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UPCOMING DATES

Friday 8th May:	School Closed - Transfer of Powers
Saturday 9th May:	U11 Boy's Football Vs European School
Monday 11th May:	Year 3B Primary Assembly
Monday 11th May:	Start of Health Week
Wednesday 13th May:	NHS Induction Ceremony
Wednesday 13th May:	Cat. D Boy's Football Vs Saint Joseph School
Wednesday 13th May:	U9 Boy's Football Vs Lincoln School
Wednesday 13th May:	Year 4A Service Learning visit - Chepe se Baña
Friday 15th May:	Cat. E Boy's Football Vs Blue Valley



BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

IB 5 Year Evaluation

Thank you to the BSCR community for participating in the IB 5 Year Evaluation process by serving on committees, answering surveys, reviewing policies, and writing our self-evaluation. A special thank you to the Administration, Teachers, Staff, Parents and Students who met with our IB Visiting Team to share your perspective on the IB Diploma Programme at BSCR. The IB has sent us the report on the whole process and given us areas to celebrate as well as areas to consider for future and further development. The teachers and staff have already begun the brainstorming process to tackle the areas where we can develop our IB even more. In the final exit meeting, the IB Visiting Team shared the adjectives used by the students when asked to describe their teachers: Passionate, Supportive, Attentive, Connect learning to real-life examples, Patient, Receptive, Open-minded, Skilled communicator, Honest, Caring, and Fun. We look forward to another 5 year cycle of IB learning and growth!

Kangaroo Maths - Medal Winners

Congratulations to our BSCR National medalists in the Kangaroo Mathematics Competition held in March. More than 8,000 students competed throughout Costa Rica. Well done to all participants!

Bronze Medal Winners:

Harry Lin (Year 5), Alessandro D'Arsié (Year 7), Judy Wu (Year 9)

Silver Medal Winners:

Enrique Zamora (Year 4), Lev Larionov (Year 4), Harold Wang (Year 6), Naima Alvarez (Year 8), Kevin Brown (Year 9), Daniel Brampton (Year 11)

Gold Medal Winners:

Luisa Rodriguez (Year 10), Emiliano Robalino (Year 10)

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Kendo - Japanese Martial Art

Congratulations to Nicolás Guillén (Year 2), Lorenzo Campabadal (Year 5) and Miranda Guillén (Year 6) on earning their first kyu rank in Kendo. The exam, which was being undertaken in Costa Rica for the first time, was administered by Sensei Kudo, who holds the rank of 7th Dan. Kendo is a modern Japanese martial art derived from traditional samurai swordsmanship and is based on physical and mental development through simulated combat with bamboo swords, emphasizing not only technique but also the development of character.

BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY

Anti-bullying Assembly

Last Monday, May 4th, we held an enriching assembly with some of our students, who proudly represented our school's Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. During the activity, the students shared with the school community the main characteristics of bullying, as well as the differences between a conflict and a bullying situation. Through their active participation, they promoted reflection and the development of a positive environment based on respect, empathy, and responsibility. As part of the assembly, the students themselves performed a dramatization, illustrating real-life situations and helping their classmates better understand this important topic and identify appropriate ways to respond.



Digital Footprint and Online Responsibility Workshop

Our Year 5 students recently participated in a meaningful Digital Footprint and Online Responsibility workshop led by T. Amy. Throughout the sessions, students explored what it means to build an online presence and reflected on how their actions in digital spaces can have a lasting impact. As part of the experience, students engaged in discussions and activities that encouraged them to think critically about responsible decision-making online, as well as the importance of respect, empathy, and accountability in virtual

interactions. These shared learning moments aim to strengthen a culture of safe and thoughtful digital engagement within our community.

We appreciate our students' openness and participation, and we invite families to continue these important conversations at home, reinforcing the values that help create a safe and respectful online environment for all.

BSCR NEWS - SECONDARY

IGCSE Award Ceremony

Last Monday, May 4th, we were delighted to present the IGCSE certificates to the current Year 11 students. These are their first international qualifications, which they earned after sitting the November 2025 exams and preparing coursework to send to Cambridge. If you are interested in learning more about the IGCSE programme, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Ana Rojas or to check the information available on the internal IGCSE [website](#).