InService gymnastic training for Mombasa School’s PE staff, led by Ms Goodall.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

A belated New Year greeting to all those involved with BMIS. We welcome 2014 as another year in which the school, its students and staff will progress and develop further. Welcome to the new families who have joined us this term, I know that it will be an exciting new experience for you all and that the new students will gain much by joining us. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or questions.

I am happy to welcome Roselyn Ngugi, as the new Secondary School secretary. Please make her welcome.

An appeal to parents: Ensure that the car registration documents are returned by Friday. It is possible that the new windscreen security discs will be available after the weekend and that those who have not registered, will have difficulties accessing the compound without it.

The Year 11 mock examinations begin next Wednesday, I sincerely wish students well in these. They are very important tests, in so far as the results are sent on to Cambridge Examination Board, just in case of student difficulties next May and June. Please ensure students use their time well in the evenings on revision.

Activities begin on Monday, so please be aware of late home arrivals on some occasions. The Tattle system for security and communication on school transport has been delayed. Please see the letter from the company, who are responsible for fitting and control of the system. A surveillance camera has now been fitted to observe the gate area to ensure safety and record any incidents.

I wish everyone a successful and happy term. It will be a busy one again and I look forward to seeing our stage production of Grease towards the end of term.

Calendars will be distributed by Friday, please make use of them in your planning of dates.

Have an excellent weekend

P Barnard

Quote of the Week

To the old, long life and treasure; To the young, all health and pleasure.

Ben Jonson.
The two week long IGCSE MOCK Examinations begin on Wednesday 15th January, 2014 and end on 29th January. The year 11s are currently preparing for these very important examinations and all we can do is to offer them the support they require in order to successfully go through this phase of their academic lives.

These examinations will go a long way in helping them prepare for the final IGCSE Examinations. All the candidates (including a few y7, 8, 9 and 10 students who will write Foreign Language Mock Exams) are encouraged to carefully study the Mock examination timetables and the Examination rules and regulations provided last term in order to avoid last minute confusion and avoidable inconveniencies.

The teachers are more than willing to help in any way possible and candidates are advised to consult with them when necessary.

Best of Luck to all the candidates.

Felix Ogando
Examination Officer

Search @bmis and the name of the department or the subject e.g @bmishum, @bmisart and follow us. You will find many updates on what goes on in the classroom, links to educational websites, resources and homework reminders.

New Staff

Roselyn Ngugi
New Secondary Secretary
Unfortunately the Tattle system has not been able to be up and running from the first day of school as hoped. We received a letter this week from the company, to Braeburn as a group, apologising for the delay.

“we would like to apologise most sincerely for the inconvenience that we have caused your group of schools through the delay in the implementation of the Tattle School Smart Card solution. This was caused by unforeseen complications in the shipment of devices from overseas during the Christmas period. We are working round the clock to ensure that these are received in the shortest time possible. In the meantime, we initiating the process of wiring the buses so that when the devices arrive it will take a very short time to install them and commission the solution.”

In the meantime we are ensuring that the company installing Tattle for us have all the details they need so that the card printing process, for pupils, may proceed.

We will keep you informed progress as it happens.

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**Forthcoming Fixtures And Events**

**Week 2**
- **Wed 15** IGCSE mocks begin
- **Thu 16** U19 boys football v Oshwal (H)

**Week 3**
- **Thu 23** U19 Boys football vs Aga Khan (H)
- **Friday 24** Parent consultation evening (Exc Yr11)
- **Sat 25** John Garrod / Dave Anderson football competition
- **U15 Boys & U19 Girls BGE**

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**Change of calendar date**

(Space evening)

Space evening will be included as part of the end of term KS3 science residential and not happen as on the calendar. Kindly take note and accept our apologies for any inconveniences caused.
On Wednesday, Mr Jackson Read and Miss Goodall hosted and ran a PE INSET day for 19 PE staff from schools around Mombasa. The sessions involved the teaching of hockey and gymnastics. It certainly looked a lot of fun as you can see by the photos above!

Car registration

Please can you ensure that your cars and drivers are registered with the school secretaries as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Once serialised car stickers are distributed to registered cars you will not be allowed into the school compound without displaying one. Parents without stickers at this point will be required to sign in with security, to await confirmation before entry and then they will be escorted to the school office by a security guard, as all general visitors to the school are required to do.
Over the holidays I received several emails from the organisers of Kesho – a charity we support – thanking us for the donations we made to them last term. Kesho are currently supporting 310 children from nursery school to university and reaching out to 1000s of their peers and family members. The attached newsletter from Kesho gives more information about what they have done over the last year and their vision of what they want to do in the future.

Through Kesho we have been able to help some children who would not otherwise be able to go to school. They are exceptionally grateful and are thrilled just to be able to have the opportunity to go to school. I wanted to share with you some of the letters I received from them. Their words, far better than mine, show why we, as a school, think that supporting Kesho is such a special thing to do.

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