



OIS Parent Bulletin

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Dolphin Monitors Visit

A small group of students and teachers from the [Gecko School](#) of Phuket, Thailand will be staying with some OIS families this week. They are monitoring the dolphin hunt in Taiji, Wakayama prefecture. The students will be making a presentation at 10:00 on Tuesday November 10th to our grades 1 through 5 students. Several of our elementary students are interested in marine conservation so it will be a stimulating visit for them. For the background information, you may want to see the film, [The Cove](#).

Thank you to the host families and to grade 1 teacher Dawn Inada for organizing their visit.

United Nations Visit

On Monday November 9, Kwansei Gakuin Policy Studies professor, Sunichi Murata will be speaking with SIS and OIS humanities classes. Professor Murata recently returned from Bangkok where he worked for the [United Nations Development Program](#). He was the deputy executive secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. His work of promoting sustainable development in poor nations such as Bhutan, as well as the dolphin monitoring group (see above) are examples of people contributing to a global community. It is a goal to inspire our students to also make contributions. Being part of the KG foundation gives us access to many intellectuals and rich learning opportunities for our students and teachers.

World Scholar's Cup @ Yale

Delegations from OIS and SIS will be participating in the World Scholar's Cup [Tournament of Champions](#) this week. The event is held at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, USA. Besides competing in debates, problem solving and academic knowledge tests, the students will be interacting with Yale's [International Relations Association](#), a student group fostering an understanding of global affairs. They will also be meeting with professors and the admissions team from Yale.

The students qualified for the event by winning the Kansai round in March and the global round in Malaysia in June. OIS student attending the event are Tyus Sheriff, Skye Inada, and Sato Akeda.

International Fair Saturday November 14

10:30 start 15:00 finish entertainment, food, games, markets, culture
Looking forward to seeing you there!



Congratulations to the SOIS Sabers sports teams for winning 8 games on Saturday. Both the boys MS & HS and girls HS basketball teams defeated Canadian Academy (six games) and the MS girls soccer won the Sabers Invitational tournament.

Physical Education teacher Leanne Entwistle will be attending the Asia Pacific Physical Education teachers conference in Hong Kong next weekend. She will be attending workshops and networking with elementary PE teachers in the region.

OIS PTA meeting on Wednesday November 11 at 9:00 AM. Following the meeting, parents are invited to attend a Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) information session. Individual score reports will be going home next week to the students.

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Movember: This is an annual event to raise awareness of men's health issues like depression in men, testicular and prostate cancer. Men are asked to grow facial hair (moustache) during the month of November, hence "Movember". The aim is to increase early detection of disease by encouraging annual checkups, an awareness of health history and healthier lifestyles. Besides growing facial hair, men can also "MOVE" and get 30 minutes of exercise daily during the month. The SOIS campaign is led by physical education teacher Derek Entwistle (dentwistle@senri.ed.jp) and donations can be made in a box attached to a column in the genkan.

The second session of **Elementary After School Activities** begin this week. Please see your homeroom teacher for more information.