



# Our IEC World 2016



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# Deputy Principal Report



Congratulations to the students and staff of Evans Intensive English Centre who have contributed to and been responsible for the production of this magazine which showcases the work and achievements of our students and describes the many activities they have enjoyed this year.

The work compiled in this magazine contains a wide range of writings and artwork by our students. It reflects not only the diverse backgrounds from which our students come but also their different stages of English language development.

Particular thanks go to Ms Kavanagh and Ms Gauci, the magazine editors, for their tremendous effort and to staff who have assisted in the production of this magazine. Special gratitude also goes to the teaching staff for their expertise in guiding students in their writing and artistic efforts and for encouraging students to contribute their work.

I wish you happy reading and hope you enjoy sharing our students' experiences.

Bridget Sarris

# Head Teacher Report



2015 has been a productive year at Evans IEC. I would like to acknowledge and thank all members of our IEC community, including staff, parents and students, for their support over the year. Together, we have made the IEC an example of excellence in 21st Century education.

Each year, since the IEC came to Evans in 1989, teachers have put their time and efforts into the production of an IEC magazine. It was named Our IEC World in 1989 for two reasons. Firstly, because the IEC is our own small corner of the world and together we have all made it a wonderful place in which to teach and learn. Secondly, because we have students and staff from all over the world, it is a place where the larger world is well-represented.

Over the years, there have been many fantastic publications of Our IEC World and in my opinion it just gets better and better each and every year.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to another year of education in 2017.

Mrs Cheeseman

# Classes



We are CS2X and we are an international class. We really enjoy learning English but our favourite class is History with Miss Gauci. The best part of our term was going on the Great Aussie Bush camp. We have learned a lot from Mrs Moodley in Maths this year.



We are a small group and it's really good because we are able to focus in class. Our favourite subject is English because we all really like writing. We have learned about many countries this term. We love our Maths lessons with Ms Moloney.

We are CS1P and we are a happy and nice class. This term we have all become really good friends. Our favourite excursion was to Suitcase Stories. We love our Commerce classes with Mrs Samson and Drama with Miss Kavanagh and Miss Gauci.



This term was a great term for our class, CS2Y3; we had an amazing time at camp. The funniest part of camp was seeing Leo fall in the muddy water, after coming so close to winning. We love our Oracy lessons with Mrs Tsaoucis. We will miss each other when we're gone.

We are very happy classmates and love everyone in our class. Our favourite subjects are Maths, Drama, English and Sport with Mr Thompson. We have learned how to behave (because sometimes we can be naughty) and have had a great year with all of our amazing teachers. We will miss everyone in the IEC.



We are BFP and we are a new class. We love our English lessons with Mrs Prasad. We are good friends and we think learning English is fun. We help each other in the classroom.



In the beginning, we thought it was hard that no one spoke the same language but now we like it because we can all share English. We love our Sport and Maths lessons. We come from six different countries from all over the world.



The best part of our year was going on camp; it was such a great trip. We also really liked performing in the IEC Showcase and showing everyone our Drama skills. We love our Science and English lessons with Mrs Fernando and really enjoyed seeing the students perform in Suitcase Stories.

We are BFN class and we are a very new class. We come from six countries across the world and have just started learning English. We are starting to make new friends.



We are MBC and have had a great year getting to know each other. Even though we tease each other, we are really good friends. We love Maths with Mrs Moodley and our favourite excursion was going on Bundanoon Camp. We love dancing, singing and music. We will miss Rita who never stops dancing as well as Faith and Parampreet who never stop arguing.

We are 1P and we are a very friendly and happy class. Reading is our favourite task in class and we also like drawing pictures. Art and English with Mrs Raj are our favourite subjects. We also love our lessons with Mrs Beniwal because she is very helpful. Our favourite trips were to the swimming pool and Cockatoo Island.



We are FN class and we are really good friends. Everyone in the class loves playing soccer and our favourite subjects are English with Mrs Houshmandi and Science. We come from six different countries and enjoy learning English together. Our favourite trip was our walk through the city.





We are CS2P and we are a very diverse class. There are many different nationalities in our class so we have learned about many new countries and cultures this year. We have all become really close friends and we enjoy learning together. Our favourite subjects are Maths with Mrs Samuel and English with Mrs O'Toole and Mrs Melrose. Ali is the silliest and funniest member of our class, Sally is the mother and Beryl never stops says "ohhhh right!" Our favourite excursion was the Suitcase Stories; it was really sad but interesting to see.



We are 1L are we are a very funny class who are always laughing. We have shared many stories with each other and have learned many things. We love our amazing teachers. The best parts of 2016 was the Happiness Cycle, Mr Agcanas' classes, soccer on Wednesdays, the Samoan dancers and our Maths lessons with Ms Moloney.



SBC is a cheerful and naughty class. We love our food and our debates in class. We all come from different countries which has been important for us. Our favourite subjects are Maths and English and we have loved our lessons with Mrs Moodley. Bundanoon camp was the best part of our year.

A Brief Look  
at our  
IEC World

# Inside the Classroom



Mrs Fernando's Geography class presented speeches and made posters on charitable organisations.



Mr Murphy came into SBC to guest adjudicate their debates on marriage equality.



Mr Tamayo spent a lot of time this term organising technology for the IEC students. Here we can see Mrs O'Toole's class using the new Chromebooks for their speeches.



SBC came into Miss Kavanagh's 2A English class. Each SBC student worked with a 2A student as their buddy.





Our Chinese international students celebrated Chinese New Year and received a gift from Mrs Leung.

Miss Gauci worked with Sahej on his speech about dragons. Miss Gauci has been in the IEC for two terms and has been a wonderful addition to the staff at Evans. We are looking forward to continuing working with her next year.



Miss Zaki was also a student-teacher this year in the IEC and did a fantastic job with the students assisting them in poetry, creative writing and descriptions. The students loved her positive and patient nature. She will be a wonderful teacher and is wished the best of luck in her future teaching career.





# Outside the Classroom



Last term, Ms Rogers, the librarian organised Evans Book Week. Some of our lucky students were able to participate. Here we can see Hannah and Clare participating in the *Write a Book in a Day* task.



Every term, one group of students has the opportunity to visit Blacktown Hospital. Last term Ms Halliwell organised for Samoan students from the IEC to attend this educational excursion.



Our students once again performed in the Refugee Week Celebrations.



Ati Sianava watered the school's garden during term 4.



Jenny presented her prefect speech to the whole IEC. The best part of the speech was when she said that she finally learned to pronounce her name "Jenny," not "Zenny." She was elected as 2016 prefect.

This year, Ms Lolas started the group, *Evans X Train*. She invited high school and IEC students to join together to do some fitness training in the afternoons. It has been a very successful group and will continue in 2017.



Lucy Fu, Jessy Chen and Ivan Yu ran in the Ponds Park Run and all of them gained a personal best.

# Leadership





## Our 2016 Prefects

This year in the IEC we had a wonderful and hard-working leadership team. Led by Jenny Boonmee and Qasim Rashidi, the SRC members worked collectively around the school to make positive changes.

Our SRC members were Sogar Saburi, Carol Pinono, Juliana Valencia-Velez, Ivan Yu, Gerry Wang, Daniel Drio and Grace Ka.

The leadership team met fortnightly to discuss whole-school initiatives.

Sogar Saburi and Ivan Yu assisted in the selling of tickets and ice-cream to fundraise for Relay for Life. Qasim and Grace ran whole-school assemblies and reminded students of CPR behaviours expected around the school. Daniel, Juliana and Gerry assisted during Sleep Awareness Week and created posters to bring to light the importance of having enough sleep.



Our students helped out at Harmony Day, assemblies, Relay for Life and Meet the Teacher Afternoon.

The leadership team are comprised of a group of conscientious students who have proven to be excellent role models for the IEC and the whole Evans community.



# IEC Events and Programs



# Harmony Day

A poem by CS2X

Harmony Day looks like diversity  
and colours

Harmony Day smells like delicious BBQ, curry and popcorn

Harmony Day tastes like sweet ice cream and ice blocks

Harmony Day sounds like fun and laughter

Harmony Day feels like peace and comfort for all students.



# ABCN

Over the past two terms a group of 20 Evans High School and IEC students have been involved in a mentoring program with a business called CSR in North Ryde. This was a great opportunity for our students to meet and interact with their wonderful mentors, not to mention also getting to enjoy a lovely lunch!



The wonderful people at CSR remembered Sabina's birthday and treated us to yummy cake! From left: Richard from ABCN & Margareta from CSR with Sabina.

