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Message from the Managing Director

Message to all *St Andrews Rayong* parents from
Graham Sullivan – Managing Director, St. Andrews Schools

Cognita and St. Andrews

By now we have all had time to digest the exciting news of Cognita's investment in our group of schools. Everyone associated with our schools is very pleased with our ability to attract a company with such a wealth of educational and business expertise.

We spent last week with their planning and development teams and I am thrilled to be able to announce that the design of our **Secondary School at our Sukhumvit 107** (Bangna) campus has already begun – with an opening date of August 2010. The previous delays in starting this much-needed development are now a thing of the past and everyone at the school can look forward to a long and very bright educational future. Children at that school will now be able to start their education with us aged 2 and continue at the same campus until they complete their studies at age 18 and move on to University. This is the fulfillment of a dream we have held for the school ever since it opened in 2003 and now we can all watch it become reality.

We have invested heavily in the **Sathorn** school in recent years and I am happy to say that most of the structural redevelopment of the beautiful old building has now been completed. There remain two areas that need attention however and these will be completed within the next 2 years: the renovation of the lower floor of the Phase 2 building (beneath the staff room and specialist EAL/SEN rooms) and the complete redevelopment of the current Nursery block.

Developments at **Rayong** will now pick up speed as we start to realize our long-held plans for completing the development of the whole campus. Over the coming weeks and months, we will share with you in greater detail our plans and time line for this exciting development. I, together with Roy Barrett and representatives of Cognita, will hold a meeting for all **Rayong parents** at the school on **Monday June 1st at 2.30 pm**.

As important as these construction developments are for our schools, this is of course not all of the value that Cognita will be adding to St. Andrews. They have an established track-record of operating very good schools in the UK, Europe and Singapore and this experience will bring a breadth of educational expertise to our group of schools. The wider international perspective will also add to our recruitment and training programmes and quite simply, St. Andrews is now set to have an extremely bright future.

As you will have read from my letter to parents last week, Roy Barrett and I will be maintaining our involvement in St. Andrews - as Shareholders and Directors – and I will be extending my role into a regional brief on behalf of the growing Cognita group of schools. This will require close and continued support for St. Andrews so that we maintain our educational vision and consolidate all of our existing good practices.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the parents' meetings next week. If anyone would like any further information beforehand, please do not hesitate to get in touch via my usual email address.

With all best wishes.

Graham Sullivan

**Meeting for all Rayong parents with
the Directors and
our new partners, Cognita
Monday 1st June at 2.30pm**

Moving from an International School



Mariel, Bertio, Bauke
Sybren, Jelmer and Irthe

One of the most common questions I am asked by expatriates enrolling at our school, is "Will my child be at the right standards and be able to integrate back into a school in their home country or anywhere else we choose to move onto?" This is a very valid question and at times a difficult one to prove.

We know how well our students are doing but proving how good that is compared to other students in other countries is always valuable. That is why it is always great to hear from families who have moved onto new schools/countries and get feedback about their individual experiences.

Last week I received a couple of emails from the Terpstra Family (Bauke, Jelmer, Irthe and Sybren) who left us at Songkran to settle in Australia. This email gave us valuable information on how each child has settled and the level that their new school felt they were operating at. This allows us another opportunity to assess our standards with external measures. Bertio's conclusion was;

"We feel that St Andrews is absolutely meeting if not ahead of the educational standards and levels here in Queensland, Australia."

The Terpstra family, who are Dutch, were at St Andrews for nearly four years. The children all had limited or zero exposure to the English Language before their arrival and are now being compared with **native** English speakers in an English speaking country. Bertio's only advice is that;

"Perhaps the only challenge St Andrews has is to maintain a high level of English and more complex English in a school where so many children are not native English speakers".

Andy Harrison

School Calendar

The school calendar for the next academic year 2009-2010 has now been published—please see the attachment sent out with this latest issue of Thai Bytes.

School Fees 2009-2010

Please see on the following page the new school fees for the Academic Year 2009-2010. The Directors are well aware of the current economic climate and the impact that it has on our parents, and have tried, once again, to keep our increases to the minimum.

School Fees for the Academic Year 2009-2010 (August 2009—July 2010)

One-time Payment Fees

- **Application Fee of 2,500 Baht** is payable when the application is submitted and is a **non-refundable** administration charge.
- **Entrance Fee of 60,000 Baht** is payable upon initial enrolment **OR** 10,000 Baht is charged termly on top of the tuition fee for the first eight terms, this fee **is non-refundable**.
- **Refundable Capital Bond of 400,000 Baht** is an **optional** one-time payment. A discount of 10,000 Baht per term will be given on tuition fees when a refundable Capital Bond has been paid in respect of each enrolled child. These discounts only apply to full-time children.

Tuition Fees Per Term (x3)

Year Group	First Child	Subsequent child
Nursery (2,3,5 days)	27,250 / 40,875 / 68,124 baht	24,525 / 36,787 / 61,312 baht
Kindergarten (3 full days or 5 half days)	80,520 baht	72,468 baht
Kindergarten (5 full days)	99,100 baht	89,190 baht
Reception	99,100 baht	89,190 baht
Year 1 to 2	105,300 baht	94,770 baht
Year 3 to 6	111,500 baht	100,350 baht
Year 7 to 9	117,700 baht	105,930 baht
Year 10	123,900 baht	111,510 baht
Year 11 (2 terms only)	185,850 baht	167,265 baht
IBDP 1	131,250 baht	
IBDP 2 (2 terms only)	196,900 baht	

Other Fees Per Term (x3)

Lunch (Dependent upon number of lunches per term)	Approx 3,500 baht
E.A.L (English as an Additional Language)	23,100 baht
Book Deposit Fee	5,000 baht Refundable for student in Year 7 – IBDP 2

Transportation (optional)

Route	Return	One-way
Pattaya	19,250 baht	13,475 baht
Rayong	19,250 baht	13,475 baht
Banchang	14,520 baht	10,164 baht