

**Co-Curricular Activities for
The School Year 2018
(February – June 2018)**



Dear Parents,

Two AGs will be available for Kindergarten to Year 4. (Tuesday and on Thursday - in the 6th/7th period). This means that all children must choose one AG for each day. **The exception are the students from Year 1A who are not required to elect an AG for Tuesday.**

Participation in the AGs will be optional from Kindergarten up to Year 2. This means that children not participating in the AG on Tuesday and Thursday must be picked up from school no later than 1.30 pm and they also must be signed out at reception.

I would also ask those parents of children from Kindergarten up to Year 2, (whose children will not take part in the AGs) to please write a short note to the respective class teacher in order to notify them. This exemption letter will then apply for the first semester of the school year.

Years 5 to Year 8 students will only have an AG on Thursdays (in the 6th/7th lesson).

Please choose from the following options below (after discussing with your child) which AG they would like to participate in. **Please fill out the form below and have your child return it to their class teacher by Thursday, 14th December 2017.**

Please also indicate a second preference. Students may not be able to receive their first preference (due to number restrictions) hence anyone who provides a second preference will have an advantage. On the contrary those providing only one may be allocated an AG they might not necessarily want. The AGs below are only for one half of the school year.

Thank you very much for your understanding!!

—
Horst Giesler
Vice-Principal
Head of Middle School

AG-Options – Tuesday (6th/7th period) – Kiga, Year 1B, Year 2 - Year 4

Klückmann → Creative Dance Theatre (Kiga, Year 1B, Year 2, Year 3)

Dance AG is about learning to dance! This AG involves moving the body to music, learning steps and coordination and becoming confident to perform in front of other students, teachers and the general public.

Scheufler → African Drumming (Year 2 – Year 4)

We will explore Rhythms with 3 to 5 parts for djembe, dun duns and percussion instruments. We also sing African songs/chants and play drumming games. There will be a performance at the end of the semester. The students will have lots of fun playing the drums. It is very rewarding for the students to be an important part of a team of drummers.

Inspire Tennis → Tennis (Year 2 – Year 4)

The focus during tennis is on basic hitting techniques and rules of the game. Students will be divided into groups according to their ability. (Language: English)

McNulty → Taekwondo (Year 2 – Year 4)

Studies have shown that the advantages of martial arts practise for children are highly beneficial, and range from academic growth, to a full range of mental and physical development. This program provides your child with a constructive yet fun way to develop their skills in an exciting and safe environment, helping them to get over those hurdles that may be holding them back from fulfilling their full potential. Jason Smith is an instructor with SPIRIT Taekwondo in Brookvale and he is a professional taekwondo coach. (Language: English)

Boky → Wind instruments (Kiga, Year 1B, Year 2 - Year 4)

Students who are interested in learning a wind instrument or are already playing one are very welcome. After the AG students can make arrangements with Mr. Boky for additional private lessons. (Language: English)

Nöckler → Costume AG (Year 2 – Year 4)

Are you creative and interested in trying out making your own costume? In this AG, we will design, plan and make our own costumes. Maybe you will be the winner of the next Halloween parade!

Mihajlovic → **Soccer (Kiga, Year 1B, Year 2 - Year 4)**

Be the best, learn from the best -The AG offers a course designed to develop the potential of every child that attends. It can enhance their confidence, improve ball skills, while ensuring they are fun and rewarding in every sense. Mr Mihajlovic is the owner and head coach of Youth Soccer Academy, boasts a successful international soccer career and has a long relationship with our school. (Language: English)

Meinhardt → **School garden (Kiga, Year 1B, Year 2 - Year 4)**

Our School Garden AG promotes learning with all senses. We are going to continue to plan, establish and care for our school garden. We are also going to start with some landscaping. The students are going to be outside, develop their gardening skills and learn to take responsibility. They will acquire skills about native plants and environmentally appropriate behaviour. Most importantly this AG will foster a sense of enjoyment associated with plants, animals and natural phenomena.

Clark → **Diving into Literature (Kiga, Year 1B, Year 2)**

Students will take time outside the regular classroom to delve into the world of books, both modern-day and classic. For younger children who love to live and learn through literature, this AG will take them on a journey, experiencing the richness of books in hands-on ways, in both English and German. Suitable for students with different language backgrounds. Stories, talking, acting, fun.

AG-Options – Thursday (6th/7th period) – Kindergarten to Year 7

Inspire Tennis → **Tennis (Year 3 – Year 7)**

The focus during tennis is on basic hitting of the ball and the rules of the game. Students will be divided into groups according to their ability. (Language: English)

Scheufler → **African Drumming (Year 2 – Year 6)**

We will explore Rhythms with 3 to 5 parts for djembe, dun duns and percussion instruments. We also sing African songs/chants and play drumming games. There will be a performance at the end of the semester. The students will have lots of fun playing the drums. It is very rewarding for the students to be an important part of a team of drummers.