Students learnt the importance of setting goals, communication, building relationships and confidence, knowing your strengths and values and the importance of preparing for a job interview. Three of our students were very lucky to have been awarded apprenticeships to work at CSR and learn about the world of business. They are Juliana Velez, Sabina Kleiner & Faith Hall (all of MBC).

Juliana, Faith & Sabina at the CSR Parent-Daughter Day.



Mrs Moodley  
ABCN Coordinator



# Special Religious Education Seminar

Each year Special Religious Education (SRE) seminars, or Scripture Seminars, are presented to students every term. At Evans, it is seen to be a significant part of a young person's development and growth.

At every seminar, students from the IEC and high school attend either Christian SRE (organised by the Christian Churches of Blacktown) or Islamic SRE (organised by the Islamic Special Religious Education Council), depending on what their religious background is. Students also have the option to exempt themselves, should they not wish to attend and provisions are made for them.

On the day of the seminar, the SRE volunteers come to Evans prepared with the learning materials and activities required to deliver lessons pertaining to life and religion. During the seminar, students engage and participate in meaningful discussions and are taught values that are relevant to their moral, social and religious beliefs.

There has been a gradual but positive response from students towards participating in these scripture seminars over the years, which is wonderful to see.

I would like to give many thanks to the executives and teachers for their support throughout the year. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the volunteers from the two religious education councils, who put so much time and effort into preparing their lessons for the seminar every term.

Mrs Fernando  
Scripture Coordinator



# Refugees from Evans High School and IEC share their stories

"Australia is probably the place I will live forever. I'm just in love with Australia," Evans High School student Sarujan Gavasker, 14, said.

"Men in masks invaded our school and held guns to our heads," Manar Al-Shabli said, as she described her experience as a 10-year-old living in Syria.

"I was so shocked and scared. I started crying because they took our teachers away.

"I tried to run away and one of the masked men caught me and then I escaped again and started running. I didn't stop running until I got home."

The Evans High School student said when she returned to school the next day the entire institute was vandalised.



"People don't understand why I've come to Australia. They don't understand refugees have been through war and really bad stuff – worse than they could ever image," the 15-year-old explained.

The Plumpton resident will perform her story to the world when she retells her tale in Treehouse Theatre's 2016 season of Suitcase Stories – where young refugees tell their true life experiences through drama.

People should appreciate the lives they live. They are luckier than they know.- Manar Al-Shabli

Co-founder of Treehouse Theatre Catherine Maguire-Donvito has been a psychologist and school counsellor for over 20 years and said one of the "biggest inhibitors of resettlement" for refugees was having their peers "not understand why they came to Australia and not feeling accepted".

“Having a sense of belonging is one the primary needs we all have as human being but it’s also critical to recovering from trauma,” she said.

“Performing their stories to an audience of school students and have them appreciate and validate their feelings and experiences is incredibly healing.”



Sarujan Gavasker, 14, acts out his family’s terror during the Sri Lankan civil war.

Caught between two armies, they ran from bunker to bunker as the fighting came nearer. During the ordeal his grandfather suffered a heart attack, slowing the family’s escape, but fortunately his grandfather survived.

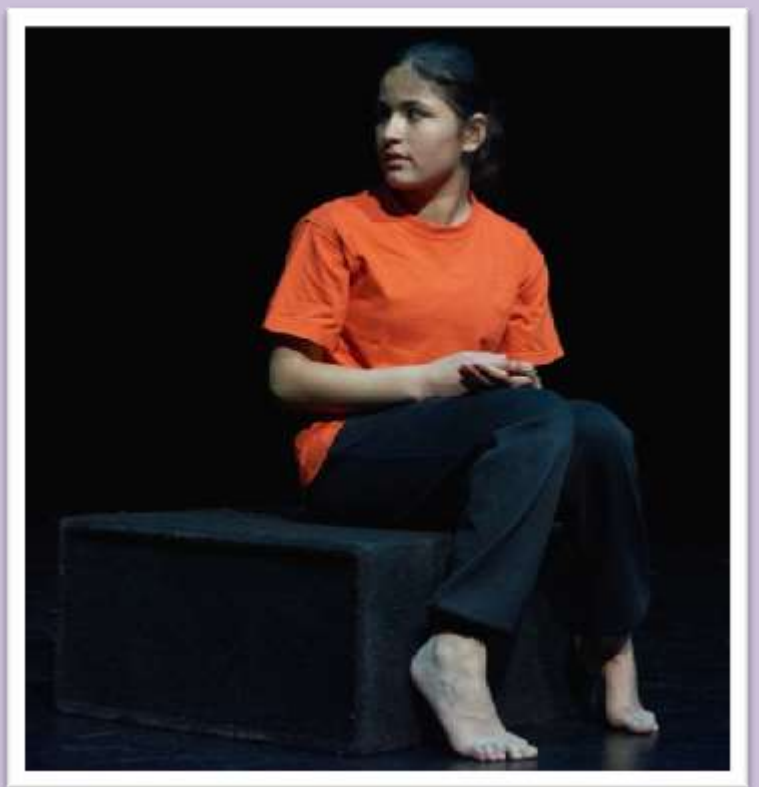
“My mother was shot dead in front of me, but we had to keep running,” the Blacktown resident said.

“I like to connect with the audience and help them understand my story.”

Manar Al-Shabli







# Relay for Life



Once again the IEC participated in Relay for Life.

Mrs and Mrs Cheeseman organised this fantastic event for another year with the help of the SRC and Ms Quinn.

Relay for Life is a very special charity which raises money for the Cancer Council. Raising awareness and money

for cancer research is such an important way to fight the disease.

This is a very special charity for those in the Evans community as one of our previous staff members was sadly affected by cancer.

This year Mr Cheeseman and Vaihara walked 40 laps around the oval to show their support for the charity and they were joined by many other wonderful members of Evans.



Evans raised \$3,212.00 this year, which is a fantastic effort.

Well done to everyone involved.



# Oracy Showcase



Finally after three weeks of consolidated work, every recess and lunch hour- our representatives- Rabia Babaie and Tejashree Govindasamy- were able to demonstrate how far they have come with their English skills.

The girls had to write their speeches, had it reviewed and changed numerous times, learnt about intonation, rhythm, eye contact and appropriate hand gestures each time. They spoke in front of their friends, family, class, roll call, assembly,

teachers, Mrs Cheeseman and Mrs Sarris. Today they spoke in front of a number of principals, deputies, teachers and students from all of the IEC's in Sydney and Wollongong.

The event ran smoothly with all of the students speaking with much passion and enthusiasm considering the majority has only been in Australia for less than six months. Both Mrs Raj and I were very proud of Rabia and Tejashree, who spoke eloquently about Racism and Honesty is not always the best policy respectively. All participants received a certificate and a medallion but I think the experience and confidence they gained will continue to grow within all the students who participated in this event.

Their classmates were very supportive and had these words to say about the event: Terrific, interesting, great speeches, mix of cultures, fantastic, they were all winners, wonderful, awesome, incredible, marvellous, dramatic, great experience, phenomenal, MC gave us fantastic comments, she destroyed the stage.



Tejashree said:

“I was also the one who participated in Inter-IEC oratory showcase which was held in Lurnea IEC on 17 November 2016. Rabia Babaie and I were practicing for the speech about 3-4 weeks which gave us a new experience. I was really happy that we both were the representatives of Evans IEC. I was really nervous to perform in front of the audience but suddenly I felt really confident where one of the students from other school performed about how to be confident? This speech was also good to hear and the main thing is about MC who told me that “to be honest you are brilliant,” he said. I was surprised to hear that. MBC were really well-behaved while we performed our speeches. We all enjoyed having food and saw different performances. At last Rabia and I got a certificate plus a medal which was given by the commentators. Finally we all returned to Liverpool train station to go to Blacktown.”



# Evans Green Team



This year, Evans High School and Evans IEC students participated in an environmental club.

Students volunteered their lunch times on Tuesdays on Thursdays to promote and undertake environmental initiatives around the school.

Students planted and cared for new trees, started and maintained a composting system and took care of the gardens in the front of the school. Students also worked to inform other students and teachers about how to become more environmentally friendly around the school and their homes.



Students are now preparing new garden beds so that seeds can be planted before the summer holidays, and starting a worm farm. They are really looking forward to the fruits (and fertiliser) of their labour!



Mr Acgnas





# The Run Beyond Project



This year at Evans High School and IEC, Mrs Shannon and Mrs Petschy started a group called *The Run Beyond Project*. The aim of the group was to build stamina, resistance and friendship. Two of our IEC students, Hannah Martin and Juliana Valencia Valez were invited to join the group because of their excellent running abilities. The students were provided with free sneakers and workout clothes and spent the next year training and learning.

