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A Warm Welcome To Our New Principal...

It's an exciting time for our school this year because we have a new principal joining us from PISM, Yangon, Dr. Phyu Phyu Myint. Flora and Berry from Year 7 meet and interview our principal and find out about her plans for the school and how she finds living in Mandalay. Do not miss this exclusive interview on page three!



September 2017 marks our return to school and our first ever issue of **Pride & Joy, Mandalay**. Find out all about what we have been up to in September.

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Welcome to our new school year and to our first issue of **Pride & Joy, Mandalay**. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and is ready to buckle back down for school.

This year is an exciting year for PISM as we have a new principal, Dr. Phyu Phyu Myint who joins us from Yangon PISM.

The news team have been very busy creating this issue for you so we hope you really enjoy reading it.

We always welcome new faces so if you enjoy writing, come join us!

From Tr. Lori & the News Team.

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Our New Principal

Name: Dr. Phyu Phyu Myint

Age: 55 years old

Q: How many years have you been working as a principal?

A: I have been working as a vice principal in Yangon PISM for 1 and a half years but in Mandalay I'm the head principal.

Q: Do you enjoy staying in Mandalay?

A: I do enjoy staying here as it is so peaceful and the people are very nice, but before coming to Mandalay I was afraid of the weather changes and that the food here might be different.

Q: Which school do you like more? Yangon PISM or Mandalay PISM?

A: I like both schools. At this school, the students and teachers are also very kind hearted and very welcoming.

Q: Was it your idea to cancel the non-uniform day? And why?

A: It was the decision of the PISM School Management Team for the Yangon and Mandalay school. This decision is for the safety and security of our students. However, students will be allowed to wear non-uniform occasionally, on special days or ceremonies.

Q: What have you decided to do about the football pitch, the canteen and the library?

A: The football ECA, will be held in Mingalar-Thiri football stadium. And about the canteen, I will try my best to change it, and I will upgrade the library with new books.

Q: For the Graduation Ceremony for the IGCSE students, who will be invited?

A: Maybe, year 9, 10 and 11 will be invited.

At the end of the interview our principal, Dr. Phyu Phyu said, "If any of you have any problems or ideas for the school please come and talk to me".

Interview by, Flora and Berry



An Interview with Tr. Chris



Q. How do you want to improve the school?

I want to include more sports, training and sport competitions against other schools.

Q. What can you tell me about yourself?

My name is Christopher. I am from near Manchester in England. I have been teaching for six years.

Q. What's your hobby?

My hobbies are playing football and snooker. I also enjoy reading.

Q. What is the difference between Yangon school and Mandalay school?

Yangon school is a lot bigger, the classes are bigger and there are a lot more students but there are not many other differences.

Q. What is your position in the school?

I am secondary coordinator and an English secondary teacher.



Q. What will the football ECAs be like?

The football ECAs will be held on Wednesday mornings for primary and Thursday mornings for secondary at Mingalar-Thiri football stadium at 7.45am. We will be doing coaching drills, games and improving our skills and football brains. I hope to see a lot of you there.

Interview by Jack & Berry.

Date	Sport Competition	Age Group	Host
Sat Nov 11 th	Table Tennis	Senior/Under 14	AIS
Sat Nov 25 th	Football	Senior	AIS/ILBC
Sat Nov 25 th	Basketball	Under 14	AIS/ILBC
Sat Dec 9 th	Badminton	Senior/Under 14	ILBC
Sat Feb 3 rd	Basketball	Senior	AIS/ILBC
Sat Feb 3 rd	Football	Under 14	AIS/ILBC
Sat Mar 31 st	Badminton	Senior/Under 14	AIS

Mandalay Schools Table Tennis Competition



Venue: ILBC school hall

Time: 9th September

The Table Tennis Competition started at 8:30am at ILBC school. In total, there were six groups, such as groups A, B, C, D, E, F. There were 5 students in each group. Two groups must race against each other for level 1, 2, 3. Many schools participated in that competition. They were KMC, ELC, AIS, MIS, ILBC and PISM. There were 3 categories: Girls, Under 14s and Above 14s. We must play for 11 points for a match. We had three students compete from our school. They were Elvin, Dylan and Daniel. Elvin and Daniel were in level 2 and Dylan was in level 1. In the end students from ELC won the prizes but our students tried their best and had a great time.

Report by Daniel & Sally.



Above: Elvin Competes.

Left: Dylan in action.

Uniforms– For or Against?

Flora argues that uniforms are a good thing...



