

APRIL 2018

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

It's the end of Term 3 and therefore time for a short break for students and staff who have all been hard at work.

Thank you to the volunteer parents who spent part of a day with our teachers, observing and following what teachers and students do in class. This "Data in a Day" initiative follows on as we are looking to further involve our parents in the life of the school. The feedback from the parents were quite encouraging and also highlighted areas we may try do differently in future. We thank the parents for their honesty, time and interest shown in our students' classroom activities.

Congratulations on this Year's Spelling Bee Champion. In the finals it was between Valentina, Lisa and Gia Huy (Jacky) – and the winner is

A kind reminder that the school fees for 2018 – 2019 academic year have been sent to parents. In order to get the promotions, please stick to the due dates.

School closes on Tuesday 25 April and reopens on Wednesday 2 May 2018 for Term 4.

Thank you to our wonderful parents for all the great support.

Kind regards

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



KIK Celebrating Easter



Spelling Bee Finals



Data in a Day visit

Easter Celebrations in KIK

Easter is an important Christian festival. Christians celebrating Easter are likely to attend an Easter sermon at church, enjoy a meal with family and receive chocolate eggs. The egg is an ancient symbol of new life and rebirth. There are also some more modern traditions to mark Easter which are very common - such as Easter eggs, the Easter bunny and chocolates.

KIK students had a fun filled morning, with each class presenting an Easter song or dance at Exercise Time. Lots of parents were around to watch their children. Each teacher prepared exciting Easter crafts for students from cup painting, basket making, Bunny headbands, to painting and decorating eggs. In the afternoon we had an Easter egg hunt. All students joined in and had so much fun!

3rd Annual SIS@VT Spelling Bee Competition 2018

The Spelling Bee Competition was a great success this year once again.

We whittled the pupils down from all of Years 1 to IGCSE2 to just three top students on Friday. All students had had an opportunity to compete in the heats until we were left with Jacky 5L, Lisa 6G and Valentina IGCSE1.

They battled it out in the Grand Final in front of the whole school. Each student had their own cheerleaders, but there must be special mention to years 5G and L for their support of the second place competitor, Jacky.

Valentina was first to fall on the word *squalid*. Jacky faltered on *caterpillar* and then Lisa spelled her next word, *supposedly*, correctly, which meant she was crowned Spelling Bee Champion 2018, following in the footsteps of David IGCSE1 2016, Tina 7G 2017.



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Spelling Bee



Data in a Day – Parents Visit

Here at SIS Vung Tau, we are always looking to improve on the things we do so we designed a “Data in a Day” activity. This is a chance for a group of parents to have a quick “snapshot” of the teaching and learning that happens in the classrooms. It is a chance for outside interests to collect important data for the management team in the hope that the data will show us our strong points and areas that needs improvement. We were very lucky to be joined by 4 enthusiastic parents of the school who have a strong interest in their child's education. With their help and observations, we can now look further into improving things here at the school.



Parents participating in Data in a Day



STEM IMPLEMENTATION

STEM is an education curriculum that focuses heavily on the subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

STEM schools and programmes approach these key educational subjects in an integrated way so that elements of each subject are applied to the others. STEM-focused learning programmes span from preschool through to college master's degree programmes, depending on resources within a given school system.

1. Senior Managers and key School Leaders attended the recent Google STEM conference in Singapore to learn about STEM Implementation from successful schools in the region.
2. A range of STEM initiatives will be phased into KIK and SIS over the coming academic year. These will include STEM Corners and STEM linked themes in kindergarten classrooms to guide learning activities. STEM clubs will be introduced at our schools as well as holding special STEM days during the school year. Teachers will also provide STEM classroom learning activities that are multidisciplinary and designed to promote critical thinking and build problem solving skills.
3. KinderWorld is collaborating with our US partner, TinkRworks to provide training for Expat and Vietnamese teachers.

Coming up in Term 4

We can't believe how quickly this year has flown by. It seems just a few days ago we were welcoming the students to the start of our 2017-2018 Academic Year.

In Term 4 we've a lot of things to achieve before we can all enjoy a well-earned summer vacation.

- Final exams start on the 21st of May – get studying!
- Lots of exciting after school activities for term 4, gymnastics, Splash club, Minecraft, soccer, cricket and chess to name just a few.
- Graduation practice - teachers and students are already hard at work preparing for the graduation - dancing, singing and performances to blow your mind are being worked on. Graduation will take place on the 21st of June at Maxim's.



Mr James' IGCSE classes have been working hard on forming human pyramids in their PE classes.

We would also like to wish them luck as they start writing their exams in April.



**APRIL REVIEW
IN PICTURES AT
SIS@VT**



The Nursery and K1 students have been learning to cut in straight line and enjoyed a nature walk around the school



Prep students have been enjoying the swimming programme in PE



Year 5L students are reviewing Maths by using shapes to create masterpieces, such as this rendering of Donald Trump.