The girls had five different races and each of them improved their times each race. They worked hard as a team and individually and looked forward to each race. They trained on the weekends and after school. Juliana said, “When I crossed the line of my final race I felt ecstatic. My goal was just to keep on running and I did. When I finished the race, I was so pleased that I had finished in 54 minutes. Sometimes when my body had enough of running, my mind told me to keep going. The Run Beyond Project was hard but always made me smile.





# Head Teacher Awards

Bakhman Saburi

Temu Misa

Sogar Saburi



Fiapai Tutaia

Kisomitha Thaventhiran

Hti NangSan Kham Lao

Saima Babaie



Run Akarapichet



Lucy Fu



Leo Cao

Sabrina Xie

Sulu Paulo-Kitiona



Jenny Boonmee

Frederick Lealiiee

Carol Pinono



Lujain Al Herere

Simran Kaur

Keep Khunna



Lucien Zhang

Manar Al Jorani

Shrisha Karki



Congratulations to all of our fantastic pupils who received a Head Teacher Award in 2016. Your academic excellence, citizenship, consistent effort or peer-support has been noticed. We look forward to another CPR year in the IEC. Thank you to all the teachers in the PBL team.



# Excursions

# Bundanoon Camp



This year students from the IEC were lucky enough to attend Bundanoon camp.

Every year Mrs Cheeseman organises this fantastic camp. This year she was accompanied by Mrs Pather, Mrs Tsaoucis, Miss Kavanagh and Mr Agcanas.

Students from SBC, MBC and CS2P3 attended the three-day excursion.

On day one of the camp, students arrived at about midday and enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches and fruit. They played games out on the lawns and spent time making up dances, making videos, watching kangaroos and planning the next two days. For dinner that evening, the students ate lasagne and had ice-cream for dessert. After the meal, all of the students walked down to the glow worm caves to see these magnificent creatures in their home. In order to see the glow worms, there couldn't be any light and everyone had to be as quiet as possible. It was beautiful.





On day two, the students woke bright and early, made their own breakfast and slathered themselves in sunscreen.

After they put on thick socks (to be protected from the leeches) and hats they set off for their six-hour bushwalk. Mr Cheeseman led the pack, with Mr Agcanas in the middle and Miss Kavanagh at the back. Our first leech attack saw one slip through Sharmane's shoe. She promptly took her shoe off and we salted it. We



finally made our way down to the waterfall and sat and ate while we listened to the water trickling and took in the view around us. That evening, the students made a delicious BBQ and we roasted some marshmallows after dinner.

On day three, we cleaned out our rooms, ate breakfast and made our way over to the primary school where we met students from Years 4, 5 and 6. We spent some time in their classrooms where they asked the IEC students many questions about their culture and their time in Australia.

It was a wonderful camp and all of the students had a fantastic time.

Many thanks to the Cheesemans for organising yet another successful Bundanoon trip.



# Great Aussie Bush Camp

This term students from international classes were invited to attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp. It was a three-day camp packed with activities and team-building exercises.

Mr Tamayo organised the camp and supervised the students alongside Mr Agcanas and Miss Kavanagh.



On day one of the camp, the students arrived at about midday and were given a tour of the camp. They were divided up into groups and placed in their cabins. After lunch, they started activity one: bushcraft. They made stretchers and catapults out of

metal poles and learned how to be innovative. After bushcraft and afternoon tea, the students made their way down to activity two: the big swing. The students were harnessed into a giant swing and pulled into the air by their classmates and released. The students said it was scary but also really fun. In the evening, the students ate dinner and afterwards watched a movie. When the movie







was over, the students sat around the campfire and talked about their day.

On day two, the students woke up, ate breakfast and met around the campfire to discuss the activities for the day. Activity three was pioneering, where they learned to make food, shelter and fire: three vital things in the bush. They first learned how to make a fire by gathering small twigs

called kindling and lighting them with paper and a match. After the fire was lit, students made damper and learned how to cook it over the fire. Once the class was warm and fed they learned how to make shelter from just leaves and branches. Some of the groups made really sturdy houses that would have withstood tough weather conditions. After this, the students ate lunch and spent some time relaxing. In the afternoon, the students had activity four: mud sports. Students had to slide down a muddy slide, wade through muddy water, jump through tires, swing from a rope, climb under a mesh sheet, climb over wooden stilts and walk blindfolded through a maze of ropes. The students had a great time during this activity and didn't mind getting wet and dirty. That evening, the students ate dinner, had dessert and made their way out into the bush for activity five: Commando. Some students were taken hostage while other tried to rescue them







without the teachers seeing. It was a very close game, but the teachers came out on top.

On day three, our last day, the students had breakfast and once again gathered around the campfire. After their morning meeting was over, they made their way to activity six: High ropes. The students had to complete a high ropes course in which they had to walk on cables, swings as well as

climb through nets and tunnels. The scariest part was jumping from one platform to another, three metres in the air. The most fun was soaring down the flying fox at the end of the course. After lunch, the students had activity seven: survivor. Students had to balance on logs in the water without falling off and make it safely to land.

Only two students fell in! It was a fun and challenging activity. Our final activity of the camp was canoeing, where students played games in their canoes and got to see some ducks up close and personal.

It was a fantastic camp where students were challenged physically and mentally. We hope to continue out trips up to Kingcumber for the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

Thanks to Mr Tamayo for organising the camp as well as Mr Agcanas and Miss Kavangh for their help throughout the camp.



I liked Bundanoon because of the environment. It also had delicious food and a wonderful bushwalk.

Firstly the environment was healthy and pure. Also, people live there in a beautiful and stunning environment. It also had a lot of kangaroos. Everyone was so excited to see so many kangaroos. Their gardens were so beautiful they look like paradise.



Secondly, everyone was delighted because of the food. In the morning everyone made their own breakfast. They made food that they liked to eat with their cup of tea. However, in the afternoon, we already had some students who had to do lunches as well as the dinner. At night time, when everyone got ready to eat, they combined with other groups or their own group to eat and laugh together. The food was so yummy and filling.

Then, on Wednesday night, we went to the Glow Worm Glen. It took 2 hours to walk there and back. It was one of the great activities for visitors to see the glow worms. We walked from the Youth Hostel with our torches and when we got there all of the torches were turned off and everyone was so quiet. We saw the shape of the worms and there was light everywhere and we also heard the noise of the water. But when we got home everyone was so tired from walking.

In conclusion, Bundanoon was the best place that I've ever seen in my life. I wish I could stay there at Bundanoon. The environment was so clean and the air was so fresh. Also, at the primary school I had so much fun with my friends and also the teachers as well.

By Larrane Umayam

# The Happiness Cycle



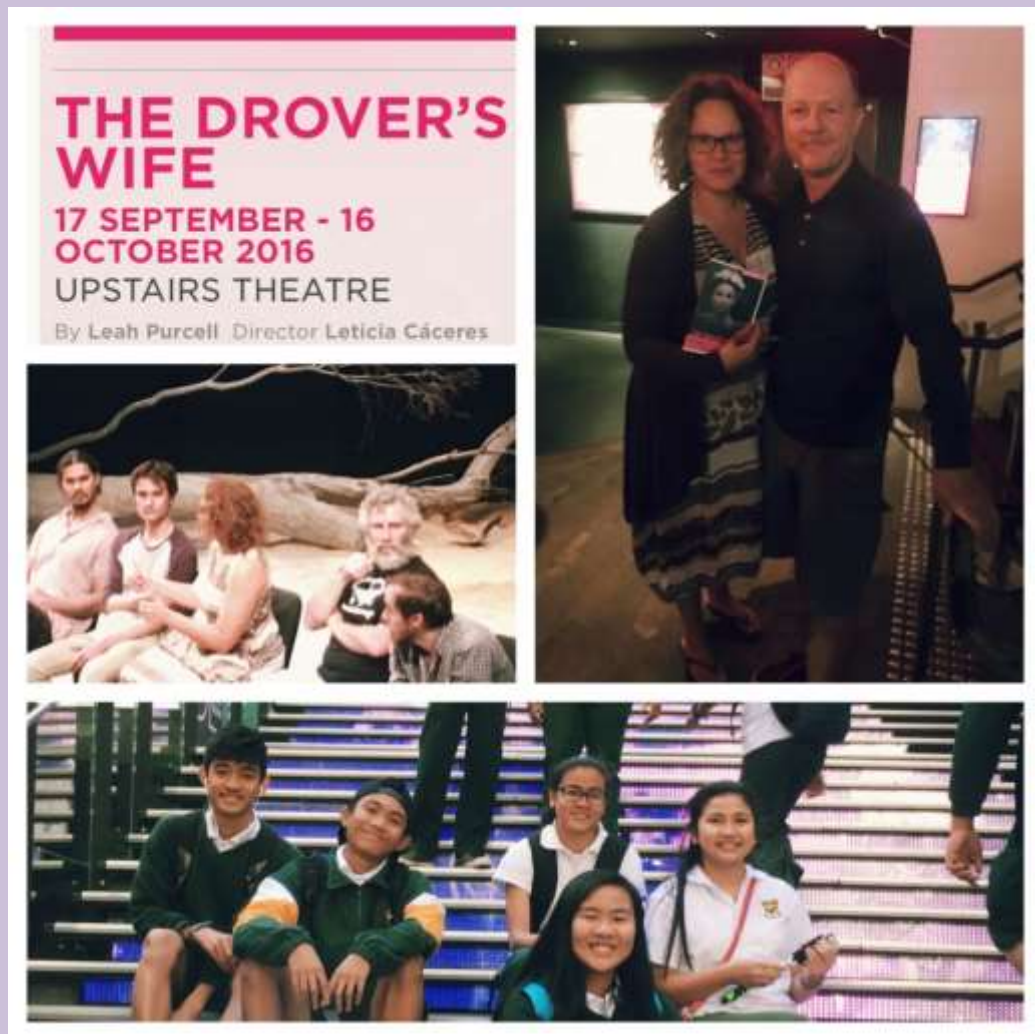
My favourite excursion at school was the bike riding activity. I went with two students in my class and others from another class and we went by bus. We drove about half an hour to the place. We were able to create bicycles. We also got to keep them which was really exciting as most people didn't have one. My favourite part was when we won and all the students were happy.

