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Dear Colleagues,

The 2013 - 2014 Calendar will be officially published this week, and I draw your attention to the following highlights before then.

1. BINUS Group has a ‘Number of Days’ policy that the schools must adhere to. Based on this policy, each academic year has 190 school days for students and 202 school days for teachers. The 2013 – 2014 Calendar continues to adhere to this policy.

2. Teachers commence the next academic year on 17 July 2013. As is customary, teachers start earlier than students. These days are now called “Planning Days for Teachers” rather than “PD Days for Teachers”. Students commence on 22 July 2013.

3. The Idul Fitri Break is a necessary holiday period, although in 2013 it occurs only 2 weeks after the school year commences. Much serious consideration was given by the BINUS Group to the advantages and disadvantages of placing 10 student days before the Idul Fitri Break.

In conclusion, keeping these 10 (out of the 190) school days before the Idul Fitri Break is seen to be more advantageous than scheduling them at the end of June. The main reason is that adding 10 school days in June does not benefit a large majority of our children who are preparing for external assessments and official examinations (e.g. DP, UN) that occur before June arrives. Leading to more idle time in June.

4. In 2014, the end-year holidays will co-exist with the Idul Fitri Break. The 2014 end-year holidays will add up to 8½ weeks for our children and 7½ weeks for teachers. For that academic year, teachers commence on 6 August 2014, and students commence on 11 August 2014.

5. To reduce disruptions at different times in the year, three days in March 2014 are blocked. Grade Levels may wish to avail of these days for special activities (e.g. field trips, camps, immersions, Group 4 Project).

The official Calendar will come your way soon. Please feel free to contact me personally should you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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