



# VOICES

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all the students, staff, and families of ESCA. I hope you all had a wonderful few weeks of rest, fun, and relaxation and are looking forward to a fabulous Term 2.

Often times the gift of perspective comes when we take a trip or, at the very least, take some time away from work, school, or our everyday routines. I know that while on break these past few weeks I was able to take some time to relax and reflect more fully on all that was successfully accomplished in Term 1 here at ESCA and let out a little, "Wow!". Perhaps we take for granted all that the hard working ESCA staff, students, and broader school community accomplished in Term 1 because they were done so willingly and skilfully.

Huge accomplishments (just to name a few) such as becoming the first authorised International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma school in the country, to successfully producing our own production, *ESCA, the Musical*, to having a School Band, to producing several school newspapers, to hosting coffee events for our school library, to our everyday accomplishments of learning new languages, trying out new skills in class and our extra-curricular activities, furthering our knowledge in all subject areas, to coming together as a learning community that strives to support, care, and push one another to be our best selves, scholars, educators, and citizens.

Looking ahead to the ten short weeks of Term 2 I am excited for the upcoming special events such as our Winter Sports Day, Valentine's Day, Science Fair, and Nooruz. However, I think I am even more enthusiastic about, and looking forward to, working with the staff and students on really digging into the learning and skill building to ensure that each student is meeting their academic promise, are engaged in their own learning process, sees purpose in what they are learning and are thusly further motivated, and

knows they are a valued and vital member of our school community surrounded by adults and peers that they can trust and learn from.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday, can't wait to hear all about your vacation, look forward to meeting our new students and their families, and again wish you all a very successful, fun, and enjoyable new year.

*Erin McRaith, ESCA Head of Education*

## ESCA SCHOOL BAND AT "LIFE MUST GO ON" CONCERT

During the winter break ESCA School Band members participated on the IQ Lab's "Life Must Go On" concert organised to raise funds to purchase blood plasma for children with cancer. The performances included professional singers as well as well known activists of Kyrgyzstan. The organisers of the event were able to raise 126,140 som, which were transferred to the Children's Oncology Centre. More information about the event is available at <https://www.facebook.com/iqlabkg/> If you want to see ESCA School Band's performances, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/ESCAKG/>



## STAFFING

During the Winter Break there were some changes in the ESCA staff. Ms Anara (Music Teacher), Ms Nurgul (Primary 6 Teacher's Assistant), Ms Hiva (Preschool 2 Teacher), and Ms Asel (School Doctor) left ESCA for new experience. We appreciate all the work they have done and wish them success in their future beginnings.

Also we are glad to welcome new members of ESCA staff: Asel Turusbaeva as a School Doctor and Anara Baisalova as a Music Teacher. With their background and positive attitude Ms Asel and Ms Anara will contribute to providing a happy environment and excellent education for ESCA students.

After the first week of the term we will introduce our new dance teacher.

*Oksana Nam, ESCA Head of Administration*



## DVDs FROM “ESCA, THE MUSICAL”

DVDs from “ESCA, The Musical” are available for purchase at the school office and cost 400 KGS. Please note that the cost covers the DVDs, videographers' work and montage.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have things you want to discuss or suggestions for the school, please contact the Class Representatives or the Head of Education, Ms Erin McRaith at [emcraith@esca.kg](mailto:emcraith@esca.kg). You can also meet during the office hours on Monday-Friday from 15:30-16:30 or you can set up an appointment.



## MENU

ESCA will offer Menu A from 11 to 15 January. Please follow <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fpCF1fsHKEF5x95apIEEHcdQIRZkArv33F3GJlcwRGM/edit?usp=sharing> to see the menu.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 11 January: First Day of Second Term

Friday 29 January: Winter Sports Day (details and sign up sheets to be shared soon)