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Seven Days Bulletin



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14th - 20th SEPTEMBER 2026



Save the Date



COMING SOON

11.09.2026 (14h00)

Primary Information Session

14.-15.09.2026

Individual School Portrait Photos

16.09.2026

Grade 4 and 5 M&W Trip

17.09.2026 (10h30-12h00)

University Arts London (UAL) Visit

17.09.2026 (Lunch - P7)

Grade 6 M&W Trip

17.09.2026

MYP & IBDP Parent Evening

18.09.2026 (13:30)

Parent Community Cafe with the
Head of School

22.09.2026 (09h00-10h15)

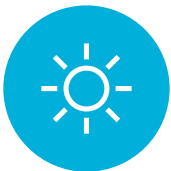
Grade 11 CEM-IBE Testing

22.09.2026

Visit by Sarah Reynolds, Cognita

23.09.2026

Bell Race



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Saturday 12th September

High Ropes Gosau

Waterskiing

Local hike

Sommerrodelbahn Keltenblitz

Sailing

Saturday 13th September

Wallerseelauf (Seekirchen)

*These are the activities planned for the weekend,
however there can be last-minute changes!*

Calendar 2026/27



Learning at StGIS



WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT EVERY STUDENT'S SUCCESS

At StGIS, our Pathway to Education Excellence is a shared journey. When students, parents and school have a common understanding of learning, expectations and support, students are better placed to thrive. Over the coming weeks, parents are invited to a series of information sessions designed to strengthen this partnership and provide greater insight into learning at StGIS.

Coming Soon

Friday 11 September (14.00, on campus):

Primary Welcome Session

Led by Ms Willey, Primary Coordinator, offering an overview of learning and life in Primary School.

Thursday 17 September: MYP & IBDP Parent Evening:
Hybrid event (campus and online)

- MYP Introduction (Grades 6-10) led by Mr La Rondie, MYP Coordinator
- Supporting Your Child led by Mr Gould, School Counsellor
- Diploma Programme Overview led by Mr Patton, IBDP Coordinator

Thursday 1 October: Parent Information Evening:

Hybrid event (campus and online)

- University Guidance (Grades 10-12) led by Mr Patton
- Understanding MYP Assessment led by Mr La Rondie

Academic Integrity

Next week is Academic Integrity Week at StGIS.

Through Summit and Mentor Tutor time, students will explore ownership, honesty and responsibility in learning, including the choices they make when using support, collaboration and digital tools. Our Inquiry Question this year is: *What makes learning truly yours?*

Continuous Online Reporting

Continuous Online Reporting (COR) provides parents and students with timely access to information about learning and progress.

ManageBac: Feedback and comments will begin to appear from Week 3 onwards, supporting ongoing reflection and improvement.

Orah: Behaviour and pastoral information is already available to students and parents.

We encourage families to engage regularly with both platforms and to consult the Parent Portal calendar for key dates, events and updates. For technical assistance, please contact IT Support.



MRS SOMMERVILLE
Head of Teaching and Learning



Safe Start to 2026/27



USE 'KINO' CAR PARK FOR DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

We are excited to welcome you and your children to the school year 2026/27! The first days of school are always filled with joy, curiosity, and new beginnings, and we want to make sure they are as safe and smooth as possible for everyone.

To help us keep the area around the school entrance safe and free from congestion, we kindly ask you to use the "Kino" car park at **Sonnenburggasse 1** for **dropping off** and **picking up** your children.

This small change makes a big difference: it keeps traffic away from the school gates, ensures clear access for emergency services, and gives

our students a safe environment as they arrive and leave each day.

This request also reflects the wishes of our local municipality, who share our commitment to student safety and well-being.

Thank you very much for your understanding, your cooperation, and for helping us start the school year on such a positive note. Together, we can make sure every arrival and departure is safe, calm, and happy!



MRS LOHSE
Head of Operations &
Office Administration



Individual Lesson Program 2026 - 2027

As we start the new school year, it's the perfect time to begin or continue taking lessons on a musical instrument or voice—whether you're a beginner or advanced!