By Eylia



# Belvoir Street Theatre

Every year, students from the IEC receive free tickets from Belvoir Street Theatre. Belvoir Street Theatre is a theatre in Surry Hills, Sydney that hold a variety of plays with many talented actors and actresses. This year, IEC Drama students were lucky enough to see two plays at Belvoir. In term three, they saw *The Drover's Wife*, a play about the relationship between Aborigines and non-Aboriginal Australians. The students said it was a very “eye-opening and sad performance,” and they hadn’t seen anything like it before. After they saw the play, they read the script in class.

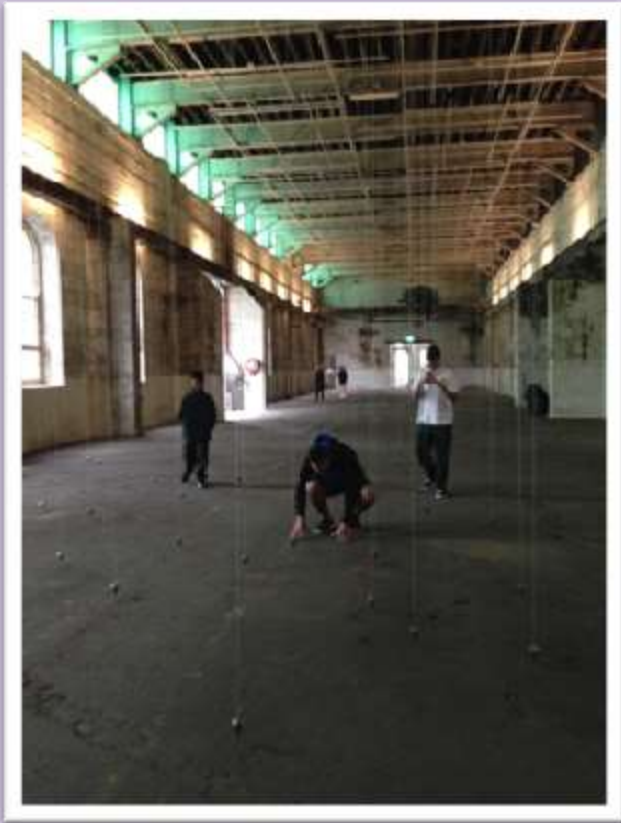


# Sydney Theatre Company

IEC students also visited the Sydney Theatre Company in term two to see *The Hanging*. The play was about a group of school girls who went missing in the bush and their relationship with their teacher. The play had visual, musical and technological effects and only three actors and actresses. The students said that although they didn't understand all of the language, they could follow the plot because of all the effects and the wonderful acting. After the show they met the performers and had a great time asking them questions about the performance process.



# Cockatoo Island



This year all the staff and students in the IEC visited Cockatoo Island. Mrs Tsaouis organised the event and made sure that all of the students had a lovely trip over to the island on the ferry. It was a very wet day, but that didn't detract from the beautiful art

work and students' enjoyment. Students wandered around the island with their teachers at their



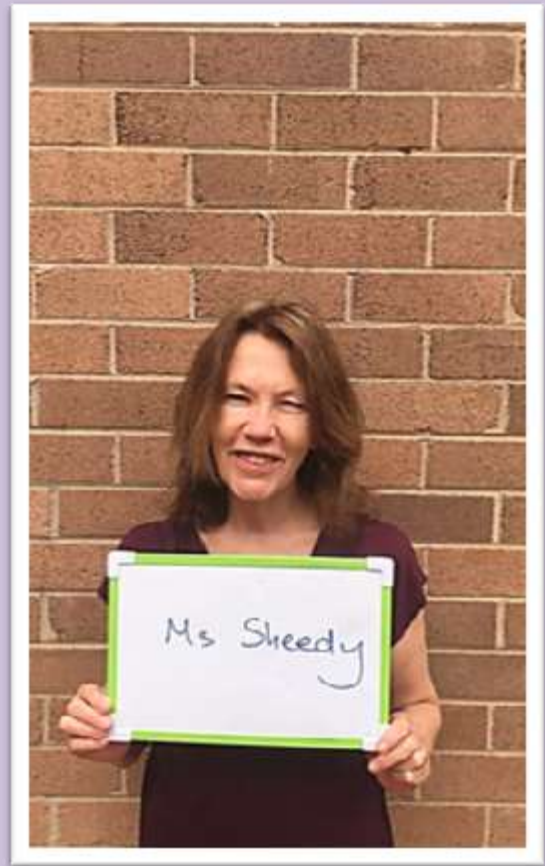
own pace, admiring the installations and learning about artists. It was a very successful excursion. Thank you to Mrs Tsaouis for organising the event.

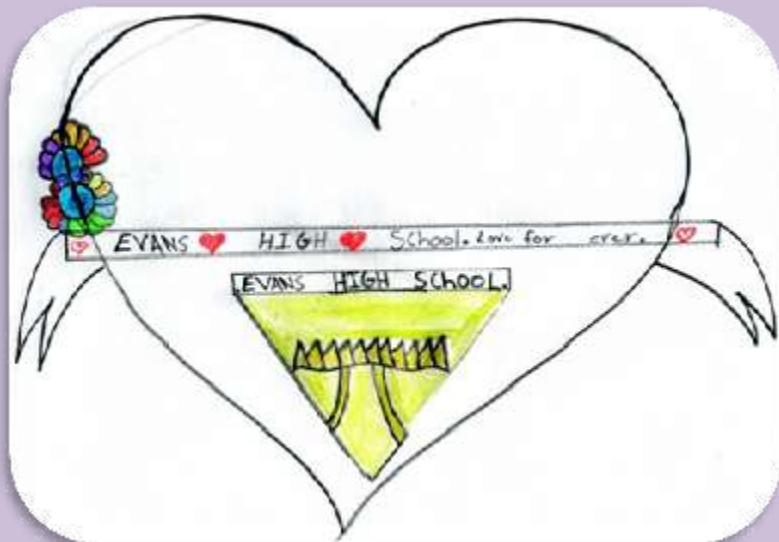
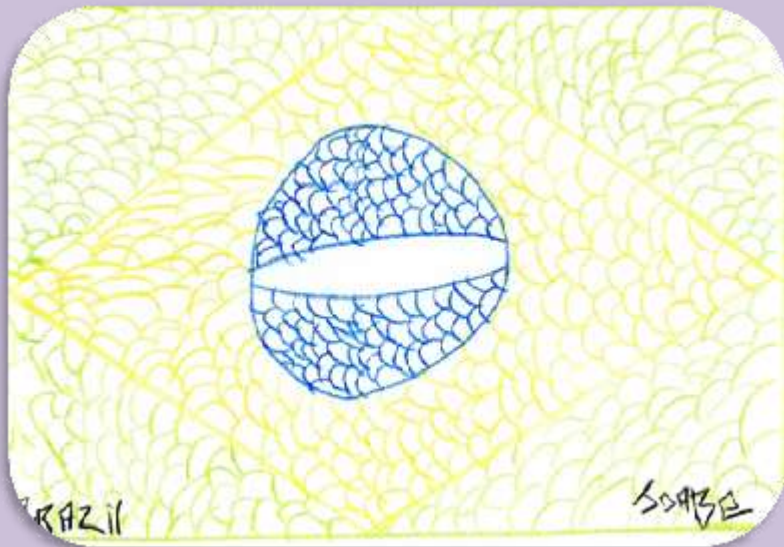
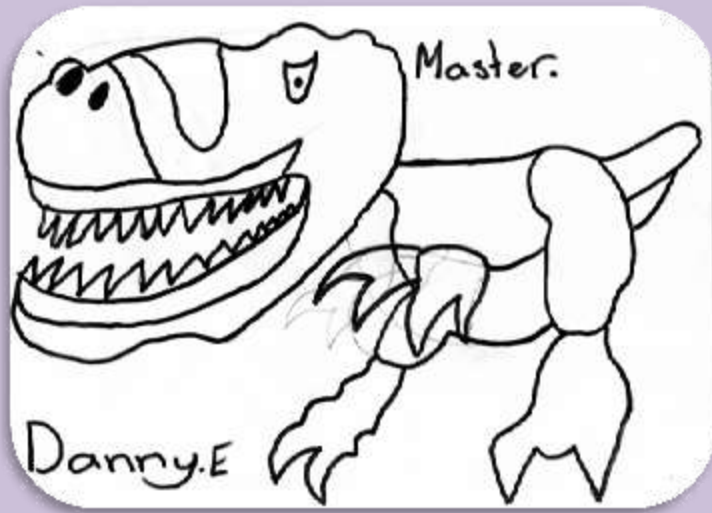




