

## **"Things are better together"**

*The International School of Zug and Lucerne (ISZL) is celebrating its 60th anniversary this school year. Under the motto "we're better together", the school thanked all its partners at a small celebration last Thursday.*

"We are a community of learners determined to make the world – or our corner of it – a better, kinder place" So says the school's mission statement. So important is this message in these times of wars and conflicts. ISZL in Walterswil wants to set a peaceful counterpoint, with its international links. According to Director Barry Dequanne, cosmopolitanism is contrasted with respect for local traditions and culture. Not as a contrast, but as a complement.

ISZL is at home in Walterswil in the municipality of Baar. "We feel at home," said Foundation Board President Dan Urech to the guests from politics and business. He expressed special thanks for the cooperation with the Don Bosco Foundation, which had shaped Walterswil as an educational location for decades.

A jubilant often receives a gift; government councilor Stephan Schleiss, as head of the Directorate for Education and Culture, at least held out the prospect of such a gift: the contribution to public schools, which had been cut as part of the cantonal savings package, is to be increased again. This is because the canton benefits greatly from ISZL and its international links. Even though the school in Walterswil recently received the award as International School of the year, the president of the foundation board, Dan Urech, says: "There is no resting on one's laurels."