STUDENTS AND PARENTS, PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR COMPLETE DETAILS OF THE PRORAM AND TEACHER BIOS **IN YOUR EMAIL THIS WEEK.**

REGISTRATION **DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15!**
LESSONS WILL **START THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21.**

The lessons are 30 or 60-minutes. The firm costs this year are 30 and 60 EUR respectively per session, per student. Teachers know these are fixed rates. Lessons will be held in Haus Ratz during the school day and always the same day of the week. After registration, the lesson teachers will contact families. They will provide an agreement for students and parents to sign and will directly bill families for lesson costs. Students are

then expected to promptly liaise with their classroom teachers to identify lesson times when their lesson teacher will be on campus. Students will be responsible for any missed classwork and getting homework tasks completed on time.

Teachers are confirmed for the following:

- Voice
- Piano
- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Beginning Flute
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Drums

Coming soon: Guitar
Possibly Music Tech/
Production

Questions, please let me know! – j.lodi@stgis.at



MRS LODI
Teacher of Music



Celebrating a special milestone

THE LAST FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

One of the unique aspects of boarding life is that many important milestones happen away from home. For our students, these can include 18th birthdays, driving test successes, university offers, and many personal achievements, all celebrated alongside their boarding family. It is a privilege to share these moments of joy with our students.

One milestone we particularly enjoy celebrating together is our Kendler students' **"last" first day of school**. For our Grade 12 students, it marks the beginning of a significant year. There is plenty of anticipation for what lies ahead, excitement about future opportunities, and a well-deserved recognition of all the hard work that has brought them to this point.

We are incredibly proud of our Kendler students,

our future ambassadors, and the young adults they are becoming. While this is an important milestone, there is still so much of the year ahead to enjoy. From house events and weekend activities to important celebrations and achievements, there are many more memories still to be made together.

We're thrilled to have our senior students back in the house and can't wait to see another fantastic academic year in Kendler unfold, celebrating every milestone along the way, from 18th birthdays and university offers to driving test successes and everything in between.



MS BRAND

House Parent - Kendler
Learning Support Team





School Photographs



MONDAY 14TH AND TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding formal school photographs on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th September 2026. A detailed schedule will be sent to students so that they know which times to attend. Please note that students must wear their **formal** school uniform for these pictures, which includes a shirt (no polo shirts please) and blazer.

Photograph packets will subsequently be available for purchase to capture the memory of the

2026/27 school year. A photograph pack includes:

- 4 passport photos – in colour
- 1 portrait photo – in colour (15 x 20 cm)
- A digital image in high resolution.

The total cost of a pack is **29,- Euros**.

If you are interested in ordering a photograph pack, **please contact Burgi Swete for payment, by the latest Friday, 11th September:**

accounting@stgis.at

Photo Package (example):



We would like to invite you to our Parent Community Cafe

with the

Head of School



Invited: Parents

When: September 18th 2026 at 13:30

Where: Balcony or Café (weather dependent)



South African Adventure



CONSERVATION AND DISCOVERY, FROM LAND TO SEA

At the beginning of the summer holidays a group of ten students, accompanied by Ms. Willey and Mr. Woodman, embarked on the adventure of a lifetime. We spent the first week of our trip to South Africa in Somkhanda; a large, picturesque game reserve, where we collected data with a group of trained professionals. The second week of this trip was spent at Sodwana bay where we either learned scuba diving or went snorkelling.

Throughout the day we went out into the field or water to learn in practice, while we spent the evening listening to lectures, so that we could fully understand what it was that we were engaging with during our expedition. The combination of this created a fun-filled trip and a truly meaningful learning experience.