# Subjects

# Art













# Performance





# IEC Performance Showcase



Each term in the IEC, the students perform in the showcase. Students prepare theatrical performances, musical items and dances. Each term highlights the wonderful talents

we have in the IEC.

Last term the students put on a fantastic version of *The Sound of Music*, where students performed the whole musical with a cast, a choir and musicians.

We also have students performing cultural dances and singing traditional songs which they rehearse throughout the time. All students who are involved in the Performance Showcase give up their lunchtimes to work in a group and create something exciting.



In term 4 we had drama classes performing Aboriginal performances as well as comedies and skits. One class even put together an Evans News Program Show.

We had students perform cultural dances from



Nepal, Thailand, Africa, the Philippines and Samoa. The students created their own dances and used beautiful movement from their own country.

The singers sang songs from all over the world.



They sang pop songs, classical songs and spiritual songs. Every year the performances keep getting better and better and we look forward to seeing what the students produce next year.



# English





# The Three Little Fish



Long time ago, there were three little handsome fish. One fish built a house of seaweeds while the second fish builds a house of sand. They built their houses quickly and they played and sang all day because they liked to be inactive and they liked to be happy. The last fish worked hard all day and set up his house in an old sunken ship.

A big evil hungry shark saw the two little fish while they played and sang and thought “what yummy soft food they will make! ’He ran after the two fish and they ran and hid in their houses. The big evil hungry shark went to the first house and smashed the house down in a minute. The scared little fish ran to the second fish house that was made of sands. The big evil hungry shark now came to this house and smashed the house down in hardly any time. Now, the two little fish were terrified and ran to the last fish house that was set up in an old sunken ship.

The big evil hungry shark tried to smash the house down, but he could not. He kept trying for hours but the house was very tough and the little fish were safe inside. He tried to enter through the window, but the last little fish made a big bow and a big arrow and aimed it straight in the shark’s head. The arrow went through the shark’s head and he died.

The two little fish now felt apologised for being not active. They too set their houses in an old sunken ship and lived gladly ever after.

# Bitten By a Dog



I was standing near the bus stop and suddenly my left leg touched the gate of the house. The gate shook a little bit. Some of the flowers that were on the gate fell off but some of them didn't. With the sound of falling flowers there was another sound. No sooner I heard it; I felt a sharp pain on my knee.

I turned my head around and in the shadow of the bus stop sign I saw a big scary dog. It really looked dangerous. Immediately, I took three steps backwards. When I stopped and looked back the dog was moving around the bus stop sign. Then it disappeared in the nearby bush.

I drew my knee up closer to my eyes. I was surprised to see a big bite on my knee. Tiny drops of blood came out and I bent my knee down and wiped the blood many times. I did this repeatedly and looked at the wound.

A cold chill went up my back. I told myself not to panic but I did it. The big bite on my knee caused my heart beat faster. I couldn't see anything because of the tears in my eyes. I tried hard to see the wounds through my tears. I bent and looked carefully at my knee and the bite came into focus again. "I have to get out of here" I said.

I walked away from the shadow and came into the sunlight. There in the sunlight, I looked again at the big bite on my knee. My knee was bleeding freely now. The blood was streaming down my foot, dropping on to the dusty ground. The pain had increased. This sharp pain now made me even more afraid.

I reached into my handbag and found a piece of cloth .It was dirty because of the pencil shavings. When I got it, I tried to open it and tie my knee but my hands shook. I cried loudly and I wanted to go to the hospital. Then I took few deep breaths and tried to calm down. My knee was really hurting now. It was a sharp pain and stinging as if someone had cut my body into hundred pieces.

I called for help many times. After a while I saw a person in front of me. She was my best friend Sasha who called the ambulance and took me to the hospital.

# My Daddy

My Daddy's name is Ali,  
He's 65 and speaks Arabic,  
He was born in Quwait,  
and He's strong and never sick

He has kind colourful eyes,  
He's short and fair,  
His face looks great,  
and He has golden grey hair

He has a kind heart,  
He's helpful and doesn't shout,  
Daddy's always cheerful,  
But if he's angry, he yells 'Get out!'

He's as trustworthy as a king,  
He likes working on his car,  
He loves taking me shopping,  
His favourite daughter is Manar.

Manar Al-Jorani CS2P3





## My favorite Pet

My favorite ~~most~~ pet is dog because I like to walk with my dog every morning at 5:30 am.

His name is Harry and he loves to lick me

a lot. I also love to kiss him too. My dog loves

to play catch with me and my brother and

sisters. Harry loves to walk with me and dance with

me too. One day my Harry had been missing and

I was feeling very upset about Harry. Then I went

to look for him every where and I also asked the

people in my neighbourhood but they told me

that Harry just went along this path. Then I

went back home and I looked and looked but

I still did not find him. I saw him at home

and he was very tired. He went to sleep so I

also slept next to him and hugged him.

We lived happily ever after.

# The End

by  
Thanushiya.  
2A





Students working in groups on an English project.

In the IEC we focus on listening, speaking, reading and writing.





My name is Zahra Hafezi Moghaddas. I'm from Iran. We arrived here 9 weeks ago and I came to school 3 weeks ago. Some subjects like math, science and p.e are repetitive for me. Some of them like history and geography have new information and some subjects like sport and drama and health are new at all and they make the school interesting. Only problem is long way from home. Our home is in Kingswood and school is in Blacktown. In science and math we have a lot of new words to learn and if I wanted to learn all of them, I'm sure I was confused. So I'm so happy to learn them in my country. Our real purpose to come to Australia is to learn English and see other places and other people from different countries. and we are here just for 7 months. We saw a lot of places and many new animals. In Australia some birds have very irritating voices. I like Australia because I think people are very good and kind and their life is without stress.





# My Struggle

When I was a child in Iraq, I went through a tough time in my life in June, 2008.

I felt tired and had a headache. My mum asked me to go to the shop to get some tea as my cousins were coming to our house. Although I was tired, I couldn't say no. When I reached the shop the owner asked me, "Do you need help, you look tired?" I said, "No thanks." I took the tea and the ice-cream and headed home.

When I reached halfway I fell down because I couldn't walk anymore. I vomited something and realised I had a fever. I must have fallen asleep. I felt a woman waking me up. I was a little confused and a little shocked. I was scared as it was dark outside. The woman helped me to get up and she took me home. When we reached home, I fell down again and I didn't know what was going on.

Later mum told me I slept for 40 days. I was shaking and couldn't eat or drink.

One day the doctor told my mum, "She is going to die." The doctor said, "I can't control her." My family was crying and my mum kept praying to make God to wake me up.

Suddenly I woke up but couldn't speak or move my body. As time went by I was frustrated because I couldn't do anything that I used to do. I was sad because my father and mother tried everything to make me better and they took me everywhere.

Then I began to get better. My father left to go to Australia and the rest of the family followed him 7 years later. As war started in my country, we couldn't bring food or leave the house. That's why we chose to leave Iraq and go to Australia.

