

## Co-Curricular Activities (AG) for the School Year 2020 (July – December 2020)



Dear Parents,

Two Co-curricular activities (AGs) will be available for Kindergarten to Year 4. (Tuesday and Thursday - in the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> period). This means that all children have to choose one AG for each day.

Participation in the AGs will be optional from Kindergarten up to Year 2. This means that children not participating in the AG on Tuesday and Thursday must be picked up from school no later than 1.30 pm and they also must be signed out at reception.

I would also ask those parents of children from Kindergarten up to Year 2, (whose children will not take part in the AGs) to please write a short note to the respective class teacher in order to notify them. This exemption letter will then apply for the next semester of the school year.

Years 5 to Year 7 students will only have an AG on Thursdays (in the 6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> lesson). In the second semester, the students of class 7b will take part in our "ICT skills and cyber awareness" workshops, therefore they will not be able to choose an AG for this time.

Please choose from the following options below (after discussing with your child) which AG they would like to participate in. **Please then fill out the AG Form via the link in the app notice by Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.**

Please also indicate a second preference. Students may not be able to receive their first preference (due to number restrictions) hence anyone who provides a second preference will have an advantage. On the contrary those providing only one may be allocated an AG they might not necessarily want. The AGs below are only for one half of the school year. Thank you very much for your understanding!!

**Horst Giesler**

Deputy -Principal, Head of Junior Secondary School

**For students (Year 1 – Year 4) with very little or no prior English or German skills our teachers may request the attendance of one of our language AGs. Our German AG will be held on Tuesdays and our English AG will be held on Thursdays!**

### AG-Options – Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> period) – Kiga - Year 4

**Klückmann** → **Creative Dance Theatre (Kiga – Year 4)**

Dance AG is about learning to dance! This AG involves moving the body to music, learning steps and coordination and becoming confident to perform in front of other students, teachers and the general public.

**Scheufler** → **African Drumming (Year 1 – Year 4)**

We will explore Rhythms with 3 to 5 parts for djembe and percussion instruments. We also sing African songs/chants and play drumming games. There will be a performance at the end of the semester. The students will have lots of fun playing the drums. It is very rewarding for the students to be an important part of a team of drummers.

**Inspire Tennis** → **Tennis (Year 2 – Year 4)**

The focus during tennis is on basic hitting techniques and rules of the game. Students will be divided into groups according to their ability. (Language: English)

**McNulty** → **Taekwondo (Year 2 – Year 4)**

Studies have shown that the advantages of martial arts practise for children are highly beneficial, and range from academic growth, to a full range of mental and physical development. This program provides your child with a constructive yet fun way to develop their skills in an exciting and safe environment, helping them to get over those hurdles that may be holding them back from fulfilling their full potential. Darren McNulty is a professional taekwondo coach. (Language: English)

**Boky → Wind instruments (Kiga – Year 4)**

Students who are interested in learning a wind instrument or are already playing one are very welcome. After the AG students can make arrangements with Mr. Boky for additional private lessons. (Language: English)

**Kuhnert → Little Scientists (Kiga – Year 2)**

Are you interested in nature, technology, mathematics? This is the right workshop for you! With experiments and the research cycle you will be able to explore a lot of interesting things. Ask questions about nature, formulate hypotheses, develop predictions, gather data, experiment, document and present your findings. You're on the way to become a great scientist! (Language: German)

**Mihajlovic → Soccer (Kindy – Year 2)**

Be the best, learn from the best -The AG offers a course designed to develop the potential of every child that attends. It can enhance their confidence, improve ball skills, while ensuring they are fun and rewarding in every sense. Mr Mihajlovic is the owner and head coach of Youth Soccer Academy, boasts a successful international soccer career and has a long relationship with our school. (Language: English)

**Chou → Mandarin (Year 1 – Year 4)**

Why should our children learn Mandarin now? Because Mandarin is becoming a major world language. Thanks to the support of the school, GISS has provided this opportunity for our children to learn Mandarin at the school. Learning Mandarin will be fun! Children will also gain a knowledge about Chinese culture, customs and its history and are encouraged to cultivate their talents and strengthen their confidence through stories and games. The class is designed for children with no or some previous knowledge of Chinese. Katrina Chou is a native Mandarin speaker, qualified teacher, writer/ translator and currently tutoring a Year 11/12 IB Class in Chinese Literature. If you have any questions, please contact Pauline Schuele on [0455950691](tel:0455950691).

