

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# KOZAK KORNER

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## December

13: MS/HS Winter Concert

13: Status Reports Issued

**Dec 16 - Jan 7: WINTER BREAK**

## January

8: Back to School (Term 2)

13-17: Multistory Student Workshops

13, 15, 18: KCA Basketball Tournament

17: SecStuCo Clash of Classes

20: MAP Testing (selective students)

22-23: MS Performances

24: Family Movie Night

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Dear KIS Community,

These past couple of weeks are always so much fun, as we celebrate the season with our many concerts, events, celebrations, and class parties. Thank you to all the students, parents, teachers and staff who have dedicated so much time and effort to make this time so wonderful. As 2019 will soon be wrapping up, it is a great time to reflect on our progress and growth, with an eye towards the new year. We wish you all the Happiest of Holidays these next three weeks. We hope you are able to enjoy this time with your friends and family. Thank you for being a part of our community and the KIS family. Safe travels! Hooray for the holidays and our winter break!

**Mr. Luke Woodruff**  
Director

Dear Parents,

Please be kindly reminded that the Due Date for Term 1 school fees was August 23, 2019.

### Upcoming dates:

Term 2: December 13, 2019

Term 3: March 27th, 2020)

We ask you to take care of outstanding balances at your earliest convenience. Please contact the Business Office in case you have any questions or concerns: [finance@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:finance@kyiv.qsi.org)

## KIS CAMPUS IS CLOSED!!!

The school campus will be closed from **December 14 - January 8th.**

See you after the holidays!

## DONATION TO TIS!

Thank you to our SecStuCo who helped collect money to donate to Tirana International School in support of their earthquake relief efforts.



Thank you for this wonderful news. Please extend our heartfelt thanks to the people at KIS for their generosity during this difficult time. Have a fantastic break.

-Robert Jackson, Director  
Tirana International School





# KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SCHOOL SECURITY

Kyiv International School strives to provide your children with a safe and positive educational environment at all times. Our facilities are meant to be for students, staff, and parents to build school community and promote student and community activities. In alignment with the school's Child Protection Policies and Procedures, CEESA guidelines, and updated Middle States Accreditation requirements, KIS would like to inform everyone of the following campus safety and security regulations:

## ENTRANCE TO KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Essentially, we always want to know WHO is on campus and WHY. KIS Security will open the inner door for those who have the appropriate ID or have checked in. This door is and should be locked at all times.



### CAR ACCESS STICKERS

For cars to access the territory in the morning for drop off and pick up, you must have a parking sticker for the current school year. These stickers are available at reception. Security will only be allowing cars with these stickers onto the campus.



### SCHOOL ID – WEAR THIS AT ALL TIMES

All adults planning to be on campus must have an ID or Visitor's Badge. If you do not have one already, please arrange to register for one from reception, and wear it at all times while at the school. The school must know who is on our campus and why at all times. KIS Security has been asked to have those without an ID badge to go through the check-in process.



### CHECK-IN AT GUARD STATION (VISITOR'S BADGE)

Those who do not have a school ID or are visiting the campus will need to check-in at the guard station and get a visitor's badge. These need to be returned once an individual leaves the campus. There is a visitor's agreement on the back of every badge explaining some guidelines while on campus.

## After School and Weekends

There are many activities going on at KIS, in the evenings and on the weekend. The entrance procedures are the same. Those who are not parents at KIS will need to check in at the guard station and receive a visitor's badge.



### Student ID Cards

High School and Middle School students will be issued Student ID cards in order to access the campus on the weekends. Any groups planning to use facilities must coordinate this with a staff supervisor.



# Easy Way to Show & Go!

It can be difficult to keep track of your ID card and just in case you leave it at home. Take a picture of it and always have it on your phone. This way you can easily Show it to security. We will be asking our middle school and secondary students to always have a picture of their ID on their phone.



## Closed Campus

Kyiv International School is a closed campus. Once on campus, students are not permitted to leave the campus without parental permission and office approval before 3:35pm. Parents are asked to contact the divisional office managers if their child plans to leave school early. If a student feels unwell at school, the office staff will notify their parents and arrangements will be made to leave school. Students are not permitted to leave campus without prior parent written notification. Any students who leave campus will not be permitted to return on the same day without specific approval and permission.