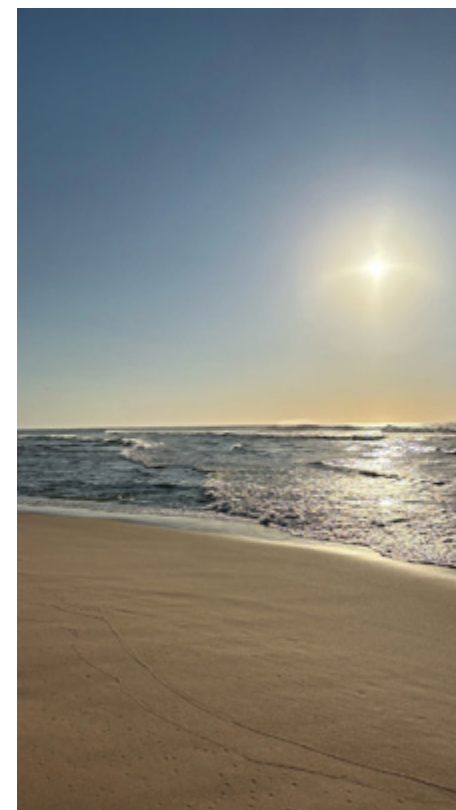
"I'd probably say my favourite moment was the first very scary descent into the cold ocean with all the scuba gear on." Jamie Grade 12

Beyond the activities themselves, the trip also brought us closer together as we acted as a team and shared new experiences, whether working together to collect and record data in Somkhanda or encouraging one another during our time in the water at Sodwana Bay. The combination of conservation, adventure and the people we met made the two weeks particularly special and created memories that will remain long after the journey home.

We experienced everything from identifying animal dung and different kinds of grasses, to snorkelling with dolphins and spotting elephants under a star-strewn sky. Overall, it was a remarkable journey filled with unforgettable experiences.



ANNABELLE
Grade 11 Student





An StGIS Tradition – The Bell Race

Date change - Wednesday the
23rd of September

STARTING THE YEAR AS WE MEAN TO GO ON...

...a little outside of your comfort zone: the place where the magic happens!

We are excited to bring our community together with our annual whole-school tradition: the StGIS Bell Race.

The Bell Race will take place on **Wednesday the 23rd of September**. For new members of our community, the Bell Race is a fun challenge and an opportunity to spend time being physically active in our beautiful natural surroundings. After lunch, we make our way around the lake to Fürberg, where we all (teachers included) run, jog, walk, or race to the top of the 1 km steep hill, where a bell is waiting for you to ring.

All that matters is that you give your personal best. Whether that means breaking your personal record, fast walking to the top, aiming for sub-10 minutes, or a steady mix of running and walking, the Bell Race is a great opportunity to step out of your comfort zone and begin the year as a community, with a rewarding physical and mental achievement.

Please ensure you come to school on the day wearing your StGIS sports kit and running trainers (not lifestyle shoes - the way down can be slippery!). Dress appropriately for the weather on the day, and bring a refillable water bottle to carry with you. As a sustainable school, we do not provide plastic water bottles.

We are really looking forward to conquering this challenge as a whole-school community once again! Listen out for more information from Miss Riley and your mentor tutors closer to the date.

Families, you are warmly welcome to join us! You can either meet us at the bottom by Fürberg at approximately 14:40, if you would like to join the race, or at the top at 15:00 to cheer on our students as they cross the finish line.



MS RILEY
Head of Movement and
Wellbeing/ Athletic Director



Photos from the Bell Race 2025





Library Spotlight

WELCOME BACK: DISCOVER YOUR LIBRARY

A very warm welcome back to everyone in the StGIS community and to all who are new to the school. The Library Spotlight is back for a new school year to keep you up to date with what is happening in the literary world and within the StGIS library.

If you have not had the opportunity to meet with me yet, then please stop by the library. My working hours are on the library noticeboard. Alternatively, I can always be contacted via the library email address: library@stgis.at I am always happy to chat!

There are always so many reasons to visit StGIS library, not just for its books and magazines, but also as a place to relax, hang out with friends, read, research, play games, de-stress and of course get your printing done! It is a place to learn more. StGIS library is ready for the new school year. As always there are new books to be had, An exciting range of new non-fiction and fiction. In addition, the

library has received lots of book donations over the summer which I am slowly working my way through to bring to the shelves.

