

## Co-Curricular Activities (AG) for the School Year 2021 (February – June 2021)



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. Years 5 to Year 6 students will only have an AG on Thursdays (in the 6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> lesson).

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.

**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 Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 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 2 – Year 4)**

We will explore Rhythms 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.

**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)

**Ahwee → 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: English)

**Mihajlovic → Soccer (Kiga – 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).

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

Explore the delights of our local community! Each week, we will venture out of the school to discover the many playgrounds, bushwalks, parks and beaches that our local community has to offer. Come along to climb, slide, run, jump and splash through the afternoon!

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

**Inspire Tennis → Tennis (Year 3 – Year 6)**

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 for djembe, dun duns and percussion instruments. In term 2 we will primarily play the bass drums (dun duns). 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 Owl finds her Beat" (Year 2 – Year 6)**

The little owl is an official musical where she meets various animals on her journey, who show her their favorite yet different styles of music. This is how she learns to appreciate a variety of music genres such as Pop, Jazz, Rock, Opera, Punk, Reggae, Hip Hop and Electric -resulting in her finding her own beat.

After we have explored our talents with interactive drama games, we will begin to work on the musical -assign roles, practice the dialogue and songs and finally prepare the props and costumes. The musical will be performed in June at the end of the Semester on the stage in the sports hall.

**Hartley → Art (Year 5 – Year 6)**

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 6)**

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 6)**

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)

**Mihajlovic → Soccer (Year 3 – Year 6)**

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**CAS Students → Table tennis (Year 5 – Year 6)**

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.

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

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**Noeckler → Costumes (Year 2 – Year 4)**

Are you creative and interested in trying out making your own costume? In this AG, we will design, plan and make our own costumes. Maybe you will be the winner of the next Halloween parade! (limited spots available.)

**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 2)**

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.

**Bisch → Games, Art & Craft (Kiga – 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.

**Keller → Social Entrepreneurship (Year 3 – Year 6)**

An Entrepreneur is someone who owns and runs their own business and is their own boss. Entrepreneurs see opportunities everywhere! A problem or challenge is an opportunity to help people, and learning how businesses can have a social or environmental purpose is a great way to make the world a better place.

You will get to be the boss and have fun learning how to start your own business including how to create a business plan, identify target markets and audiences, manage money, customer service and business ethics. If you are someone who likes solving problems, being creative and making decisions, join our team! (Language: English)