### Picking Up Students in the Middle of the Day

Parents and caregivers should go to reception to notify the school that they are picking up any student(s) and wait in the lobby while reception calls the teacher or department. School staff will escort the student to the lobby for pick up, if needed. An exit slip will be issued to show security when leaving early. In an effort of accountability, this helps the school to better know who is on and off campus at all times, each day.

## Security Cameras

KIS has a video surveillance system on the campus, in order to safeguard its students, staff, parents, and others on campus. Video from the cameras are kept for 2–4 weeks. There are no cameras in private areas, such as bathrooms or changerooms, so we encourage all individuals to be extra careful with their belongings in these areas. If at any time, there may be a reason for the school to watch video from previous days, we ask you to consult school administration.

## Video Recording in the Classroom

There are no cameras in any classrooms and students and parents are not permitted to take video of classrooms or lessons.

## Theft and Missing Items

There are many people who access our campus throughout the day (students, staff, parents, drivers, nannies, teams from other schools, and other outside guests). For this reason it is extremely important to take care of your own personal items at all times. Most of the time, when an item goes missing, it is later found by the individual. However, at times there have been items taken by someone. If you are concerned about a missing item, please contact school administration to help look for it or look at our video surveillance.

# KIS Appreciates Your Support & Cooperation



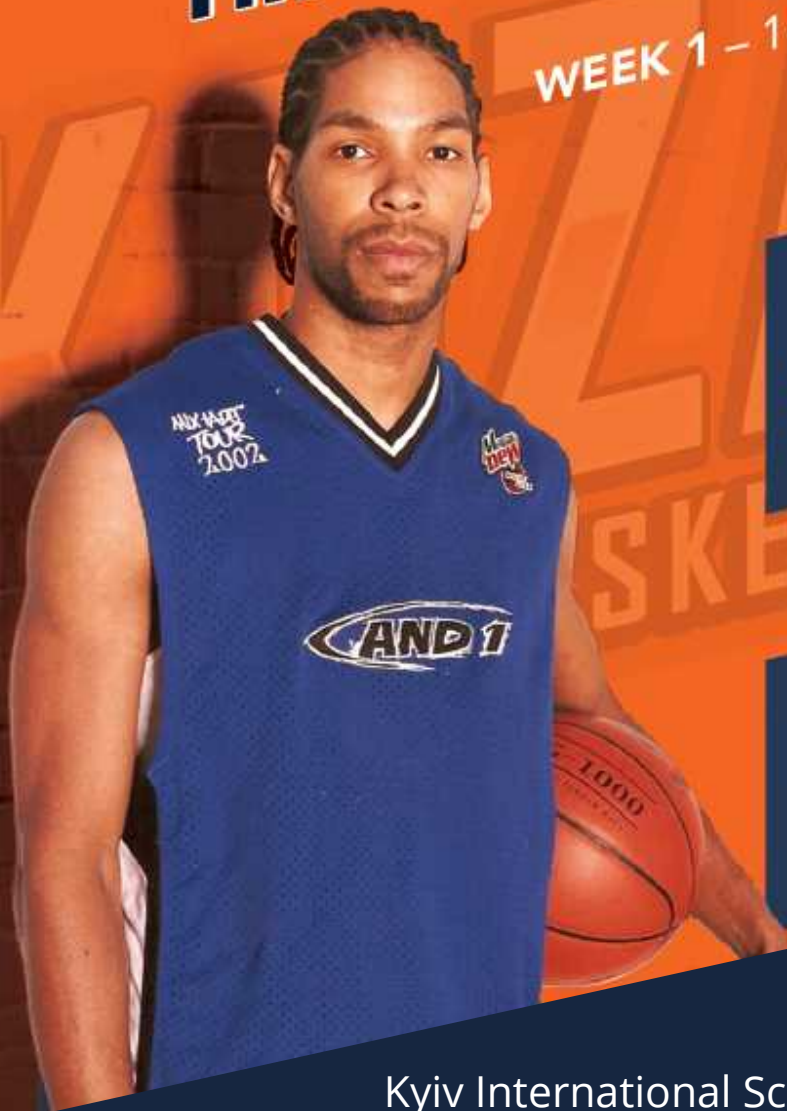
## UPCOMING EVENTS



# Weekly camp with And1 star Tim "HEADACHE" Gittens!

BOYS & GIRLS. Age 11-16

WEEK 1 – 14-20 Dec; WEEK 2 – 21-27 Dec



One of the most influential streetball players. A coach, camp facilitator, motivational speaker and youth director.

