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How wonderful to be back on campus after our mid term break. Working at Ascot is an absolute blessing and I love every minute of the work I do, but to take time to rest, connect with friends and family and enjoy a great book, is something I also cherish. Since arriving in Thailand, I have had the great fortune to be able to explore some of the wonderful destinations Thailand has to offer and am constantly reminded of how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful country.

Whenever I live in a new country, I try to learn the language so that I can communicate as respectfully as possible and what I have discovered is that languages are not my strength and that learning something new can be challenging and at times a little intimidating. Trying to grasp the correct vocabulary, sentence structure and tones for me at times makes me nervous as I want to communicate my thoughts but in the same breath, be successful in taking a risk at something I am not proficient at. What I do know is that through practice I become better and even more so, with the mistakes I make, I learn new things.

The same can be said for our students. At Ascot, our language of instruction is English. Whilst we value and honour the languages spoken at home, as a school we must strive to use English around the school. This is the one language at Ascot that is common. COVID has meant that for many of our students and families, playing, communicating and working together has been in our mother tongue (home language) and at times, has limited our students, especially younger students from developing their English capabilities.

As a school we will be encouraging our students to train their minds back into English as our primary communication tool as we move forward with the rest of the school year. I do hope all families can support me in this and we endeavor to help our students return back to the pre-COVID learning environment we had established.