



St. Nicholas

# NEWSLETTER



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## Upcoming events



**Sunday 15th February**  
End of Summer Time

**Friday 20th February**  
Casual Clothes Day

**Friday 20th February**  
**Infant, Junior and Senior:**  
**school finishes at 12:00**

**23rd – 27th February**  
Carnival week

**TRIP**  
Y3 trip to Banespa  
Y7 Life Skills trip to Petar

**ASSEMBLIES**  
Infants:  
No classroom assemblies

Juniors:  
No classroom assemblies

**Coming up!**  
March 9th - 13th



SN Run



### Come run with us !

This is our school running group, open to all members of the St. Nicholas community. You can find all the information you need about the calendar of races, training tips and hints to improve your performance, photos in [www.stnicholas.com.br](http://www.stnicholas.com.br).

## NEW PUPILS AND STAFF

St. Nicholas School extends a very warm welcome to the following new pupils, teachers and assistants who started in January 2009.

### PUPILS

TT1 - Lili and Julia	Y3 - Isabella, Margot and Sofia
TT2 - Beatriz and Julia	Y4 - Maria and Skye
NUR - Eugenia, Ye-Sun (Grace) and Erik	Y5 - Miki, Juno and Mark
KG - Liri, Beni and Isabella	Y6 - Yoon
Y1 - Junsei, Lara, Felipe and Valentina	Y10 - Ji Hee
Y2 - Shay and Isabella	

### NEW TEACHERS

#### Local

Heidi Giger – Admissions  
Ayesha Omar – TT1X teaching assistant (has been volunteer before)  
Graziela Fuentes – Year 2X teaching assistant (coming from St. Paul's library)  
Nick Cooper – Year 4X teaching assistant (AM)

#### Internal changes

Amanda Harrison – Admission assistant  
Elizabeth Kirsten McDonald – take over Y2X for Marina Bettarello's maternity leave  
Daniela Alonso – Part time PE afternoon teacher + Y6X teaching assistant in the mornings  
Aline – moved to financial department

Eliza Braga – congratulations on her baby girl Olivia

## St Nicholas School Student Council Second Term 2008-2009



We would like to welcome the new representatives of St Nicholas School Student Council for the Second Term of School Year 2008-2009. They are:

*Year 2X* Luri Fan and Pedro Caraméz,  
*Year 2Y* Sophia Bittencourt and Caleb Salomão,  
*Year 3X* Julia Suplicy and Eduardo Lyrio,  
*Year 3Y* Lebogang Morifi and Luiza Peres,  
*Year 4X* Mohamed Abdouni and David Perez,  
*Year 4Y* Pamela Moreno and Priscilla Almeida,  
*Year 5X* Anna Falsztyn, Alicia Siekierski, Beatrice Zampini and Isabella Suplicy,  
*Year 5Y* Luis Gustavo Borges and Luiza Caraméz,  
*Year 6X* Renata Barboza,  
*Year 6Y* Louise Esper, Daniella Iannoni,

Matteo Iannoni, Lucas Amil and Camila Martin, Raunak Daswani and Rebecca de Gois.

Last term, the Student Council extended their help for Creche Nova Esperança, Biofauna, the Santa Catarina tragedy, and to the children of the school's ancillary staff. This term, we hope to continue taking action at school and beyond to make a difference! Congratulations to all representatives and good luck!



## PYP course in Mexico City

Ms. Philip and Mrs. Yu attended a two day PYP course in Mexico City. The objective of the course was to define the whole of science and social studies in the PYP. During the course they had the opportunity to meet teachers from other international schools and exchange teaching practices!!



## OLHAR DE BIA

Isabella Suplicy and Anna Falsztyn

Last junior assembly we had a special guest called Bia .She is only eight years old, but she has started an institution to help poor children. She started collecting candies that her father gave to her. Now she is a representative of the government of Brazil. The assembly was quite important because it gave an example to children and adults. To help people in need no matter how small or big you are. I think the message was never give up or think you are too small to do something very big. Most students feel like helping more after seeing Bia.

Thank you for coming, Bia, and keep up the good work!

## ECA – Sharing Cultures and Traditions

Ms Juliana Pelluzzi

St Nicholas School is where students, teachers and parents from over 30 countries share one community. This makes our school a rich ground for promoting the global thrust of our school mission. With this in mind, the International Committee has offered an ECA in the Infant School (Years 1 and 2) that gives everyone a chance to share their culture, traditions and language.