**Bisch → Games, Art & Craft (Kindergarten – Year 1)**

The students will have a lot of fun in creating, playing and constructing. During this time, they will easily learn the German language.

**AG-Options – Thursday (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> period) – Kindergarten to Year 7**

**Inspire Tennis → Tennis (Year 3 – Year 7)**

The focus during tennis is on basic hitting of the ball and the rules of the game. Students will be divided into groups according to their ability. (Language: English)

**Scheufler → African Drumming (Year 2 – Year 6)**

We will explore Rhythms with 3 to 5 parts for djembe, dun duns and percussion instruments. We also sing African songs/chants and play drumming games. There will be a performance at the end of the semester. The students will have lots of fun playing the drums. It is very rewarding for the students to be an important part of a team of drummers.

**Nunes, Klückmann → Musical AG – “The Sound of Musicals” and a Christmas Play (existing Semester 1 participants only!)**

In 3<sup>rd</sup> term the Musical AG will continue to practise the musical from the last semester and perform it in September. Due to this all participants from the first semester need to stay in the Musical AG. Sorry, but **no** new children can join this semester, due to off-campus learning we have lost a lot of rehearsal time. In the 4<sup>th</sup> term we will begin work on this year's Christmas concert, which always takes place on Monday of the last school week of the year.

**Hartley → Art (Year 5 – Year 7)**

In AG Art, students will be encouraged to try something new or develop their own skills further with a variety of art making materials such as; painting, drawing, film, photography, printmaking or sculpture. Students will be guided through demonstrations and tasks over the duration of the AG art course. (Language: English)

**Boky → Chess (Year 3 – Year 7)**

For Chess beginners, the mysteries of the game will be discovered. For those of you who are more advanced, this is the change to improve your game. (Language: English)

**Winchester → Drama (Year 3 – Year 7)**

Do you want to learn how to be a professional actor for the screen? Work in film and television? This class will train you to become a confident and proficient at acting for camera. Think of acting like exercising a muscle of the body to keep it fit. This class will flex your acting muscles and ensure you are ready to give a great audition when the situation arises. A series of scenes will be filmed & edited, so students have a take home showreel of their work. (Language: English)

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**CAS Students → Table tennis (Year 5 – Year 7)**

Table tennis is one of the most popular sports in Germany. If you would like to know more about this great sport, you are very welcome to join the AG. We have an experienced and highly motivated Year 11 student who has plenty of experience in the sport and will pass on his enthusiasm to the students. If you already have a table tennis racket, please bring to the AG. (Limited spots available.)

**Reeves → School garden (Year 1 – Year 5)**

Our School Garden AG promotes learning with all senses. We are going to continue to plan, establish and care for our school garden. We are also going to start with some landscaping. The students are going to be outside, develop their gardening skills and learn to take responsibility. They will acquire skills about native plants and environmentally appropriate behaviour. Most importantly this AG will foster a sense of enjoyment associated with plants, animals and natural phenomena.

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**Noeckler/Hennig → Out and About (Kiga – Year 4)**

Ramp and climb, walk and run, bounce and jump, relax and come to a rest ... In this AG it is all about getting as much exercise as possible. Explore the world through games, exercise, walks, and experience how much fun you can have by doing sports together.

**Barnes → Art/Craft/Creativity (Kiga – Year 2)**

In the Art and Craft AG students will unleash their inner creativity using paints, clay, beads, chalk, junk modelling and lots of enthusiasm. We paint, cut, stick and create fun craft activities each week. (Language: English)

**Nyagah → Yulunga & Adventure Sports (Kiga – Year 1)**

Yulunga means 'playing' in the language of the Kamilaroi (Gamori) people of north-western New South Wales. This extracurricular activity aims to engage children in both physical education and experiential learning experiences. In a nutshell the children learn to collaborate, play and work together to find a solution individually and or together as a team, and communicate and learn from each attempt. This AG will include adventure activities (in- and outdoor) around the school, use the techniques of Circus and Arts in a fun way and teach children traditional Indigenous sporting games. Based on a resource created to provide children with an opportunity to learn about, appreciate and experience aspects of Indigenous culture.