Now that I am here, I am getting better and better. With help from my God, I will be as strong as I was.



Manar Al-Jorani CS2P3

# Geography



# Visual Literacy

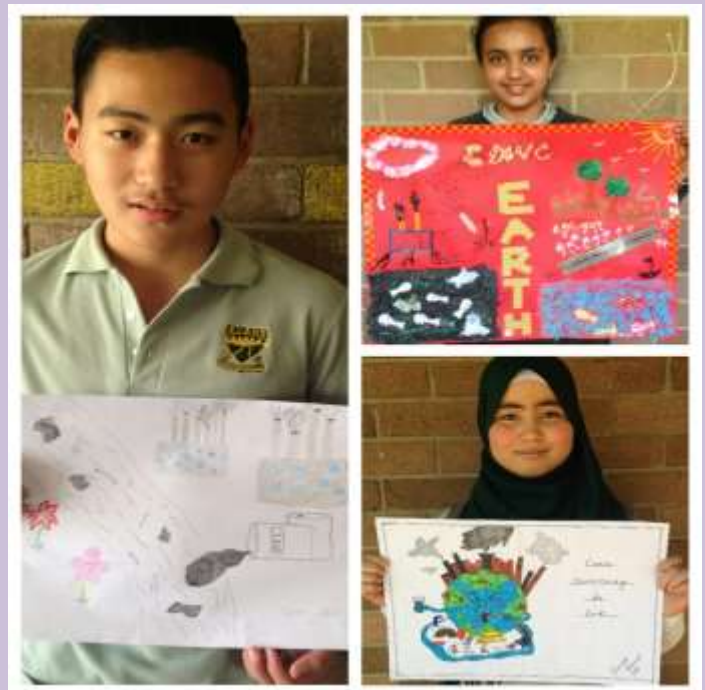
After having learnt about pollution and the ways by which it can be reduced, the students of 3A went on to create their own visual representation of it.



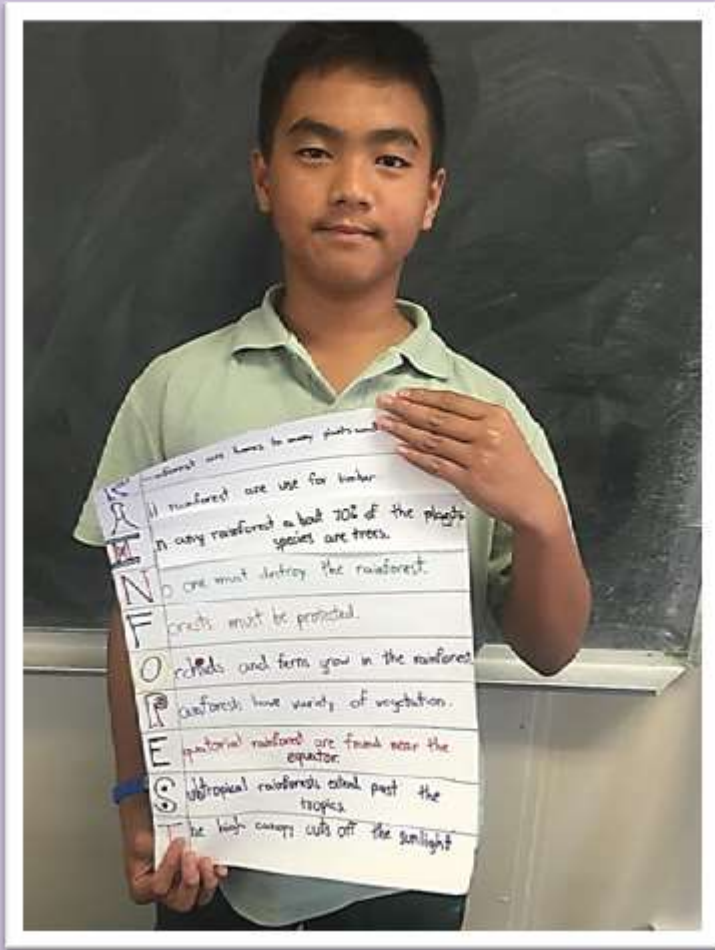
Even those who complained that they couldn't draw or come up with ideas were soon immersed in creating their own unique visual text.



It didn't end there. They even invited students from 3L to view their visuals and enjoyed a session of asking and answering questions about their work.







Students from 2A wrote acrostic poems about rainforests.



# History



# Maths



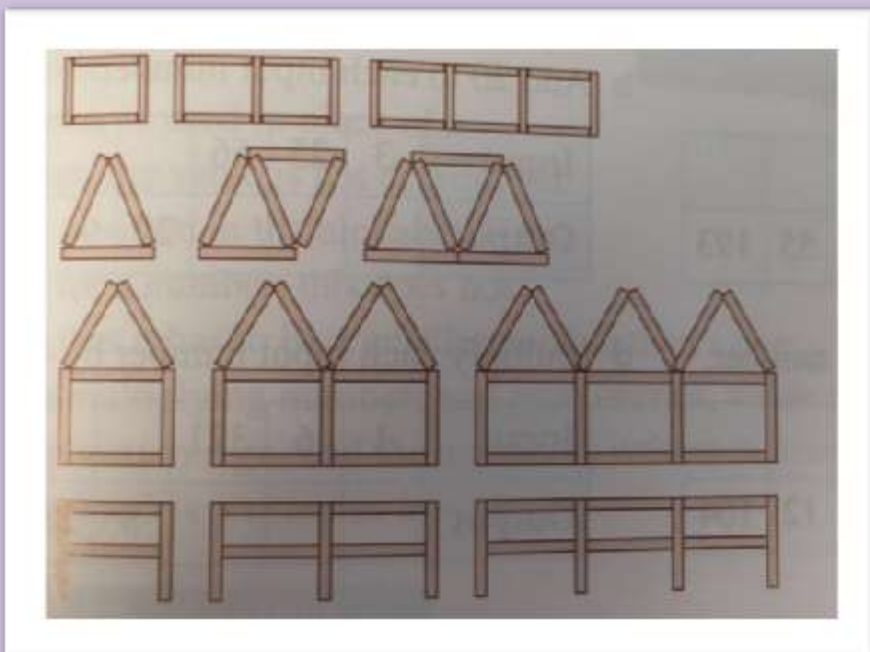




Some IEC Maths students use oranges to learn about fractions. What a fun and delicious way to learn!

Four consecutive numbers add up to 100. What is the largest of the four numbers?

2			8	4			6
		6				5	
	7	4				9	2
3				4			7
			3		5		
4				6			9
	1	9				7	4
		8				2	
5			6	8			1



Can you fill in the Sudoku above?

# Science



# Statement of Phenomenon

Sedimentary Rock,  
particles, sediment,  
weathering, erosion

A sedimentary rock is formed from particles of sand, shells, pebbles and other pieces of material.

All of these particles together make up

sediment. Sediments is the result of material broken down by weathering or erosion.

Slowly, the sediment is deposited and compacted in layers and over a long period of time it will harden into rock. Sedimentary rock, is usually fairly soft and may break apart very easily or crumble into pieces. If sedimentary rock is broken apart, inside is sand, pebbles or stone.

Sedimentary rock is usually the only type of rock that also contains fossils. Fossils are the remains of once living animals or plants usually from long ago.

An example of sediment particles are limestone, shale, conglomerate and sandstone.

By Miracle Peapea





# Alfred Wegener

Alfred Wegener was a German meteorologist and geophysicist. He proposed that the continents we live on today were once joined together in a supercontinent called 'Pangea'. Wegener believed that continents were moved away thousands of miles over a long period of time and its movement was named by him "continental displacement".

At the beginning in 1912, his hypothesis was rejected by many scientists and people because he was not a geologist; instead he was a meteorologist and geophysicists. People thought of his idea as a joke because it wasn't his work to do, he didn't have any proof or evidence. Additionally, people rejected his idea because they thought "how could continents be moved since they are so big and heavy?"

Though Alfred Wegener's hypothesis was rejected, he kept investigating and he used the scientific method to do his research. Wegener searched everyone he could to prove his idea. He took the samples of fossils, mountains of the continents to match.

Moreover, he explained that the coastlines of the continents match together if they are joined, specifically Africa and South America. He continued that the mountains and fossils found in some different continents are of the same age which defines that they were once joined together and the weather the same as the other.

This contributes that the plates were moved as they were once joined. In the beginning of the investigation, the hypothesis was that the plates were moved apart because of any source, which was unknown. Scientists researched and understood that the plates have moved away because of the earthquakes and volcanic eruptions as they cause moving apart, colliding together or slicing past each other.