**PLAYED IN:**

- And1 Streetball Team
- NBA
- ABA
- Harlem Globetrotters

Tim "HEADACHE" Gittens



CAMP COACH

Xavier University, 2018

2018 Malaysia Women's Basketball League, Team: Red Baron

2016-2017 BIG EAST All-academic Team

Jada Byrd



CAMP GIRL'S COACH

Kyiv International School Student Athletes are invited to attend the first session of camp at the heavily discounted price of \$100 (a savings up over \$400).

Enter discount code "KIS" when registering.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Kyiv International School is excited to welcome actors Bill Buffery and Gill Nathanson with the UK-based **Multistory Theatre Company** January 13-17. Students of all ages will attend performances, and many will also participate in drama and storytelling workshops. The actors will also present a special evening performance for the entire KIS community on Tuesday, January 14, so save that date! Here is an overview of this very exciting week at KIS:

### Monday, January 13

Morning performance of **Twelve Wild Ducks** for students ages 2-8. Afternoon performance of Twelve Wild Ducks for students ages 9, 10, 11, and 12.

### Tuesday, January 14

Morning performance of **Pandora** for 13 year olds and all secondary students. Afternoon workshops with 11 year old students. Evening performance of Pandora.

### Wednesday, January 15

Morning workshops with Secondary I students. Afternoon workshops with 13 year old students..

### Thursday, January 16

Morning workshops with 9 and 10 year old students. Afternoon workshops with Secondary I students.

### Friday, January 17

Morning workshops with secondary literature students. Afternoon workshops with secondary drama students.





## ECOSCHOOL @ KIS: OFF TO A GOOD START

With more than 40 students engaged all across school, the Ecoschools programme at KIS is off to a good start:

The Elementary School groups are busy preparing their bug hotel (it's almost ready!), identifying and appreciating trees, and practising for 'The Talking Tree', their play encouraging us to use less paper.

The Middle School Eco Team of Two (with enthusiasm for four) is getting ready for a food waste audit in January, a powerful tool to begin reducing our food related environmental footprint.

The High School ESI team identified six priority areas from working towards making KIS a plastic free school, improving recycling, enhancing water taste @ fountains, reducing energy consumption, to producing cloth bags for produce shopping and hopefully participating in a conference to share their experience and learn from other environmental school initiatives.

These student groups are supported by a teacher Eco Committee working on an Environmental Policy for lasting impact of our initiatives.

Want to get involved, have suggestions or questions? Please contact [ecoschool@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:ecoschool@kyiv.qsi.org)

### **Make it a green(er) xmas**

Why not get into the green spirit by trying to reduce our eco footprint this xmas? Here are some easy suggestions:

- Did you know: food is the single most important, everyday way for people to reduce their environmental impact. So, this xmas and beyond, why not consider:
    - o Trying to reduce your food waste and
    - o reducing meat consumption
  - Shop wisely: try to avoid fast fashion and trinkets. Why? Check out:  
<https://www.monbiot.com/2012/12/10/the-gift-of-death/>
  - Rethink gift giving: instead of things, think 'clutter free, environmentally benign gifts', such as vouchers for a professional organiser or a class (dancing, cooking?), event tickets, memberships to museums, photobooks/calendars, a gift that gives back to charity, or check out these 100 ideas:  
<https://ecowarriorprincess.net/2018/11/101-ethical-eco-friendly-zero-waste-gift-ideas-birthdays-christmas/>
  - Re-use gift bags or cloth to wrap gifts
  - Maybe send e-cards this year, cutting your carbon footprint, saving trees and money.
- And these are just a few ideas to make this xmas a little greener.

Enjoy!





## ELEMENTARY ECO CLUBS IN FULL SWING!

Our junior team of 5 to 7 year olds is investigating the flora on the school campus. Enjoying the fresh fall air, the eager nature detectives collected plenty of different leaves, preparing to learn about, classify and document them. The 8 to 10 year olds are working to get a 'bug hotel' set up before the snow hits. This 'hotel' will provide a refuge for our creepy crawly companions until next spring.