1. School uniforms make it easier to identify outsiders.
2. School uniforms also help students to be more equal.
3. Since everyone is wearing the same thing, students will not make fun or tease other for what they wear.
4. Beside students might forget why they come to school- all they have in mind is about being special and stylish.
5. We come to school to learn and not to get attention.
6. A uniform can get respect from people and it lets others know our standards.
7. It can save a lot of money.
8. I believe that most of the parents will feel safer seeing their child in school uniforms.
9. Wearing school uniforms saves time. It is quicker to get dressed in the morning.



...but Sanar does not agree and argues against uniforms.

Uniforms are usually worn a lot and is a strict rule which most schools or work follow. Uniform has its good and bad points but let's look at the bad points. For example, you woke up in morning, go to your closet and you remember all your uniforms are not clean. What do you do? We, being students have sure faced this problem at least once. Also, seeing yourself in the same clothes every single day, you get to hate it. Uniforms can make us uncomfortable sometimes too. For example, if you are a girl who doesn't like to wear skirts but your uniform is a skirt, they can make you feel uncomfortable. Wearing uniform makes us the same, which we are not, because different people have different tastes, especially in fashion and uniforms do not allow you to show this.

June Rose & Flora teamed up to give some 'back to school' advice.



Back to School Survival Guide

Make a good impression on your teachers. If your teacher loves you, you can do no wrong. Get that good initial impression on the books by turning in strong work, participating during class, and properly using semicolons; yes, you should use semicolons properly.

Talk to people! See an acquaintance you haven't spoken to for a while? That's a perfect opportunity to bring up, say, how depressing it is that summer's over! Everybody knows everybody here so you should always have people to talk to.

Start out working really hard. That way, you can slack off for the final quarter and still get an A in the class. (Disclaimer: It probably does not work that way, and the teachers will be onto you.)

Extracurricular. Do them. Not only do extracurriculars look great on a college application, but they are fun and a great way to meet cute boys and girls with similar interests. What I suggest is that you cover your bases, with a brainy/nerdy club (Book Club, Maths Olympian), a sports team (can't play sports? Cheerlead!), and an arty/musical thing. Job done! One well rounded student.

Nobody cares. These two words should help you get through most of high school. Whenever you must speak publicly or do a solo, just remember: nobody cares. No, really. Everybody else is either sleeping or so preoccupied with their own presentation/appearance/crush that they won't pay attention to you. And if they do? Well, they will forget it in five minutes—when they receive a totes fab text about how Bill totally like asked Megan out. Homecoming! I guarantee it.

Drama, drama, drama.

Just do not get into dramas. They are not worth it. Be the bigger man and walk away. If dramas grow too big to handle, speak to your teacher or parents!

Extra Supplies

Always bring an extra 1000 kyats in your bag or pockets in case you forgot your lunch.

Always bring extra clothing with you and deodorant in your bag (especially, the boys 😊)

By June Rose & Flora.

Dora gives us her recommendations for music this month...



Taylor Swift
Look what you made me do.



Cardi B
Bodak Yellow



Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee Ft: Justin Bieber
Despacito



Taylor Swift
...Ready for it?



Logic Feat: Alessia Cara & Khalid
1-800-273-8255



DJ Khaled Ft: Rihanna & Bryson Tiller
Wild Thoughts



Charlie Puth
Attention



Imagine Dragons
Believe



French Montana ft: Swae Lee
Unforgettable



Shawn Mendas
There's Nothing Holding Me Back



UPcoming EVENTS

School Event	Date	Details
World Teacher's Day	Oct 5 th	Paying Homage to your teachers
Year 11 Graduation	Oct 27 th	Graduation Ceremony at the Sedona Hotel for our previous Year 11 students. (Y9-11 invited)
Halloween Party	Oct 31 st	Afternoon party with games, snacks and an art and costume competition.
Talent Competition	Nov tbc.	Casual dress day and a chance to show off our talents.
Universal Children's Day	Nov 20 th	Casual dress day and ceremony.
Christmas Party	Dec tbc.	Afternoon party with games, snacks and performances.
Art Competition	tbc.	Details to follow.
Sports' Day	Jan tbc.	A series of sports games & competitions.
STEM Fair	Feb tbc.	Science contest, Gaming contest, Maths contest and ICT contest.
Food Fair	tbc.	Details to follow.
Science Fair	tbc.	Details to follow.

In our next issue: Read about our Teachers' day and our Y11 Graduation Ceremony. Find out about our Halloween Party and look at pictures and costumes. Be scared by our Halloween story and games, Read our Interview with Tr. Ei Ei about her trip to England and much more.



Thanks
for
reading!

We welcome all newcomers to Newsletter Club. If you are creative or enjoy writing or photography, please join us.

Or even if you do not join but want to share something in the newsletter or have some ideas, come speak to us.