What do you need to know about StGIS library? The StGIS library is open to all during break times and lunchtimes. All I ask is that you respect the space, put away any games and books after use and do not consume food and drink on the middle and top floor. We have a fantastic collection of books, and the catalogue of books can be viewed online by clicking on the following link:

[Library Catalogue](#)

This link also appears at the end of any email I send. If you see a book on there that you want but it is already checked out, then please let me know and I can reserve it for you and/or chase it up should it be overdue. Equally, if a book does not appear in the catalogue and you think it should be on the library shelves, let me know your suggestions. I have a suggestion box next to the "sign-out" book or email me!



Book donations are always warmly received in the StGIS library. Should you have any books in your mother tongue language that you no longer use/want, please consider donating them to the StGIS library and help build our collection of mother tongue books.



Do make sure you check out the bookshelves in the school cafe, as the sign says, 'Books for All.' These books are for you to take. See a book, like the look of it, take it, read it, it's yours. It is as simple as that! The shelves are regularly updated

so new titles are always being added.

After a lovely long summer break, there are many overdue books out within the StGIS community. It has been encouraging to see the number of books already being returned but please do keep them coming (before you receive an email from me chasing up your overdue books!) I am always happy when the books from the library are in the hands of the community being read and enjoyed by all. It is simple; if you finish with a book, return it!

Look out for an email about becoming a Library Guardian. Come and help take care of the library. As you have heard me say many times, the StGIS library is not mine, it is yours, so be involved!



MRS LA RONDIE
Teacher-Librarian



Menu for the Week

MON 14 th	Hotel Kendler	VEGETARIAN/VEGAN AND GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE.	<i>Soup:</i> Clear beef broth <i>Main course:</i> Turkey Schnitzel with mushroom sauce; roasted potatoes, carrots; Potato and zucchini paddies (V) <i>Dessert:</i> Cake <i>Salad bar</i> <i>Dinner:</i> Variety of grilled sausages, pommes frites; Grilled cheese, vegetables (V)
TUE 15 th	Hotel Kendler		<i>Soup:</i> Vegetable soup (V) <i>Main course:</i> Roast pork, dumplings, potatoes and sauerkraut; Bean stew (V) <i>Dessert:</i> Yoghurt and fruit <i>Salad bar</i> <i>Dinner:</i> Paella with chicken and vegetables; Paella with vegetables (V)
WED 16 th	Gasthaus Wirt am Gries		<i>Soup:</i> Cream of celeriac soup (V) <i>Main course:</i> Pasta with various sauces (tomato (V), cheese (V), creamy ham sauce), vegetables <i>Dessert:</i> Cake <i>Salad bar</i> <i>Dinner:</i> Cevapcici with mashed potatoes and green beans; Vegetable Kotbullar (V)
	Hotel Kendler		
THU 17 th	Gasthaus Wirt am Gries		<i>Soup:</i> Cream of zucchini soup (V) <i>Main course:</i> Chili con carne, chili sin carne (V), wraps, rice; vegetables, sour cream, cheese <i>Dessert:</i> Banana milkshake <i>Salad bar</i> <i>Dinner:</i> Chicken wings, nuggets and wedges; Vegetable "Spätzle" (V)
	Hotel Kendler		
FRI 18 th	Gasthaus Wirt am Gries		<i>Soup:</i> Creamy pumpkin soup (V) <i>Main course:</i> Chicken breast, potatoes, rice, vegetables; Vegetable patties (V) <i>Dessert:</i> Yoghurt & apple sauce <i>Salad bar</i> <i>Dinner:</i> Voucher
	Hotel Kendler		
WEEKENDS	Restaurant Voucher		Hotel Gasthof Kendler/ CASA-M/ Brunnwind/ Nilu's Portofino/ Pizza King Fuschl/ LIVA

If you have any feedback or questions, please send an email to catering@stgis.at



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