The best answer to the movement is that "when plates diverge" magma spews out the mantle and form a volcanic ridge which gradually ends up forming a movement between the mountains.

Wegener's research contributed to the plate tectonics that they are moved apart by any source and after the research it was found that it was earthquakes and volcanic eruptions to move when they were joined together called 'Pangea'.

Qasim Rashidi



# Sport



# IEC Sport 2016

IEC students have done very well this year, participating in a wide variety of sports and activities.

Not only did we have swimming, cross-country and athletic carnivals, we also had gala days and school sports days. Many of our students did very well and represented the school and Blacktown zone at the next level.

Our students are always enthusiastic and try to do their best not only in competitions against other schools, but also during our weekly in-school sport program. They show good sportsmanship and play or compete in a friendly manner.

Football United has been running coaching programs and gala days during the year. We have been very lucky to make use of such good coaches at the school. The students have learned many new skills and played with good sportsmanship.

The students have also been training for the IEC gala day in volleyball, futsal and table tennis. Our devoted teachers have been training at lunchtime to get the students ready to compete against seven other IECs. In previous years, our teams have done extremely well and I'm sure this year will be no different. I would like to thank Mr Thompson, Mr Morgan, Mrs Raj and Mr Cheeseman for all the work they have done to train the students. I would also like to thank all the students who have participated and competed this year.

Mr Tamayo





# Football United



The purpose of Football United is to play football, make friends and be an active part of the community.

I have been coordinating Football United since 2009 and have helped many fantastic students learn about and play football. The program is run by UNSW and is successful in improving the football and social skills of the students.

This year I had the help of Sophie Davis and Hamish Thompson for excursions and coaching and they were a great addition to the Football United team.

Both boys and girls can play in the program but only those who demonstrate excellent team work can be selected for the team. Both IEC and high school students can be involved. The students practise during sport time as well as during gala days and festivals.

Most excitingly, this year we will attend the Football United Festival on December 1st.

Mr Morgan



# In League in Harmony

In League in Harmony brings together communities from diverse backgrounds and creates a common ground for young people to develop physically and socially. By being a part of this program the participants build their confidence in their ability to make positive change. Participants develop their knowledge, interpersonal, teamwork, decision making and leadership skills through the leadership workshops forum, where participants volunteer in community project.



In League in Harmony helps migrants by providing them with information in their workshops. It also has Gala Days when people from different backgrounds and different schools come and join together to make new friends. The NRL has really helped 2016 IEC students to creating opportunities, make friends, develop teamwork and game changing. We had some amazing ambassadors from IEC this year: Qasim Rashidi and Rani Oraha, who also represented Evans in the workshops, Gala Days and other celebrations.

“In League in Harmony was the best part of my time in the IEC.”  
–Rani Orahaa

# Volleyball



“Volleyball is a good game. In our country we only like to play volleyball because it is our national sport in Samoa. When we have sport we always choose volleyball because it is our native game. Many students want to learn how to play volleyball.

Mr Thompson is good at volleyball. When we learn how to play volley

ball he always spikes the ball. We really enjoy our training sessions with Mr Thompson because he is a great coach and helps us to become better players” – Punipaou, 2L

The Evans IEC volleyball team has 9 players this year:

Vaihara Tome, Caroline Lealaiauloto, Rose Williams, Faith Hall, Miracle Peapea, Ana Vaai, Nam Koedpree, Anchisa Koedpree and Punipuaou Manusina.

The girls train in the hall every lunchtime with Mr Thompson and have improved their skills tremendously this term. The girls will compete in the IEC gala day.

They are wished the best of luck for their game.

“Volleyball brings the IEC students together and Mr Thompson is a calm and patient coach.” –Jenny Boonmee

Mr Thompson





# Dabs and Snapchats

# Guess the Teacher

Can you guess the teacher hiding behind the Snapchat filter?



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|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Mr Morgan  | Mrs Narayan | Mr Thompson  | Miss Kavanagh |
| Ms Melrose | Mr Tamayo   | Mrs Fernando | Mr Cheeseman  |
| Mr Acganas | Miss Gauci  | Mrs Prasad   | Ms Moloney    |
|            | Mrs Pather  | Mrs O'Toole  |               |

# Dabbing At Evans

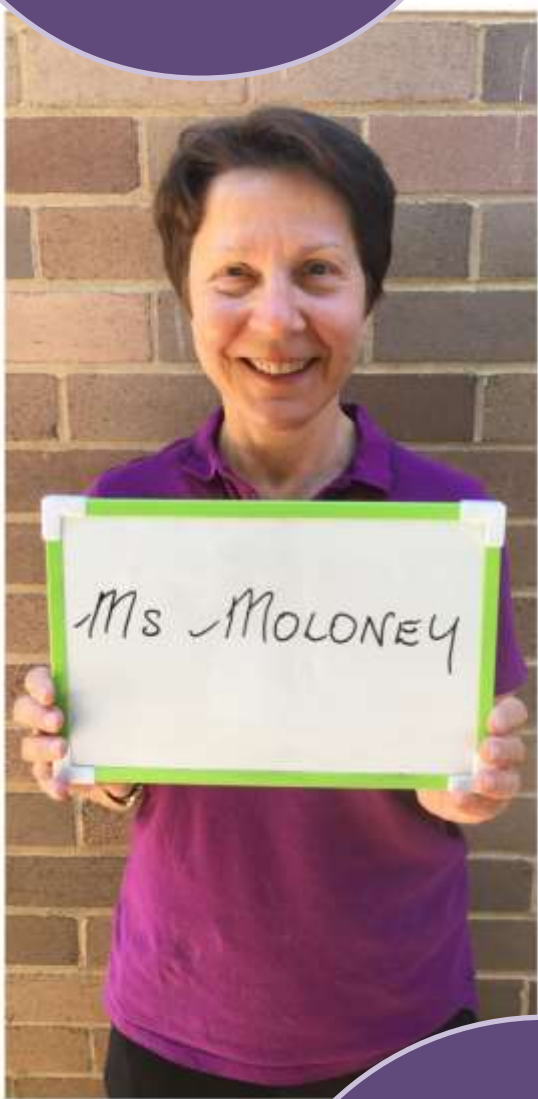




Teachers

I have been at Evans IEC long before you were born. I love the IEC. It is a place where all students are accepted and can learn English and Australia.

I've been teaching English and History at Evans IEC for fifteen years. My favourite part of the job is working with such beautiful people from all around the world. I also love coaching the table tennis group every Thursday lunchtime, which I have been doing for fifteen years. I have also been attending Bundanoon camp for the last twelve years and I enjoy it very much.

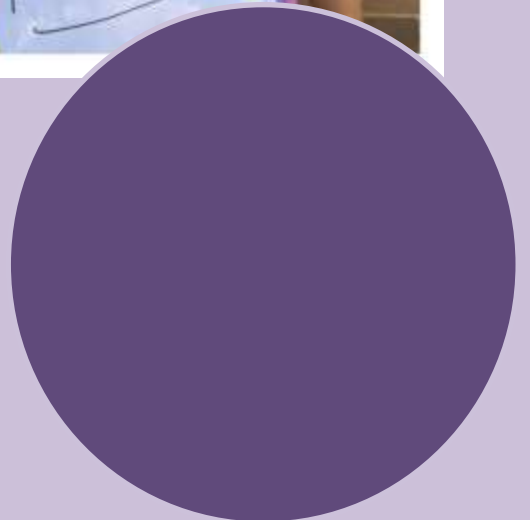


I teach English at Evans IEC. I work with other teachers on the Reading to Learn program to improve students' literacy skills. I also coordinate the Student of the Week award. My favourite thing about the IEC is the wonderful student diversity we have here, with students from all kinds of backgrounds and many different countries. I think that the IEC is a special place.

Hi, I'm Mrs Fernando. I teach mostly Geography and English. I have enjoyed teaching all of my classes this year, especially Geography. I love the diversity of the students.



Hi! I'm Mrs Vyas. Teaching English has been my passion for over 37 years and in Australia since 2000. I teach English to ESL students at the Evans Intensive English Centre. I enjoy teaching English as it allows my students to realise their potential in any endeavour of life. It gives me great joy to watch them develop into productive members of the community.