They also recognized that we are throwing away a lot of paper that could still be used and are already working on solutions. Providing 'paper to reuse' boxes to all Elementary classrooms is just one of the many ideas they've come up with.

If you want to find out more about the impact of paper production on our environment, check out: [http://www.theworldcounts.com/stories/Environmental\\_Impact\\_of\\_Paper\\_Production](http://www.theworldcounts.com/stories/Environmental_Impact_of_Paper_Production)

or build a bug hotel yourself:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/garden-activities/build-a-bug-hotel/>

or identify trees while out and about:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/how-to-identify-trees/>



# JUMP FOR CHRISTMAS BY 2YO



## PRESCHOOL FESTIVE WEEK

KIS opened its doors to host the annual 2-4 year olds Preschool Winter Concerts and filled the MPR up with joy and excitement.

For the 2-year-old students, it was the first concert of their live. They showed themselves as real actors and actresses taking part in the program "Jump For Christmas." Children danced and sang with the greatest pleasure. Their charm will never be beaten.

Everybody was amazed by the 3 year olds show "We Will Jingle" while they were twirling in their charming romantic pair dance and at the same time they were absolutely cheerful -singing songs and jingling the bells.

The most expressive and energetic were the 4 year olds with their unforgettable show "Rocking Around Christmas Tree". Their "Rock'n'roll" made everybody delighted and thrilled.

The final triumph "Christmas Cookies And Holiday Hearts" was presented by 5-year-old students. They looked like professional performers on the stage and impressed everyone with their terrific songs and dances about Santa Claus and his Elves, Snowmen and Snowflakes, Christmas Trees and Reindeer.

It was a wonderful festive few weeks enjoyed by staff, students and parents!



## WE WILL JINGLE BY 3YO



## ROCKING AROUND CHRISTMAS TREE BY 4YO





# CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND HOLIDAY HEARTS BY 5YO







## Cultural Studies 12s Breaking into Greek Mythology

Can these students break the codes to unlock the Greek artifact in time for their professor's presentation? With only an hour and five locks to decode, groups of 12s worked together to understand cryptic references to Greek mythology in American culture today, including statues at famous landmarks, flight directions to U.S. cities with Greek names, famous paintings depicting Greek myths, and even companies with Greek myth-inspired names. Our challenge in the new year will be for the students to create their own lock clues based on our curriculum so far. Can't wait to see what they break into next!





## 6 YEAR OLD INTENSIVE ENGLISH CLASS

While working on the classroom jobs and classroom description, the 6 y.o. IE students learned how to use verbs properly in the sentences of their own. One of the students made up the sentence in which he expressed his wish to learn how to make a book, and it became our main task for a certain period of time. Now the students know that to make a book is not an easy job to do. First, they discussed and chose what to write about, then started working on the text, later illustrated the writing, put all the pages in order and decided how to make the cover pages for the book. When all that job was done, there came the time to bind the book. At last, came the time to share it with our friends, teachers and classmates. Next step is to take the book home and share it with the family!



# INTENSIVE ENGLISH



## INTENSIVE ENGLISH 7-8 YEAR OLDS

In reading and writing, we have been working on our nonfiction unit. Students were learning the elements of nonfiction texts and their characteristics. They read a variety of nonfiction books and learned nonfiction text features. They've finished their animal book reports. Students had to sort out and organize information to plan their writing, apply new vocabulary, and practice their mapping skills. As a final project students made wonderful posters about their favorite animals and created the models of each animal from plasticine. It was such an exciting experience for everyone! Students had a lot of fun and worked hard to finish their work. They all did a great job during their presentations!







## ALICE - A MUSICAL ADVENTURE

Last week almost 1000 auditorium seats were filled by our incredible Kozak Community for this year's secondary show ALICE - A Musical Adventure

30 Kozactors and 7 Crew members... plus teachers collaborated to bring a colourful and dynamic Wonderland to life for all who visited. They boldly and bravely shared that magic they with children of all ages.

Kozaks from the smallest to the tallest participated, whooped, whoa'ed, hollered and applauded for our amazing KIS Students.

Mr. Hume's Media I class is busy working on a multi-cam video edit of the show that we will share with the Kozak community at home and abroad, and KIS student photographers shot beautiful production stills that we will share as soon as they are selected and edited.

