



VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

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To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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Dear Parents

It was indeed a pleasure to have played host to the WASC visiting Committee who came to validate what we are doing, how students learn, what they learn and to ensure that we comply with international standards. They have completed their findings and we are awaiting the final report which we expect in early May.

Our students have also been continuously hard at work, completing projects in Social Studies, coming to grips with concepts and terminologies in the core subjects and also had an opportunity to play some football matches in Ho Chi Minh.

We are also very proud of our students in the Integrated Programme who did relatively well in the English Online Competition as well as in the Mathematics competition arranged by our local DOET.

Notices:

- Dairy Farm Fieldtrip – Friday 25 March: Primary
- Excursion to Vietopia – Wednesday 30 March
- School Camp – Friday and Saturday 1 & 2 April 2016 at Ngoc Xuong Eco Resort in Long Hai (Years 5 to IGCSE 1)

Thank you all for the continued unselfish support.

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



Above and Below: The WASC team are giving their final report to the teachers and staff at the school. They were here for 5 days and thoroughly examined the school and the way we do things here.





Above: Just some of the great art work on display at the Pullman Hotel. (Pictures courtesy of Pullman Hotel facebook page). Also, the cheerleaders and football players together after the tournament in Saigon.

WASC Visit

The Principals, teachers and Doctors who work for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) spent a week at our school from 14-18 March. They were here to investigate, validate what we are doing and if we are successful, will award us the accreditation which will be a huge benefit for our students wanting to study overseas especially in the USA. The WASC Team came from all over the world including Hong Kong, USA and Malaysia and they brought with them years of experience in education and how schools function.

They were very impressed with how the school is run and gave the teachers and staff a very pleasing report. They audited many areas of the school, from how the Student Council operates to how the teachers and parents interact with each other. They especially liked the students at our school and thought they were very happy and safe in the school surroundings. The WASC team spent 5 days in and out of the classrooms and observed what was happening inside the classes. Of course the teachers were very well prepared and the WASC team was happy with what was happening inside the classrooms.

They also loved Vietnam and Vung Tau. They dined most nights in the restaurants around Vung Tau, experiencing the fresh sea food and also the many western eating areas we have here. We would like to thank all the parents who were involved in the process directly and indirectly and to all our students for being who they are – happy, wonderful and exuberant little people ...

Art Show at the Pullman Hotel

Earth Day was the event and artwork from our students was on display at the Pullman Hotel in Vung Tau. Ms Lindsay and her Primary Art classes were hard at work creating some excellent pieces of art for Earth Day. The work was displayed from Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 March and was viewed by many people who were staying at the hotel at the time. Thank you to all who supported the students and also to Ms Lindsay who so ably assisted all our primary students with the exhibition.

Reminder: Our school website is:

<http://vungtau.sis.edu.vn> (English version)

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Class Activities

The Year 2G and ICT classes have been learning about photography and spent one lesson taking pictures of all sorts of things. They had a checklist which they had to complete and some of their pictures turned out really wonderfully! They are very excited to get to the next step of the process where they get to edit their photos on the computer.

Year 1:

Optimism is defined as hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something. The Year 1 class embodied optimism during their presentation at the Assembly on Wednesday, 16 of March. The students did a short play where two students wanted to give up football and balancing acts because they thought they would never be successful. Luckily two of their friends reminded them to stay optimistic! The Year 1 class then performed a dance to the song "Tomorrow" from the hit Broadway musical "Annie." It was a lovely presentation and the students definitely demonstrated that they are confident communicators!

Saint Patrick is the foremost patron Saint of Ireland. Therefore on the 17 of March every year, many people of Irish decent all over the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day (even non-Irish people too). Since SIS at Vung Tau is an International school with students and staff members from around the world we strive to be Global Citizens. It is important for all students and staff to learn about and appreciate other cultures and traditions. As such the Kindergarten and Year 1 students joined forces to learn about and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. They learned new words and phrases such as leprechaun, shamrock, rainbow, and pot of gold. The students were very excited to learn more about different cultures and celebrate something new. It was a wonderful and an enriching experience for all involved!

Year 7 (written by Year 7):

In Science, we have been learning about "light". In Mathematics we learned about volume and surface area. In English we are learning about advertisements and use of emotive language. Our SOSE project on Global Economy is being presented in our classes. In our English tests we are achieving high marks ranging between 80-100%.

We enjoy learning here as well as making new friends. The food in the canteen has improved greatly since last year.

"All the teachers here improved my grades and school skills."
– Ugo Pizzato.



Above: Mr Mark organised a viewing of the partial eclipse of the sun by the moon on March 9. The students gathered on the rooftop of the school and viewed the phenomenon through specially designed glasses which enabled them to see the sun and the moon without impairing their sight.



Above: Students taking photos for Ms Brigid's class and the 3 football teams that travelled to Saigon for the soccer tournament

Football

Our students love football. If you happen to be in the school between the hours of 3.30pm and 5.30pm you will see that everyday the students are outside playing football. We have Mr Tor (Erik's Dad) coaching a football team every Wednesday and he posed the question to us on one sunny afternoon: "Can we play other football teams in Vung Tau?" We said, "No". But what we did arrange was a tournament in Ho Chi Minh City against our sister schools, Binh Duong and Saigon South.

So the idea was set and planned out for 34 football players and cheerleaders to head to the Big City to play football. There were 3 teams – two U14 teams and one U19 team. The U14 teams were very kindly given a football kit by Coach Tor which resembled the Italian national team football shirt: Let's just hope they don't play as bad as the Italian national team (sorry Ugo and Valentina!).

The U14 played very well. They managed to win games, draw games and only lose a couple of games. The games were played under the baking sun and temperatures were hitting 35 Celsius. Water was flowing between games and the students were gasping for air during the matches. They still played with great energy and enthusiasm. Well done to Coach Tor and his players who did extremely well.

The U19 team played very well. They won, lost and drew and were only out of the competition by goal difference. Bill scored an absolute belter from the half-way line which astonished the crowd and was celebrated by the team after the game. They also had their own football shirts which resembled the French team PSG and they also played better football than PSG! Well done U19s. Maybe if they play in Arsenal shirts the team will perform even better?

Following the tournament, the players and cheerleaders were treated to a meal at Kichi Kichi restaurant in District 7. Luckily the food was all you could eat (buffet style) and so the players made good use of this offer. The meal was very kindly donated by some of the parents of the U19 team and we are very grateful for this gift. Again, parent support has been the driving force behind the events we organize at school.

On the academic side, we would like to wish all our students in the Integrated Programme the very best with their forthcoming final exams starting mid-April.