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Dear Parents

It has surely been an active and fun filled Term 3. Students have loved the learning, the excitement of coming to school and having fun whilst exploring new learning and trends across the curricula.

Our After School Programme activities were varied and numerous and students eagerly participated and took advantage of the relaxed atmosphere where they could enjoy the time out. The highlight certainly was our inter-house sports day competition held at our campus. Walking around and watching the students participating, one could feel the adrenalin rush. Congratulations to all the participants and to the various winners.

Students who are struggling with their English specifically, have now further support from teachers. Teachers are now helping students during either morning break or lunch breaks to revise and assist struggling students. Please further liaise with Mr Ben if your child has not been included in any of the groups for additional support.

Mr Seamus is also assisting students struggling with Mathematics. Students can contact Mr Seamus directly and check out which days the groups are meeting.

With the many excursions during the last week of school, students were exposed to various activities relating to their learning, virtues programme and or real life imitations. These excursions open the minds, widen the experience levels and could lead to further ideas for students to follow.

Term 4 will start on Monday 5 May 2014. The final SA 2 exams will start on 7 June 2014, which gives us just a month to complete the remaining work for the year. Students will be quite involved with preparation work for the exam. In addition to homework, students will also have to do online work to ensure their understanding of how to answer questions in the final exam. We are asking parents to do their bit in supervising the students at home and see to it that they complete all tasks.

We are also looking forward to the end of year Graduation and Concert ceremony, which will be held on Sunday 6 July 2014 starting at 11H 00 am. Concentrated practice sessions will be during school hours following the exams in preparation of this prestigious annual event.

Thank you for your continued unselfish support

Warmest regards

Dudley Schroeder

Principal



Above: Ms. Marianne with her "stars of the week".



Above: The K2 class enjoying their Easter treats.

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Above: Students showing off their Easter creations in style!



Above: Picking up litter from the beach – great work kids!



Above: Just one of the benefits of doing community service around Vung Tau; people can enjoy a nice, clean beach with family and friends.

Classroom Activities

During the last week of term, the favorite theme for all classes was about the traditions of Easter. The children participated in lots of fun Easter crafts; the prep students made a basket of Easter eggs and Easter chicks. They painted and decorated their chicks by themselves with their favorite colors.

Besides having fun with teachers and friends on excursions, Prep Int'g students also continued to practice their reading skills during the library sessions. They chose the book they liked and shared the book with the teachers and friends. They read exactly what was inside the book and this was apparently not easy for their level however, they sat in front of everybody and told the story to the best of their ability. One of the virtues of our school is perseverance and they demonstrated this virtue very well. Ms Thuong would like to wish all of her students in prep to have a nice, well-earned rest!

Community Service and Excursions

Prep Field Trip – Operation Beach Clean!

Community service is a very important activity and benefits everyone who lives in Vung Tau, especially if you went to the beach this past week!

In keeping with our themes this term which have been concerned with the environment, Prep students recently went to the beach next to the Lan Rung Hotel armed with big black bags and plastic bags on their hands and did a good job of ensuring any debris was removed from the beach as part of their, 'anti-pollution in Vietnam' campaign. Afterwards they played in the sand and paddled in the water until thirst and hunger overcame them, and everyone went across the road to Ms Veronica's house for snacks and cool drinks. The combination of a job well done and fun in the sun made for a great morning out. Thank you, Ms Veronica for sharing your house with a group of very excited students!



Above: Year 5 and 6 enjoying life as firemen.



Above: One-legged skating demonstrated with precision by year 7 and 9.



Above: The prep students enjoying art and craft time at Bambino Villa in our very own Vung Tau City!

Year 5 and 6 Excursion

Some great educational fun was had by the year 5 and 6 students at Vietopia this term. Vietopia is an edutainment (education + entertainment) centre located in district 7, Ho Chi Minh City. The centre provides children with many real-life jobs in which they have to complete in order to get paid! Once they have enough money they can enjoy other activities like making Pepsi, going on a flight simulator and baking cakes. One of the highlights was the job as a fireman (pictured left). The students were able to use real-life hoses and spray water at a burning building! Please note the fire was NOT real.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Excursion

All three year levels went to Ho Chi Minh to experience the difficult and sometimes dangerous sport of ice-skating. The eager students were not scared and courageously battled the fake ice and took to the arena. Superstar ice-skaters were Jaiden (Y9), Uyen (Y9) and Betty (Y9) who all showed excellent creativity in finding ways of not falling over! The other students received house points for getting up straight away after crashing to the ground!

Prep Excursion

Bambino Villa is a modern, well-run play centre in Vung Tau and the children can enjoy the outdoor equipment, a play area with all sorts of wonderful and creative toys, a lego room and an arts and crafts area for budding artists. The children had a wonderful time as we took over the Villa for the morning, and it was only hunger that made them want to leave!

Year 3 and 4 Excursion

Another visit to Binh Chau hot springs was made by our students. This time the Year 3 and 4 students enjoyed the boiling bathing water, the egg boiling and the walk around the nature trail.

Below: Sports day action...Football, Dodgeball and Badminton.

SIS@Vung Tau Sports Day

Not satisfied with one sports day this term, our school decided to have another sports day (pictured left) and this time the location was our school. After such a long term, the idea of a sports day may have been a scary thought for most normal students but our energetic students were ready for action!

The sports played on the day were football, dodgeball, badminton and the ever-popular egg and spoon race. As this was a house event, the competition between the students was intense but friendly. There was an award for the house that showed the best sportsmanship on the day and so the games were fair with lots of shaking of hands. There were also special awards for outstanding play and the recipients of these awards were; Mia from the house of Phoenix, Tony from the house of Unicorn and Joanna from the house of Dragon. Well done to you three!

As for the final results, Phoenix and Dragon shared 1st place with 160 points each. Unicorn picked up the sportsmanship award and came in second place with 130 points. Well done to all who participated in the events.

In Other News

For our final assembly of the term the students were treated to a great rendition of "Amazing Grace", performed by Mr Zeus' recorder class (pictured bottom left). With about 20 students playing at the same time, the sound was very loud but was pitch perfect and in rhythm. Keep up the good work recorder players!

A big congratulations to some of our year 7, 8 and 9 students who took part in the inaugural, "color me run" in Ho Chi Minh City. Our students showed some excellent organization skills by booking the tickets and travelling to Ho Chi Minh to run the 5 km around the City whilst having paint and colorful powder thrown at them!



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