As the Wonderland crew settles back down into real life they will carry a little piece of the magic they made with them and know deep in their hearts that they quite simply ROCKED!BRAVO, applause applause applause!

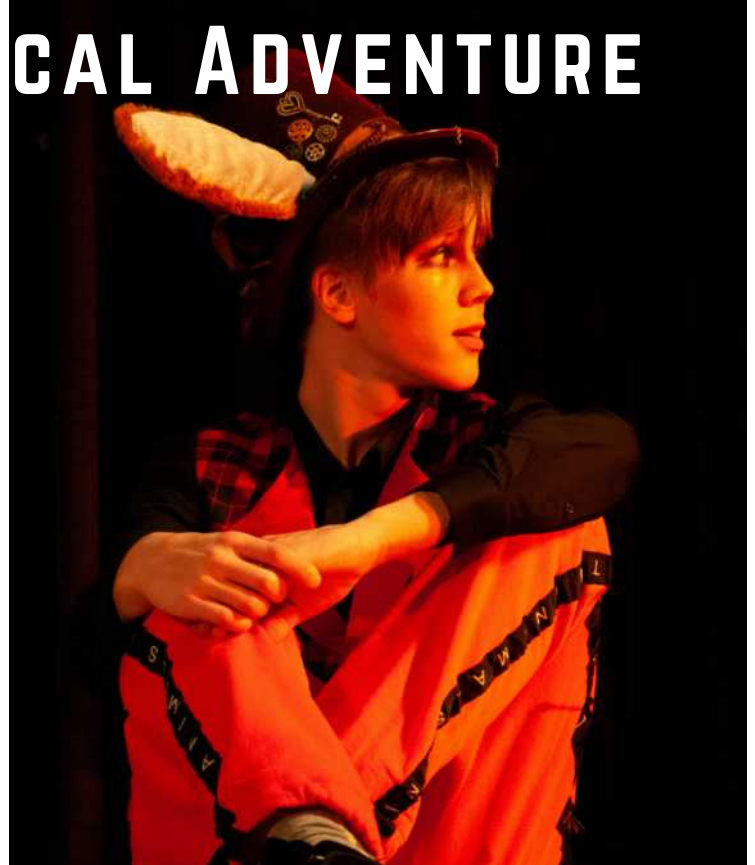
Thank you KIS for visiting WONDERLAND!!Now, What's Next?



# ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES



## ALICE - A MUSICAL ADVENTURE







# MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE

## Kyiv International School

KIS will host the Middle School Speech and Debate Tournament **February 6-9, 2020**. The following schools will participate: American International School of Budapest, American International School of Vienna, International School of Prague, International School of Latvia, QSI Bratislava. We are excited to host this event and want to say a huge thank you to the coaches, the students who participate and the wonderful KIS families who host visiting students.

### REFUNDS FOR CEESA

Dear Families, If your child paid a deposit, but was not chosen for the CEESA team or if the trip was less than the \$400 deposit, a refund is available to you (or your child, if you wish) at reception. For more information please email [rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org)

### BASKETBALL SEASON

The basketball season is off to the great start with games for all teams during this last week. More games are scheduled for after winter break and the game schedule will be published in the KK after break.





## WEEK WITHOUT WALLS

Week Without Walls is an adventure based, experiential education program offered to students at Kyiv International School.

