



## IMS PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Speaker Event 7:00pm - 9:00pm Thursday 19 May 2022

Dear IMS community,

It is wonderful to see all of our students being able to attend face to face school everyday. We are hopeful that this trend will continue and we look forward to a more consistent period of schooling between now and the end of the academic year.

As we begin the last term of the year, we warmly invite you to join us online for the annual **PTA AGM & Speaker Event** on **Thursday 19 May 2022 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm**. While we cannot wait to see you in person, as we remain in a time of social distancing, this evening's events will be held online. **Please join the Zoom link at 6:55pm**, as this will allow the PTA to identify you as part of IMS, prior to the AGM. If you have any privacy concerns, please contact us. After the IMS PTA AGM, we will be holding a Speaker event for all parents. Please read further for all the pertinent details related to both the PTAAGM and the Speaker event:

[Click here to join PTA AGM & Speaker event](#)

### PTA AGM

At the PTAAGM for the 2021/2022 financial year, the Executive Committee will present the audited accounts for the year to 31 August 2021, propose an intent to order an amendment to the Articles of Association, and will highlight the upcoming events and initiatives run by the PTA. Certain resolutions will be proposed at the meeting which requires a quorum vote (of 30 members).

Three new members will be appointed to the PTA Executive Committee in addition, to conform with the Articles of Association Yan Yip (Secretary) will resign from the committee with the hope to be re-elected to the Secretary role. Two of the new appointees will replace Simon Hui (Co-Chair), and Reema Mistry (Co-Chair), who will resign from the Executive Committee on 19 May, and the third appointee will become Co-Community Liaison.



Simon, and Reema have been on the committee for 2 and 1 year respectively, helping to adapt and strengthen the work of the PTA Executive Committee during an extremely challenging and unique period. Thank you for working with the parents, teachers as well as the school management with such enthusiasm. Whilst Reema will be leaving Hong Kong, we look forward to seeing Simon in many future occasions in the IMS Community. Thank you both for dedicating your time.

The following parents will be put forward at the AGM to join Yihan, Xing and Casey on the PTA Executive Committee:

**Alicia Weiser:** nominee for Co-Chair

Allie has 4 children at IMS, who have attended South Horizons and Stanley Campuses over the past seven years. Cooper, 10, is in his first year of Upper Elementary in Tigris Class; Adriana, 8, is in her second year in Elementary in Europe Class; Nash, 6, is in his third year in Casa in Tulip Class; and Sienna, 3, is in her first year in Casa in Sunflower Class. Allie was previously PTA Co-Chair from 2019 to 2021 and is currently the PTA Board Liaison for Stanley Campus. She was also a class parent for Africa Class and Yellow River Class in South Horizons and Azalea and Europe Class in Stanley. Originally from the USA, Allie worked in investment banking in New York City prior to moving to Asia in 2008. More recently, she has led charitable fundraising efforts and founded her own charity and social enterprise in Hong Kong. She also co-chairs the Alumni Women's Network in Hong Kong for her University.

**Regina Lee:** nominee for Co-Chair

Regina has been with the IMS community for 7 years. She is a full time mom with 3 kids at IMS. Her eldest son Nathan is in LE Europe class which she is also the class parents of, and he will go to UE next year. Her middle child Tyler is finishing Casa 3 in Daffodil class and will be joining LE next year. Her youngest daughter Reyna is currently in foundation year at South Horizon campus, and she will be joining Casa in August. She was born and raised in Hong Kong. She worked in the marketing field of consumer electronics, focusing on online campaign prior turning to be a full time mom.

**Susanne Saw:** nominee for Co-Community Liaison

Suzanne, mother of three and from Malaysia has been staying in Hong Kong since 2008. She has been with IMS for 5 years. Her eldest son Mackenzie is now in lower elementary Aegean class (Stanley campus). Annabelle is in her last Casa year at South America class (South Horizon campus) and she will be moving to Stanley next year. Her youngest daughter Evangelyn is now in Casa 1 Jasmine class



(Stanley campus). Suzanne has been a class parent for 4 years. She was previously working in the hospitality field and now is a full time homemaker.

**Yan Yip:** nominee for Secretary

Yan has been with the IMS community for 2 years. She is a mum to twins Seraphina and Maximilian, who both attend Casa 1 in the Kilimanjaro and Everest classes respectively, at Aldrich Bay. Yan has been the PTA secretary since 2021 and was previously the class parent to the Foundation Class Andes B. Yan is from the U.K., and has lived in Hong Kong for nearly 13 years. She currently works in Leadership Development in an American investment bank.

### Speaker Series

*What? and How? Can our children benefit and learn from conflict?*

The word “bullying” carries a lot of emotional weight and to label a behaviour as “bullying” has very negative repercussions. But what actually is “bullying”? What is the difference between “bullying” and “conflict”? In this online-forum members of our Elementary Student Wellbeing Team will discuss this topic. What did Maria Montessori say about this? How do we approach this in our classrooms and within our school? There will be time for parent questions.

### Panel Members



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**Adam Broomfield** - Head of Stanley Campus



In over 20 years in the educational field, Adam has held a number of leadership roles with a focus on Student Wellbeing, both at the Elementary and Secondary levels. He is a practitioner and trainer in Restorative Practices and has sat on the board of VARJ (Victorian Association of Restorative Justice) in Australia. He has a Postgraduate Degree in Child and Adolescent Mental Health as well as Teaching Degrees and MA in School Leadership.

#### **Keri Aspergen** - Elementary Curriculum Coordinator

Keri was a Montessori guide in both lower and upper elementary classrooms from 2008 - 2021. As part of her Curriculum Leadership role she now facilitates mentoring between children in different classes, teaches children meditative practices, handwork and social skills as well as mentoring and coaching teachers who are new to IMS. Keri has a passion for mindfulness, positive thinking and helping students achieve a “growth mindset”.

#### **Bonnie Leung** - School Counselor

Bonnie is a registered social worker. She has been working with children and families for more than 10 years in both Canada and Hong Kong. She obtained her Master of Behavioural Health in 2014 and Master of Education Administration in 2021. She believes a holistic approach is the key to unlocking all the challenges. As a school counselor, her goal is to empower the students to use their strengths in their best interest as well as to assist parents and teachers in achieving this goal together.

#### **Bill Brant** - Head of Pastoral Care & Programme Enhancement

Bill joined IMS as a PE teacher in 2012 developing the PE framework and creating numerous opportunities for students to get involved in inter-school sports events. Bill holds a MA in Learning & Development. More recently, Bill has completed a MA in Educational Leadership and moved into his new role focusing heavily on Student Wellbeing, supporting students with social-emotional development and conflict resolution strategies. He also strives to support students with the development of their leadership skills as well as their self-esteem and self-actualisation.

Look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

Best Regards,

Reema, Simon, Yan, Yihan, Xing & Casey