Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

Next week sees the Annual Parents’ General Meeting. The Board of Governors have changed the usual timing of the meeting to **8.30am on Tuesday 29th September** to try to encourage a higher number of parents to attend than has been the case in recent years. Full details have been sent out to all parents via email. I hope a high number of parents will attend to hear about TBS progress over the past year and plans for the future. We will also elect new governors and voting closes at 8.15am on Tuesday 29th September.

**Recent & future events**

**TBS International Day! Friday 16th October**

As many parents may know, one of the many ways that we celebrate the cultural diversity of our TBS community is by holding an annual international day celebration. We have a national dress parade at 8.15am. We encourage all children and parents to dress up and join in with the parade around school. We also have an international day assembly at 1.30pm which parents are also welcome to attend. If any parents would like to offer an item for the assembly we would be delighted (contact sjones@tbs.edu.np by Friday October 2nd to obtain a space on the bill!). The day ends with an international day food fair and we always have great support from the parents, staff and students who contribute by running stalls (contact tsthapit-priest@tbs.edu.np to book a table!). Mr. Jones will write separately this week and your support is greatly appreciated!

**Welcome to new TBS colleagues!**

Please welcome Mrs. Nicole Griffiths, who has joined us as School Counsellor from this week and who will begin work formally after Dashain. We will shortly be circulating the full policy and procedure regarding counselling support for children and students (a short summary is below). We will introduce Nicole to parents at one of our events after Dashain. It is great to be able to offer this service as part of our pastoral support for all the TBS community.

Ms. Sheetal Subba also joined us this week in Year 4B and she will be a great addition to the Classroom Learning Support team as will Ms. Jyoti Amatya who joins the Administration team as an assistant Office Manager.

**School counselling rules**

There are well delineated ground rules for school counsellors. We will send out details of these, put them on the website and email parents a consent form. Not everyone will need counselling during their school career, but it is a good resource to have in place to ensure the well-being of all our children. If your child does at any stage want to see Nicole to discuss anything, we will check we have your consent before any meeting takes place. Of course you might prefer to give your consent later, but returning the form in advance will help Nicole give timely support.
Parents’ Annual General Meeting
A final note on the timing of AGM preparations. The Board of Governors annual report for parents is published here. The agenda, ballot sheets and governor details are now available from primary reception. Any parent who wishes to add an agenda item or a question for the subsequent Q&A session can do so by emailing Mrs. Sthapit-Priest (tsthapit-priest@tbs.edu.np) by Friday 25th September. There will be opportunities to ask questions at the meeting as well.

Victory for Senior Boys over ABC Football Academy
It was a 7am kick off on Saturday morning for the Senior Boys footballers in Hattiban against a much fancied ABC Football Academy side. TBS started well, displaying a much improved shape from their previous outings. The on field discipline, determination and fight from the TBS boys was also evident from the start as they were eager to record their first victory of the season. It was 0-0 at half time, although many scoring chances were created. An early second half goal from the ABC academy put them in the lead, but TBS created numerous goal scoring chances and soon drew level. As the game entered the dying minutes TBS scored a great goal that was worked all the way up the field from the goalkeeper to the back of the net. A well deserved victory and hopefully this win will be the start of a winning streak for our TBS footballers!

Breaking Football news!
The winning streak has materialised with the Senior Boys progressing to the semi final of the Uni Globe Futsal knockout competition this week. They play again today and it is fantastic to see their hard work paying off with some very impressive results! Good luck to them all!

Year 9 Charity week - A Great British Fete!
As part of their charity week, Year 9 have organised a week of fun events with a grand finale: a Great British Fete. From 2.30pm - 4.00pm on Friday 25th September there will be a variety of interesting and amusing stalls to come and try. From 3.30pm - 4.00pm winners will be announced along with an extravagant raffle. All proceeds go to the Year 9 charity, Sungava. There will also be performances from the final acts of TBS’s Got Talent in the school hall. Come and place your vote and choose a winner. All are welcome to support our Year 9 students who have done a great job and we look forward to seeing you there!

New classroom update
We have now moved into one block of classrooms with Foundation 1 being the trailblazers in the new ground floor classroom in the old secret garden area. They will have a classroom-warming party next week and parents of Foundation 1 will be welcome to attend. Over the next week we will see the final touches being applied to the remaining 3 classrooms.

Earthquake relief!
Below is a picture of Neil and Alan handing over copies of their book, Adventures of Mr. Woo to our school librarian, Mrs. Chitrakar. Neil and Alan were inspired to make a creative and charitable response to the earthquake. The book is on sale now so do have a read and enjoy the adventures of Mr. Woo!

Learning About Learning meetings
It was good for Mr. Priest and Mrs. Swift and I to meet parents this week to share our ongoing learning about learning. One good idea was for us to meet again to think about a list of parent ideas to support children at home along the lines of what we are doing in school. We will do this! We love talking about learning - so thank you to those who came, raised interesting dilemmas and shared ideas!