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**You can do anything if you have enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes rise to the stars.**

**– Henry Ford.**

**Dear Parents,**

Being the first newsletter for the year 2008, I would like to wish each of you a very happy and blessed New Year.

The students returned to school after a three-week winter break. I am sure that the moments you spent with your children have been both valuable and memorable.

The Grade 10 and 12 students began with their Half Yearly Examinations. The MYP students have submitted their holiday assignments and the same have been marked and posted on the School Information System. We are endeavouring to make the holiday assignments more holiday friendly and should be in place for the next break.

Assessment of Scholastic Skills through Educational Testing (ASSET), a diagnostic test measuring how well a student has understood concepts and giving a detailed feedback on the same, was conducted on 16, 17 and 18 January, 2008. The tests were conducted in English, Math and Science for students from Grades 3 to 9.

On 19 January, a workshop was conducted by the principal on ***'Teacher - Leader in the 21st century'***. Teachers were motivated to reflect on the role of the teachers of the 21st century and the role they can play to make Indus International School, Bangalore, a school with a difference. The Green Peace Organization visited Indus. After talking to the students and teachers of the various environmental issues and how we could be participate in making our world environmental friendly, we planted 50 saplings.

On 22 January, 2008, the House Captains presented the visions of their respective houses. The students presented their vision, goals and the key result areas they will be working on for the year. The four houses brought out their vision statements very vividly and the enthusiasm to realize their visions was very evident.

The much awaited Secondary School Indus Day, 2008, was held on 25 January, 2008. The students put up a great show. Each house had to put up a twenty-minute play, a song and a dance. I must say that each student put in her / his very best and made it a very memorable event. Mr Victor Banerjee, the renowned and accomplished actor with the most visible role in David Lean's *A Passage to India*, was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The Chairperson of Indus Trust, Prof. Shivram Malavalli and the CEO, Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray were guests of honour and also spoke on the occasion. Orion house was judged as the winning house having won all the events. Eleanor Cook and Vignesh Rao won the awards for the Best Actress and Best Actor respectively. The best student award and the award for the most improved student were also given away on the occasion. The list is attached herewith. I wish to place on record my appreciation to the students and teachers for endeavouring to exhibit a great show. I would also like to thank all parents for their continued support and for taking time to be a part of the event.

The Music Department at Indus International School sent students up for internationally acclaimed Music Examinations conducted by the **Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM)** and **Trinity Guild Hall Examinations, Trinity college of Music London (TCL)**. These examinations were held in October, 2007. I am glad to announce that the following students passed the examinations. Congratulations to all!

Ana Choi	Grade 5
Akansha Majumdar	Grade 6
Mannan Shah	Grade 7
Nikhil Nandagopal	Grade 7
Harshil Patel	Grade 7
Da On Park	Grade 7
Janvee Pramar	Grade 8
Rohit Mohan	Grade 8
Aanish Patel	Grade 9

The Primary Years Programme held an Hindi Assembly on 31 January, 2008. The students put up a play entitled, 'Shakuntala' besides commemorating the Republic Day and focusing on patriotism. The students put up a great show. Congratulations to the Hindi Language students and the teachers of the Hindi Department. The students of Prep 2 went to Cubbon Park for a field trip. Grade 4 did Mural Painting on 'Nature' and

did some vegetable gardening with the children of the Kandanahalli Orphanage. The vegetables grown in the garden will be sent to the orphanage.

As teachers and parents, let us continue to bring out the very best in our students and give them the confidence that in spite of all the turbulences of life they can make things happen and bring about a big difference in this world like Michelangelo, Columbus, Edison and others who have left behind a legacy of how we can make things happen.

**With warm Regards,**

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