



## DATES TO NOTE:

**17 Dec**  
**Last Day of School**  
School buses  
depart at 2pm

**4 January**  
**Staff Professional**  
**Development Day**

**5 January**  
**School**  
**Recommences**

**29 January**  
**End of Semester**  
**One**

**12 February**  
**Lunar New Year**  
**Holiday**  
**Commences**

**23 February**  
**School**  
**Recommences for**  
**Students**

Dear Parents,

As I wrote to you all during the week, there is little more for me to add other than on behalf of staff I wish all of our families all the blessings of Christmas and a safe holiday. I look forward to seeing you all again in January. Merry Christmas all.

Todd Flanagan  
Director  
director@wiss.cn

Dear Early Years and Primary Parents,

This has been a particularly busy and rewarding three months in the life of the Early Years and Primary School at WISS. Those parents who were able to come along to our Christmas Shows and watch their children perform on stage must surely have been as moved as I was to see the excitement, joy and happiness so apparent on the faces of our students. Seeing them so actively engaged in their learning and feeling so totally at home in their school environment makes our job as educators very special and worthwhile. There can be little doubt that our children thrive on their many successes and I hope that you have enjoyed watching their self esteem and confidence grow.

As the festive season is already upon us and the holidays are about to begin, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me into the community that is WISS and for your help and support during my first three months. I feel very much at home already and I am really enjoying getting to know your delightful children through my assemblies and the Christmas Shows. I have said many times that it is my privilege to be able to walk around the Early Years and Primary School on a daily basis and visit everyone at work and I am very glad to say that the chatter and laughter of happy, busy students tells me that all is well!

On behalf of the PYP staff, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, have a restful and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing the children again on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010!

Fiona Johnstone  
Early Years and Primary Principal

## A Warm Winter Holiday

This winter is important to all of us, whether you celebrate a festival or not. Getting together with those we love, huddling close, going home; these things mean so much that after our winter break we come back feeling invigorated and just that little bit more human.

I'd like to share with you my favourite Christmas poem:

Isn't Christmas fantabulous,  
Isn't Christmas good,  
Wrapped up in tinselly bits,  
Getting in the mood,  
Light as fairy cake,  
Floating through the sky,





A bun that God would make,  
A piece of angel pie.

I'm now off to eat some mince pies.

Merry everything to everybody.

Tom Kline  
Secondary School Principal

## Library News

Christmas vacation is around the corner and we are delighted for our students and parents to borrow books over the holidays. However, if your child is leaving the school and will not be returning in January, please make sure that all their books are returned to the Library by Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Warm wishes for a relaxing vacation!

Fiona Collins  
Librarian

