

Cross Campus Principal Report 2015-2016

A significant development this year has been the number of direct interactions between staff, the PTG and our students. I have mentioned the significance of this at more than one PTG meeting, and it ties closely with the broader importance of parental involvement with student learning and school development which I wrote about here: https://issuu.com/bangkokpatana/docs/volume_18_issue_27

Specifically, we have appreciated the way in which the PTG has directly supported students promoting environmental awareness at Fun Day, students developing Community Service projects (Secondary CAT clubs) and, more recently, PTG considering ways to support future initiatives proposed by students. When PTG reps - and parents in general - meet together with students to help galvanise initiatives to promote the students' global citizenship, we potentially see great rewards for the school community. On this last point, we were very pleased to welcome Njah Khan, PTG Chair, as a member of the focus group who reviewed our school Guiding Statements. The group has created a Vision Statement and set of values promoting well-being, learning and Global Citizenship and these will be important reference points for the entire school as from next year moving forwards.

We have recently been reviewing our ECA programme, including the recent shift to four blocks, via a survey offered to parents, academic staff and students in Year 5 and above. I would like to thank the 352 parents who left their feedback, a summary of which will be shared in May this year via Patana News.

The two libraries have been major hubs of both learning and fun this year, such as through poetry week and the visits of our well received guests - visiting author, Ken Nesbitt, and world champion slam poet, Harry Baker. The celebrations commemorating 400 years since the death of William Shakespeare have also been very special.

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