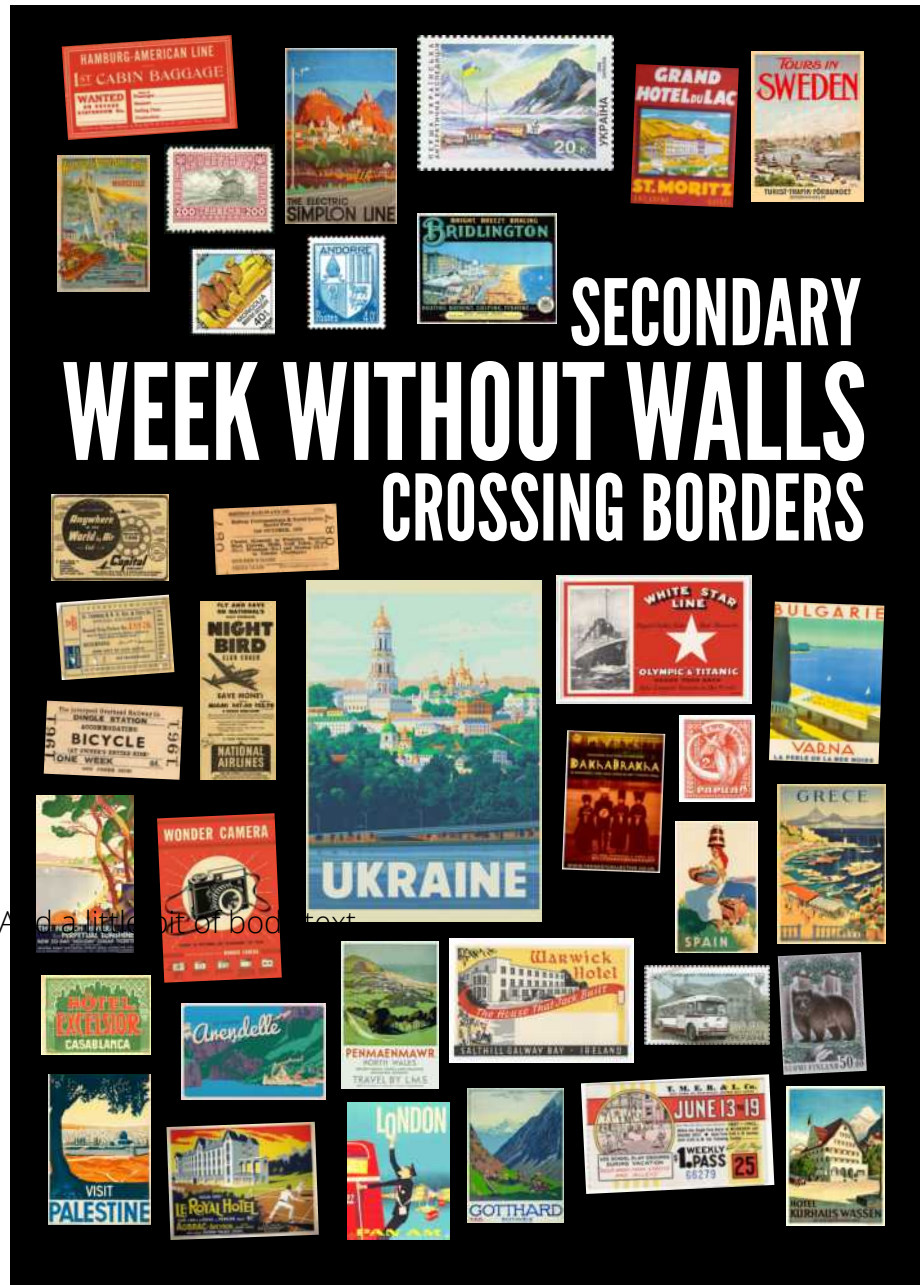
The theme of this year's Secondary (I-III) Program is **Crossing Borders** as students are challenged to take on new and different experiences.

Adventures this year include a variety of outdoor adventure and cultural trips in Ukraine as well as international trips to Estonia, Germany, Greece, London, Morocco, Poland, Romania and Scotland.

Visit the **Course Brochure** to learn more about the courses we are offering this year.

Enrollment opened on November 11 and many of our courses are full at this point.

While participation in Week Without Walls is not mandatory - if students chose not to participate - they will be counted absent from school.





# THE YEAR AT A GLANCE



## KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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**First Day of Each Term**  
**First Day of School - August 22nd**  
 Term 1: 22 Aug - 13 Dec  
 Term 2: 8 Jan - 27 Mar  
 Term 3: 30 Mar - 19 June  
**Last Day of School - June 19**

**First day of Quintile**  
 Quintile 1: 22 Aug - 11 Oct  
 Quintile 2: 21 Oct - 11 Dec  
 Quintile 3: 12 Dec - 2 Mar  
 Quintile 4: 3 Mar - 22 Apr  
 Quintile 5: 23 Apr - 19 June

**School Holidays**  
**26 Aug** - Independence Day  
**14-18 Oct** - Fall Break  
**16 Dec - 7 Jan** - Winter Break  
**17-21 Feb** - Ski Week  
**9 Mar** - Int'l. Women's Day  
**27 Apr - 1 May** - Easter/Labor Day  
**11 May** - Victory Day