Valeri & Juri Mavridis/Klückmann/Pedarnig → **Theatre-/ Musical AG (Year 2 – Year 4)**

The Theatre AG will work on new plays and performances. And we are going to be very busy. By the end of Term 2 we will present a short play. So, join in if you like to act, sing and perform on stage.

Harrington → **Art (Year 5 – Year 7)**

In AG Art, students will be encouraged to try something new or develop their own skills further with a variety of art making materials such as; painting, drawing, film, photography, printmaking or sculpture. Students will be guided through demonstrations and tasks over the duration of the AG art course. (Language: English)

Boky → **Chess (Year 3 – Year 7)**

For Chess beginners, the mysteries of the game will be discovered. For those of you who are more advanced, this is the change to improve your game. (Language: English)

Barnes → **Art/Craft/Creativity (Kiga – Year 2)**

In the Art and Craft AG students will unleash their inner creativity using paints, clay, beads, chalk, junk modelling and lots of enthusiasm and experimentation!

Kessin → **Little Scientists (Kiga, Year 1B, Year 2)**

Are you interested in nature, technology, mathematics? This is the right workshop for you! With experiments and the research cycle you will be able to explore a lot of interesting things. Ask questions about nature, formulate hypotheses, develop predictions, gather data, experiment, document and present your findings. You're on the way to become a great scientist!

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Chou → **Mandarin (Kiga - 6. Kl.)**

Why our children need to learn Mandarin now? Because Mandarin is becoming a major world language. Thanks to the support from our school, GISS has provided this opportunity for our children to learn Mandarin at the school. Learning Mandarin will be fun! And also gain knowledge about Chinese culture, customs and its history. Through stories and games, children are encouraged to cultivate their talents and strengthen their confidence too. The class is for children with no or some knowledge of Chinese. Our teacher, Katrina Chou is a native Mandarin speaker, qualified teacher, writer/translator and currently tutoring Y11/12 IB Class in Chinese Literature. Cost: \$80 covering both Term 1 and 2. If you have any questions, please contact Pauline Schuele at [0455 950 691](tel:0455950691). (Language English)

Winchester → **Drama (Year 3 – Year 7)**

This AG offers students the opportunity to explore the different aspects of filmmaking, drama and improvisation. Using skills acquired through drama sports, movement, voice, storytelling and role playing, students will gain a greater insight into the craft of film/drama. Students will work on scenes every week in front of and also behind the camera, strengthening their skills in all aspects of acting for the screen. Students will acquire an increased understanding on script analysis, camera and voice technique in this acting class. (Language: English)

Pfitzer → **German wheel "Rhoenrad" (Year 2 – Year 7)**

The children will learn a variety of exercises in the gym wheel. No previous knowledge necessary. Students should have a minimum height of 125 cm, but should also not be taller than 175 cm.

Mihajlovic → **Soccer (Year 4 – Year 7)**

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Schmitt → **Table tennis (5. – 7. Kl.)**

Table tennis is one of the most popular sports in Germany. If you would like to know more about this great sport, you are very welcome to join the AG. We have an experienced and highly motivated Year 11 student who has plenty of experience in the sport and will pass on his enthusiasm to the students. If you already have a table tennis racket please bring to the AG.

Eickeler → **Robotics with Lego Mindstorm (Year 6 – Year 7)**

This AG is for students who are interested in the fields of computer science and technology. We will build different types of robots, which will solve a variety of tasks. Teamwork, creativity and joy at problem solving are desirable!

Oster → **Out and about – Time to move (Kiga – Year 2)**

Ramp and climb, walk and run, bounce and jump, relax and come to a rest ... In this AG it is all about getting as much exercise as possible. Come rain or shine, explore the world through games, exercise, walks, and experience how much fun you can have by doing Sports together. If you are enjoying being active this is the perfect AG for you.

Ferguson → **Programmieren und IT-Problemlösungen (6. – 7. Klasse)**

An opportunity for students to learn about programming, problem-solving and computer hardware. An introduction to IT software and hardware that will delve into some intermediate content. For year 6 to 7 students interested in computers in any-way, shape or form. Personal computer with administrative privileges required. (Language English) Questions, albertferguson@gemanschoolsydney.com

**Co-Curricular Activities for the school year 2018
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Enrolment form Extra Curricular Activities

Tuesday **Thursday** (please indicate/circle)

Name of Student: _____

Year: _____
(School year 2018)

First preference: _____

Second preference: _____

Signature of a parent or legal guardian: _____

Enrolment form Co-Curricular Activities

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(School year 2018)

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Enrolment form Co-Curricular Activities

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