

Dear Parents,


Firstly, very many thanks to everyone who signed up at the Back to School nights offering to volunteer at events during the school year. ISL prides itself on being a school with a strong sense of community. Our school's ethos sees the education of our students as a collaborative effort between school and home. A strong sense of community is very much reflected in the school's mission, which encourages students to think and act as members of a broader community.

The Welcome Back Festival, Halloween party, Mayfest, International lunches, staff appreciation lunches and a winter market are just some of the many events that the PTO has helped organise over the years. Additionally, the PTO raises funds that go directly towards special improvements in the school: the friendship benches in the Lower School are a recent example.

Of course, these events require many 'hands on deck', bringing food, setting up tables, putting up posters, leading games, painting faces... The work is easily shared if groups of people volunteer for specific events. Is it fun? Absolutely, especially when many get involved from across the ISL community. It is also a wonderful way to get to make new friends and contacts and, in the process, maybe pick up tips on local gems or supply sources for things you miss from home.

The PTO will be contacting parents over the next weeks to seek out assistance with various upcoming events. I encourage you to respond positively to our request for help. Hope to see you there.

Yours in community spirit,

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Nicki Crush
Director

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Kirsten Tichell-Conran
PTO President