**International Department News February 2014**

**Students coming and going**

We have a continuous interest in our program from both expat families and Danish families coming back to Denmark after time abroad, but also from local residents showing interest in our school. Our administration works hard on informing families on our waiting list about vacant places in our groups and we are very pleased to have a large intake of students in August 2014.

As an International School it is a natural part of our everyday life that students leave us too. Please inform me, teachers, the SFO and our administration if you leave our school.

**Department Development**

The group working on the implementation of our IGCSE program is meeting regularly and we are looking forward to sharing our results and plans at our next PTA meeting.

We also have a task force working on the future structure of the subject Danish. We participate in network meetings with the other International Schools in Denmark to exchange experiences, discuss issues related to setting up an international school and learn from other more experienced schools. We take valuable information back to our department and implement the learnings in our teams.

Our group structure next year will include six groups for the entire program; this is compared to three groups now. We will unveil the structure during our next PTA meeting.

**Staff**

We are happy to announce that we have employed Kevin Patrick Goggins, Irish, to take over for Michelle who will be leaving us this summer. Kevin already joins the department from March and we will make sure to introduce you to Kevin during our next PTA meeting.

**Inside the classrooms**

Our upper primary students and upper secondary 1 students are working hard in order to be ready for Primary Checkpoint and Cambridge Checkpoint tests this spring.

Our Science Fair is also getting nearer. At the World Book Day some of the Danish students will also participate in this international event.

AKT is a program we offer at Skt. Josef’s School and it is now time for our P2 Group to be introduced to the program. It is a social training program where counsellors work with children and teachers in a class in order to improve learning and social skills. Please ask the teachers if you want to hear more about the program and ask your child about the activities they get to know through the program.

**Important events coming up**

PTA meeting – a date will be published on Intra as soon as we know it.

Make sure to check the vacation calendar on our homepage. Springtime in Denmark has many holidays – <http://sktjosef.dk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=83&Itemid=239&lang=en>

Kind regards,

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