Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of TBS,

I wish all TBS families a very enjoyable and relaxing summer break. Although some children will be with us next week, many families will be beginning their holidays this weekend and I am sure it will be an opportunity to recharge the batteries after what has been a demanding few months for many people.

Although school will be open for TBS activities week next week and for some supervised football coaching in the two weeks following, we expect there to be a high number of contractors on site to carry out the retrofitting and new building that we are currently in the final stages of planning. Therefore, the site will be closed to all but essential personnel over the summer so that we can get as much as possible done before we all return raring to go on August 17th! Despite everything, this has been another very successful year for TBS and I hope everyone - parents and families, children, students, TBS staff - will reflect on this and be proud of their many achievements in 2014-15!

NB - Follow us on Twitter @TbsKathmandu - it is another way we can get messages to parents if we need to.

**Happenings & Events**

**Leavers’ Assembly - Friday 2pm (Basketball court)**
The Leavers assembly, led by Year 6, will be a chance for us to say farewell to those leaving. Leavers will be presented with a certificate and those parents who wish to attend are welcome. For all those leaving we hope they will take away happy memories of their time at TBS and go on to even happier times in the future.

**Creative Arts Week**
There have been some very artistic endeavours this week and lots of musical highlights and imaginative, creative activities. We also had some scientific creativity in secondary as they made rockets and experimented in a freer way than is sometimes possible in formal lessons. Thanks goes to all those who have played leading roles in organising these events - Mr. Cannon, Ms. Hands, Ms Buckland, Ms. Butler, the Science department - and all the teachers who ran sessions!
Summer activities and football camps
a) TBS Activity week (29th June)
We are at full capacity for activities week. Although we have employed some extra staff and recalled some of our TAs and teachers, we have reached the limit we can safely accommodate and I am sure you will support us in putting safety first.
b) Football camps (6th & 13th July)
As there seems to be demand for more summer camps and activities this is something we will look into for the future. For this year, Coach Gyawali will repeat his successful football camps with two weeks of football coaching (weeks beginning July 6th & July 13th) for those in Years 3-9 that would like to participate. Flyers with full details are available from the PE department, receptions and displayed around school.

Information about the new term in August
We start back on August 17th at 8.15am so parents can begin arriving from 8am. These first few days tend to be very busy with more traffic in the car park than usual, so if you can avoid using cars it will help.
We will have a short meeting for all parents at 8.20am in the Hall for 15 minutes once the children have been settled into their classes so I can introduce everyone to the Heads of Key Stages, the Vice Principal and some of the key office managers. I will also be able to give you an update on the summer works and key aims for the year.
On August 19th at 6pm, we will have a Meet the Teacher evening where you can informally meet all the teachers and talk to other parents whose children are in the same class.
I will write to all parents on August 12th to remind you of these events and until then I hope you and your children do have a very well-deserved break and come back refreshed in August!

Calendar for 2015-16
The main events for 2015-16 are now on the website (http://www.tbskathmandu.org/dates-and-policies/calendar/) and, although there may be some minor changes and/or additions to the calendar, they should not change significantly and if they do we will update the website calendar in good time and put reminders in the newsletter. The overall term dates can also be found on the website http://www.tbskathmandu.org/dates-and-policies/term-dates/. We also hope to put more information to parents via the class web pages next year and this may help you focus on your own child’s activities and events more easily.

Clubs for next year - parent or student suggestions?
We are currently preparing the clubs list for August. All the usual favourites will be running during the course of the year, but if there is anything else you would like to see on the list please do see the clubs organiser Rachana Adhikari (radhikari@tbs.edu.np). Rachana will compile any new suggestions and even if we cannot do them for first club session we will keep them in mind for later in the year.

Some Creative Arts week buskers by the Guards station. Not sure we need the sign behind them anymore!

Staff lunch organised by the parents on Tuesday!
Thank you to the parents who came to serve lunch on Tuesday. The TBS staff all appreciated this kind gesture and thank you to all who contributed and especially to the organising team!