We are therefore inviting teachers, parents, students or friends to join us for a 30 or 35 minute-session (on Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45) to share with the children aspects of their nation or culture – either through language teaching, food sampling, songs, music, stories, dance, games or through object or art displays.

It was a great success last term and the children have really enjoyed the ECA. We would like to thank everybody who has participated and shared nice details about their cultures.

Would you like to take part? Please, let us know if you are interested by the end of February so that we can create a timetable for the rest of the term.

Contact us for details and further queries:  
[jpelluzzi@stnicholas.com.br](mailto:jpelluzzi@stnicholas.com.br)

## LANGUAGE CORNER

Here's your chance to test your English skills and learn new things. Just answer the quiz below and hand it to Mrs. Toffoli (ESL). If all your answers are correct you will win an R.O.A.!

### • MAKE Vs. DO •

These words have similar meanings, and it can be difficult to choose between them. When in doubt, check in a good dictionary! Which would you choose to complete the expressions below?

_____ good	_____ a favour
_____ the dishes	_____ a mistake
_____ money	_____ the shopping
_____ an offer	_____ a suggestion
_____ the homework	_____ love
_____ an effort	_____ harm
_____ noise	_____ a copy
_____ a scene	_____ one's best
_____ the bed	_____ business
_____ an exception	_____ a crossword puzzle
_____ a cake	_____ housework
_____ nothing	_____ plans

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

## Commemorations, Celebrations And Fun Events Around The World

Action Committee / International Committee



### FEBRUARY

**1st** – First day of Black History Month in the US and Canada. This is a commemoration of all the important people and events in the history of people of African descent. This is observed in the UK in the month of October.

**2nd** - Groundhog Day or Groundhog's Day is celebrated in the US and Canada. On this day, when a groundhog emerges from its burrow and fails to see its shadow because of cloudy weather, winter will soon end; but if the groundhog sees its shadow, it will return into its burrow, and the winter will continue for 6 more weeks.

Celebration of the Yemanjá the sea goddess by African-Americans. In Brazil, especially in Salvador, Bahia, thousands of people line up at her shrine in Rio Vermelho to leave offerings like flowers, perfume, jewelry, etc. Local fishermen gather these objects in large baskets and take them to the sea.

**3rd** - Setsubun marks the day before the beginning of a season in Japan, but this is specially celebrated to welcome Spring.

**4th** - World Cancer Day was promoted by the International Union Against Cancer (UICC) to raise people's awareness on how to prevent, detect and treat cancer.

**6th** – UNICEF Day for Change provides an opportunity for students to learn about UNICEF's work, as well as providing a starting point to compare and contrast their own lives with those of children in other countries with Papua New Guinea as this year's focus.

**9th** – World Orphan Week (WOW) began in the UK in 2005 developed to raise awareness for the needs of orphaned and abandoned children around the world.

**12th** - Darwin Day is a new celebration commemorating the birth anniversary of famous naturalist Charles Darwin in 1809.

Red Hand Day was adopted in 2002 by the General Assembly of the United Nations to raise people's awareness regarding the situation of children who are forced to serve as soldiers in wars and armed conflicts.

Lincoln's Birthday is a legal holiday in some U.S. states to commemorate the birthdate of Abraham Lincoln.

**14th** - Valentine's Day is a traditional holiday commemorating St. Valentine, and is observed as a celebration of love, with people expressing love by exchanging love notes, and through presents like candies, chocolates and other usually romantic presents.

**15th** – Flag Day is observed in Canada to celebrate their national flag which is popularly known as the Maple Leaf and l'Unifolié (French for "the one-leafed").

**16th** - The Kyoto Protocol Day is an agreement made under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It now involves 170 countries which agree to reduce their emissions of carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases, or engage in emissions trading if they maintain or increase emissions of these gases.

**18th** - Presidents Day (or Presidents' Day), designated on President George Washington's birthday, is a commemoration of all presidents in the US. Many stores hold large sales around this time.

**21st** – International Mother Language Day by UNESCO on 17 November 1999. It is observed yearly by UNESCO member states and at its headquarters to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

**24th** – Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday") is the day before Ash Wednesday, and is also called "Shrove Tuesday" or "Pancake Day". It is the last day of Carnival which marks the beginning of Lent. In Brazil, this is when the "carnival" is celebrated, the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday immediately before Ash Wednesday.

**25th** – Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty days before Easter (excluding Sundays). It falls on a different date each year, gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance.