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- Friday 7 October - study day - **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS**
- 17 - 21 October - school holidays
- 8 - 10 November - parent teacher conferences

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Whole School Information

Introducing our new teachers

In last week's parent newsletter, we shared news about teachers moving on, switching roles or preparing to go on maternity leave. This week, we are happy to share information with you about three new teachers who will join IPS in the coming days/weeks.

Maïke Fleck ~ Group 8 teacher

~ Joining IPS on 5 October, 2022



An educator for 30 years, Maïke is a dual passport holder of Germany and Australia. Her degree and Diploma in Education were both awarded by the University of Queensland. Maïke has taught across the primary and secondary age range in the UK, Germany and Australia. She has taught German, French and English to A-Level standard in the UK and up to Grade 12 in Australia. For the last five years, she taught Year 6 in a British primary school.

Rebeca Pérez ~ Group 4 teacher (Monday - Thursday)

~ Joining IPS on 1 November, 2022



A dedicated primary teacher, Rebeca is in the tenth year of teaching. After graduating from university, she taught in her native Spain before moving to teach in Utrecht. From Utrecht she took a position in an international school in Doha, Qatar, after which she returned to the Netherlands, and taught in an international PYP school in Hoofddorp. For the last five years she has been teaching at an international PYP school in Rotterdam.

Bea-né Cloete ~ Group 7 teacher

~ Joining IPS on 1 November, 2022



Bea-né is South African, and is bilingual in English and Afrikaans. Bea-né was awarded her Bachelor of Education from the University of South Africa. She has taught from Kindergarten through to Grade 10 in preschools, schools and colleges in Pretoria. As a dedicated teacher, she strives for the highest level of efficiency and integrity. She has a strong sensory awareness of children's needs and behaviour.

COVID-19 Playbook

On July 4, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science launched a plan to ensure schools prepared for a revival of the Coronavirus. Each school was tasked with developing a plan for their own context in order to safely and responsibly prepare a range of four scenarios with the basic principle that school closures must be prevented at all times. The result of this national government mandate is the IPS Hilversum COVID-19 Playbook, which was shared with parents via email earlier this week. [Click here to read the Playbook](#). There is also a link at the bottom of the final page to the [Learning At Home Guide for Parents](#). These are also available on the school website.

COVID updates

Each week in this parent newsletter, you will be given a general update with regard to the COVID situation at IPS. In classrooms, teachers will display the current phase as dictated by the government and talk to students about the standard measures of that phase.

COVID-like symptoms?

If your child exhibits COVID-like symptoms, we strongly advise that you test them before bringing them to school. If they test positive, please consider that day to be "Day 0" and if they have no symptoms after Day 5, they may return to school.

School Council

School hours survey

Following feedback from parents about the need to stagger start and finish times, the School Council sent a survey in last week's newsletter. The results show a clear majority in favour of staggering. We will activate these new start/end times starting after the October break (to allow us time to update timetables, etc.). The start/end time as of Monday 24 October will be as follows:

Mondrian:	08:45 to 15:00	(12:45 on Wednesday)
Rembrandt:	09:00 to 15:15	(13:00 on Wednesday)
Frans Hals:	09:15 to 15:30	(13:15 on Wednesday)

Please also note that:

- Playgrounds will be open 20 minutes before start times to allow for an earlier drop-off:
Mondrian: 08:25
Rembrandt: 08:40
Frans Hals: 08:55
- Students at Frans Hals will move to Rembrandt at the end of 2022. Everyone at Rembrandt will (regardless) follow the Rembrandt timings from January 2023.