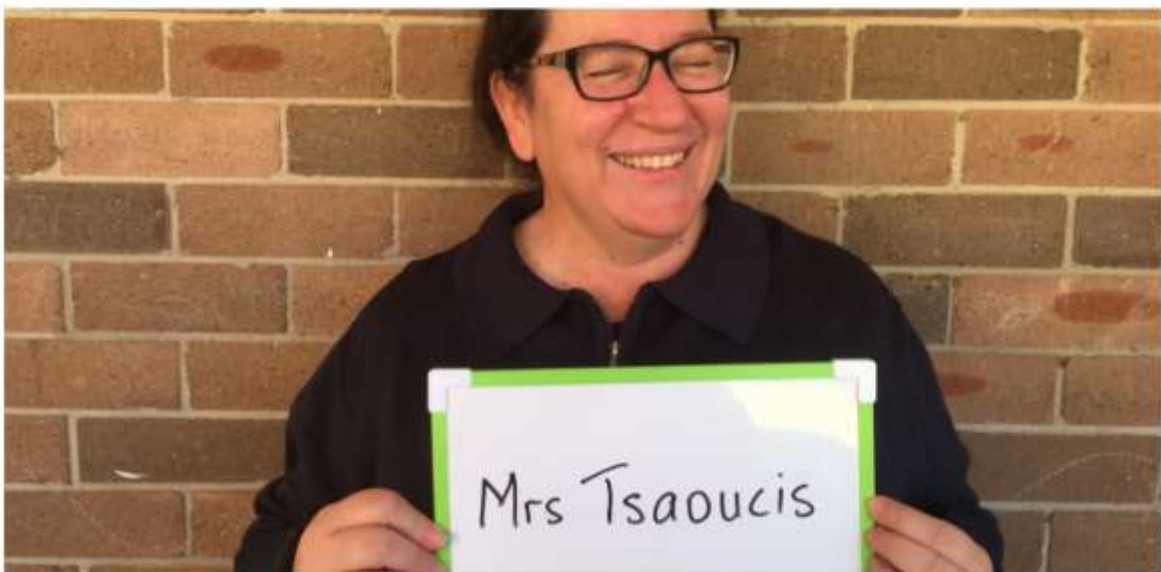




I'm Mr Morgan. I teach English to senior classes. I am also the International Student Co-ordinator and the Football United co-ordinator. I learn something new from my students every day.

Hi, I am Mr Thompson and I teach PE and Health. I am also the coach of the volleyball and touch football teams. My favourite school event is the swim school.

Hello, I'm Mrs Prasad. I mainly teach English to Beginner level, Foundation, Level 3 and CSWE 2 classes. I also provide reading support for students in Foundation classes. I am in charge of Special Days and am a member of the PBL and Literacy teams.



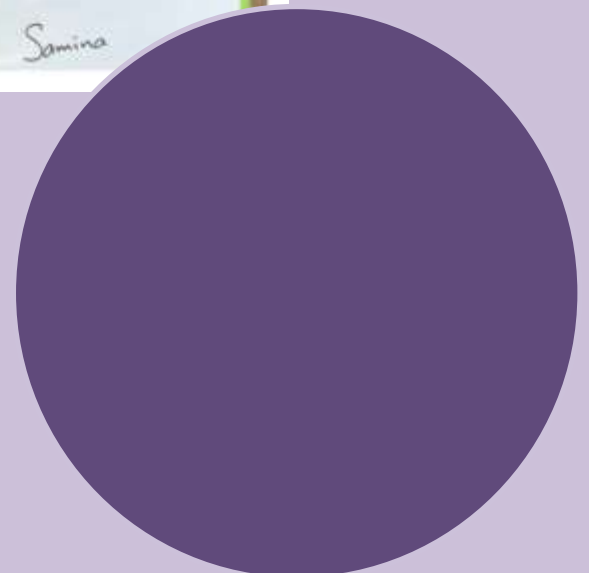
Hi, I'm Mrs Tsaoucis. I am mainly teach Oracy, Drama and English. I also help organise the leavers' assembly and the drama performances. I enjoy working with the people in my staffroom. I also really enjoy organising the performances because I am musically trained.

My name is Miss Gauci and I taught English, Drama and History classes during Term 4. I've enjoyed every minute of my internship in the IEC, and appreciate how wonderful and enthusiastic my students have been.

Hi, my name is Mrs Houshmandi. I teach mainly English and Science to students in different levels. I love my job and enjoy every moment of working with my students. My students sometimes help me with recycling the waste papers. The IEC is a wonderful place to work with students who come from different countries and they share their life experiences with us.



I have been working at Evans IEC for many years. I teach Science and have organised many scientific excursions. I work with a great group of people and feel very lucky to teach such a special bunch of students.





My name is Mrs Raj and I have been at the IEC for 8 Years. I teach English, History and Geography My job is rewarding because I get to hear stories about my students who come from all over the world.

My name is Miss Kavanagh and I am an English and Drama teacher in the IEC. My favourite part of teaching is meeting wonderful students every year as well as working with them to put on the IEC Performance Showcase each term.



I have been working in the IEC on and off for two years. I teach English and enjoy my lessons very much. My favourite thing about the IEC is the multiculturalism and meeting all of the wonderful students.

Teaching in the IEC is the best job because the kids are great. I've been teaching in the IEC since 1995. I teach PDHPE and Computers as well as organise the technology around the school. This year I helped to bring in Chromebooks which was a positive change for our students.



Hi my name is Mrs Moodley and I am a Maths teacher in IEC. This year I organised ABCN and was able to observe the wonderful leadership skills of our IEC students.

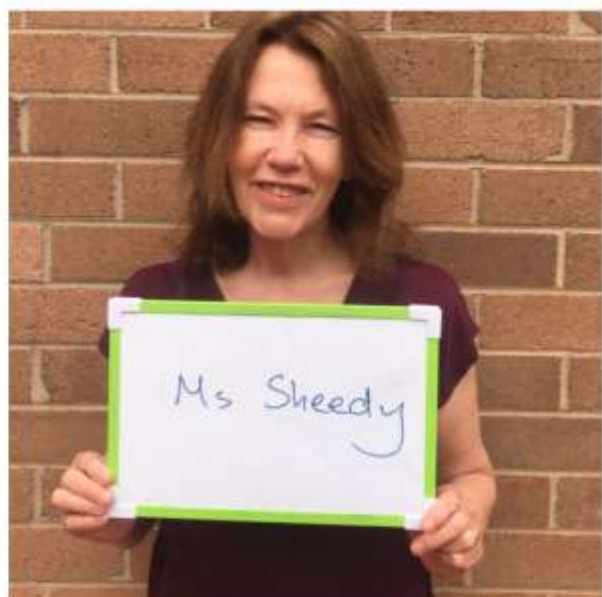
Hi my name is Ms Catherine and I am the IEC counsellor. This year I led Setting In. I also directed Suitcase Stories which was a fantastic experience for my IEC students.



My name is Mrs Samson and I am an English, Commerce and Geography teacher. This year I coordinated the Indian dance group.

Hi my name is Mr Lee and I am a SLSO in the IEC. I work to create databases that make the running of the IEC easier. I also assist with the administration and the everyday activities. I love working with the students and also the teachers.





I have been working in the IEC for two terms. I love learning about the students' pasts. I hope to return to the IEC in 2017. One of the best things about this job has been the friendships I have formed.

I have been working in the IEC as an SLSO for 14 years. I love helping the students when I'm here on Mondays. My language is Filipino.





My name is Mouna and I am an SLSO. I am training to be a Maths teacher and really enjoy helping students in the classroom. I like meeting students and learning about new cultures.

My name is Mrs Samuel. I mostly teach Math, though I sometimes teach English as well. I love to cook, read and solve problems, especially Sudoku puzzles. I definitely recommend you try them when you have free time - they're great!

I'm Mrs Narayan. I teach English, Math, Science, Geography and Social Skills. I have such amazing students who love to learn new things.



I'm Mr Agcanas and I'm an English and History teacher here at Evans IEC. I enjoy teaching the students here because they are the most thoughtful students I have ever taught. I help IEC students in the Green Team.

My name is Mrs Pather and I am a Geography and English teacher at the IEC. I love working in the IEC because I meet students and parents from different countries and I learn many new things from students all the time. I also enjoying watching students improve their English skills during their time in the IEC.

Thank you to these wonderful women who do such an amazing job in the IEC.

## SASS Ladies



This year in the IEC we gained a new member of the SASS staff. Ms Oldfield joined Mrs Robinson and Mrs Lane in Term 3. She has fit in well with the team and is enjoying working with the staff and students. Our SASS staff is a huge part of why the IEC runs so smoothly and they are very much appreciated for all of their time and effort.

Every year they are in charge of IEC administration and the day-to-day running of the school. Their patience and calm is a real attribute to the IEC.

Thank you Ms Oldfield, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Lane and we look forward to seeing you in 2017.