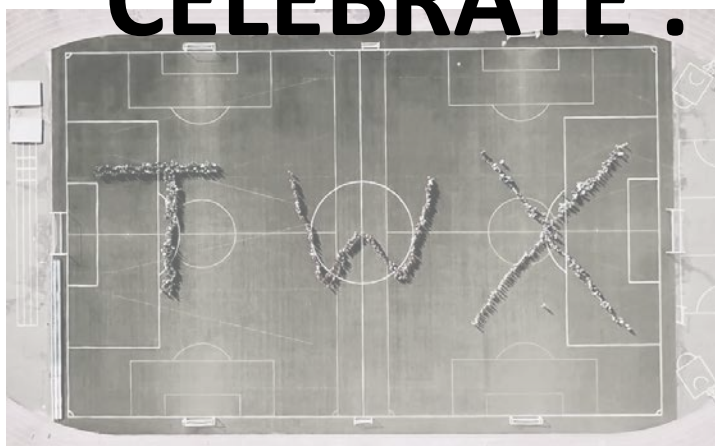
Get updated on news and upcoming events

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

Cupcakes: Lotus Needham Klysner

Bulletin: Georgina Christensen

PTA Shop :

Therese Turesson

Catherine Meyer

Yao Ceng

PTA EVENTS

Coffee Morning - 8:15am

Wednesday 26th February

Birthday Cupcakes - Thursday

13th of February

PTA SHOP

PTA Shop Hours

Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00

Friday 2:30 - 3:30



Happy Lunar New Year!
Have a wonderful holiday & a successful year of the Rat!



- **PTA Coffee Morning** is on **Wednesday February 26th at 8:15am** in the centre cafe. Please join us for a coffee and to hear school administrators & teachers speak about current school issues.
- **Open Gym Night for Middle and Upper School (Grades 6-12)** will be held on **Friday 14th of February**. This event replaces the MS and US dances (which have been cancelled). Sport, food and other activities will be available. Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 10th of February** and further information will be available soon. Parent volunteers for this event should contact Yvonne Zollner or ptapresident@nanjing-school.com.
- **International Day**
The NIS community is made up people from 31 different nationalities and we hope to celebrate each one at International Day on **Saturday April 18th**. We are seeking volunteers to co-ordinate this event. Please email us at ptapresident@nanjing-school.com if you are able to help.
- **PTA Birthday Cupcakes**
Happy Birthday to our community members with a **February birthday!** Cupcakes for students & teachers will be available outside the library during morning tea break on **Thursday 13th of February**. Please note, these cupcakes are only available for teachers & students with birthdays in February.

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

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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>



GRACE JIANG CANCER TREATMENT APPEAL
SWIM-A-THON SATURDAY 15.02.2020

Welcome Swim-a-thon 2020 participants.

Our goal is to raise as much money as possible for the Grace Jiang Cancer Treatment Appeal.

A **sponsor** is someone that pays you for your participation in a task or event.

A **participant** is someone that does the task or event and asks people to sponsor them.

A **swim-a-thon** is an event where you raise money by swimming a certain number of laps. It may be 25 metres or a width lap / small pool length for younger students. Date: Saturday 15.2.2020 @ NIS pool.

Top 3 distances per gender earn a trophy!

Here is an example of a *sponsor form* that a participant collected for 5 laps in a swim-a-thon:

| Sponsor Name | Email/ grade/ room | Amount per lap (¥) | Total Amount (¥) | Collected (¥) |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| John Smith | 7B | 2.00 | 10 | √ |
| Mum | home | 2.00 | 10 | √ |
| Dad | home | 3.00 | 15 | √ |
| Aunty Mary | mary@funaunt.com | 1.00 | 5 | √ |
| Ming Ping Pong | 9C | Single donation | 25 | √ |
| Susie Q | 12A | 3.00 | 15 | √ |
| TOTAL RAISED | | | 75 | √ |

Planning

- ☐ Set realistic, achievable goals for how many laps/widths you would like to swim
- ☐ Set your goal for how much money you would like to raise.
- ☐ You may also like to work out how many sponsors you want to chase up and choose a smaller number of sponsors who pay more.

Process

- ☐ All students/staff/parents collect sponsor names on the sponsor form outside school hours.
- ☐ Sign up for a time slot on Veracross. **Click here** to sign up, first come first serve for each time slot. Advanced swimmers may sign up for several time slots (11.00-14.30).
- ☐ Swim laps / widths & pick up your participation band from the friendly NIS pool staff.
- ☐ Collect all the promised money in a sealed labelled envelope (name, amount raised) & hand the money to the cashier window for Account: Grace Jiang Fund.

Reflection

- ☐ For students, this activity counts as a volunteering experience. Students need to make sure they record a reflection and upload evidence on Managebac.

Available Time slots: for Saturday 15.2.2020

| | | |
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| Small Pool 9:00-10:30 | Big Pool Width 10:00-10:30 | Big pool Length 11:00-14:30 |
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Pick up your sponsor sheet from reception in the Center.

Cashier's opening hours: MON, WED, FRI : 08.00-11.30 & 12.30-16.00 TUE & THU: 12.30-16.00

Any further Question please contact:

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SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 29

2020 LEAP YEAR PARTY
KICK OFF FOR NIC'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

WINTER BALL



南京香格里拉大酒店
Shangri-La hotel

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THEME
«PEARLS»

NIC



MORE INFORMATION

COMING SOON!

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Harbin Ice Festival

February 20-23
4-days, 3-nights

Adult: ¥4880

Child Discount

Early Bird before Feb. 3

-OR-

February 21-23
3-days, 2-nights

Adult: ¥3980

Child Discount

Early Bird before Feb. 3

Dongbei Winter Experience

Ice castles, snow sculptures, city tour,
tubing and castle skiing

4-star hotel + VIP transport

Includes daily meals, plane tickets and entry
to attractions



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RESERVE

