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Upcoming Dates

Saturday 10th October:	Torneo Kids Athletics, San Isidro (EY1 to Year 5)
Monday 12th October:	BSCR Primary Girls Football Vs. Lincoln School
Monday 12th October:	Start of Year 11NB Mock Exam Week
Tuesday 13th October:	Start of Year 6 MEP Exams
Wednesday 14th October:	Year 7 Science visit to Meliponario
Wednesday 14th October:	BSCR Senior Girls Football Vs. Christian School Monterrey
Saturday 17th October:	PSAT Examinations
Wednesday 21st October:	Last day of classes for Year 11NB
Thursday 22nd October:	Last day of classes for Year 12IB

BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

Service Learning Projects

Over the past few days, we have had the opportunity to carry out various service-learning projects, in which our students have put their knowledge and skills into practice to address the diverse needs of children and adolescents.

Y9C: On Friday, October 2, a representative group spent time with students from the Nairi Awari Rural High School in Siquirres, participating in a gathering that featured recreational and cultural activities as well as experiences connecting with nature. Additionally, they visited Barbilla National Park and officially inaugurated the area where the playground equipment—donated by the students—was installed; this space was designed to foster new opportunities for social interaction and community building within the school.



BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

Y9A: They visited the Casa Luz Home, where they spent time with a group of teenage mothers and their children. Activities included a snack prepared by the students themselves, soccer, board games, and opportunities to interact with the children. It was a valuable experience of exchange, connection, and learning.

Y8A: They visited the El Volcán School, a single-teacher school located in Santa Cruz de Turrialba. There, they spent time with students and teachers and supported infrastructure improvements, such as painting an exterior wall and creating a reading corner to encourage the reading habit. The experience gave them insight into the realities and needs of students in rural areas.



BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY

EYS - Virtual Workshop for Parents

We cordially invite EYS parents to the virtual workshop "Discipline: Structure, Love, and Autonomy," led by psychologist Andreína Azofeifa from our institution's Student Development Services (SDS) team. The workshop will take place online on Thursday, October 15, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., via the following link: [Discipline: Structure, Love, and Autonomy](#). While specifically aimed at EYS parents, the session is open to all families with children in the lower primary grades who wish to gain strategies and tools for managing boundaries and discipline. We look forward to your participation and to sharing this opportunity for reflection and learning.

Chess Success

Congratulations to Lev Larionov (Year 4) on his 3rd place finish in the 'Open Section' (i.e. open to all ages) of the Chess Talent Tournament which was recently held at the Humboldt School.



2026 IB CAS Journey: Cohort Highlights

As our Year 12 students approach the end of their IB experience we would like to share the following information which details their CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service) experiences over the last 2 years. We are extremely proud of each of their students for their commitment to their ongoing holistic development.

200+ Books Collected for Primary Schools	400+ Christmas Gifts & Tags Distributed	3,820m Cerro Chirripó Peak Scaled	100% Student Commitment to Personal Growth
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To learn more about our 2026 achievements, visit the CAS Instagram page: [@cas.bscr](https://www.instagram.com/cas.bscr)

Visual Arts Exhibition

On Thursday 1st October 2026, The Art Department hosted a spectacular evening filled with creative talent. It was a phenomenal success that showcased a vast array of highly creative Year 12IB, Year 11IB Year 11NB and Year 10 IGCSE Visual Art students, exhibiting their art work and transforming the school auditorium into a vibrant and visually immersive and sensory experience. The students presented their themes and explorations of a wide variety of different artistic techniques from 3D stained glass constructions, 3D ceramics, metal etching, 3D mixed media installations and embroidery, crochet and photography, to vibrant printmaking, watercolour, acrylic, ink and pastel work. It was a valuable event for Year 11 IB Visual Arts students, providing an opportunity to engage with the audience in critical dialogue, reflect on their artistic intentions, and use this constructive feedback to inform further refinement and development of their Visual Art work for Year 2. Congratulations to all the students and teachers involved. Please see our social media pages for photos.





Year 6 Learn from our Year 12 Astronomer!

On Monday, our Year 6 students had the exciting opportunity to learn from graduating student Santiago, who has a deep passion for space, astronomy and the universe. Santiago has excelled in both national and international academic competitions, including the Olimpiada Costarricense de Astronomía y Astronáutica (OCAA) and Olimpiada Costarricense de Física (OLCOFI), as well as international competitions such as the Olimpiada Latinoamericana de Astronomía y Astronáutica (OLAA), Olimpiada Centroamericana y del Caribe de Física (OCCAFI), International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) and International Scientific Physics Olympiad (ISPhO). The session was designed to support students as they prepare for their upcoming MEP exam, while also giving them the opportunity to learn from Santiago's experiences and discover more about the fascinating worlds of astronomy and physics. Opportunities like this reflect our school values of Independence, Creativity and Responsibility, encouraging students to develop their own passions, share their knowledge and inspire others. It was a wonderful example of our students learning from and supporting one another across year groups and just one example of Santiago's IB CAS experiences.

