



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

The end of Term 1 for the new school year is approaching very fast. Our students and new teachers have all settled in and the work load has been strenuous in some levels. It was a long 12 weeks for Term 1 with much work completed.

Apart from the academic year, fun was had by students and staff and even parents during the term. Further information can be found inside the newsletter.

Our excursion and fieldtrip programmes will start the week of 19 October for most of our students. Letters have been sent to parents and it is important to note that each student must bring his / her own water bottle, a sun hat, comfortable shoes, and sunscreen where necessary and be dressed in their P E Uniform.

The following week, 26 October, students will be going for swimming at Vietsovpetro pools. Letters have been sent to parents with the necessary information and requirements. Please ensure that your child has his / her swimming gear, towel, sunscreen if needed and a sun hat for the swimming days. Please note that for safety and security reasons parents are not permitted at the pools. The necessary arrangements for security and safety have been made.

Fun activities including some competitions as well as a musical extravaganza have been arranged for the last day of school. The Student Council will have some drinks sales on the day to support our local charity organisations.

Please note that the last day of school is Friday 30 October and we reopen on Monday 9 November 2015.

Happy holidays everyone.

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



Above: The obligatory sack race: Demonstrated by Year 2's Max.



Above: Prep students making their lanterns for the Mid-Autumn festival.

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Above: Teamwork at its best! Even the very young ones know the meaning of collaborative learning.



Above: Steady as he goes. Concentration and skillful hands are needed here.



Mid-Autumn Festival

Whilst the wind howled, the smog enveloped us and the rain poured during this stormy month, the students were safely tucked away in their classrooms perfecting their festival performances.

This year's performance was well supported by parents and they were treated to some exceptional displays of courage, creativity and imagination. Mia and Kim were the MCs for the event and they did an excellent job of introducing the performances.

The Nursery and K1 students opened the festivities with a well sung tune called, "Dem Trung Thu". This was then followed by a hilarious yet brilliantly executed fashion show by the students from K2 to Prep. Not only did they have great outfits but they had also practiced doing the catwalk down the aisle!

The following acts included Year 2 singing and dancing to "Ruoc den thang 8" which is a Vietnamese classic. The Year 3s danced to "Chu Cuoi choi trang" which really got the crowd going with excitement. The Year 4 and 5 students danced to "Anh trang tre tho" which was a favourite amongst the teachers and staff. The Lotus Flower dance was one of the highlights of the show (see pictures). With the students dressed colourfully in pink, white and green they elegantly paraded through their dance steps with precision and style. They added value to their performance by using matching fans which they delicately positioned to form the shape of a lotus flower. Excellent job by the students. The senior students then danced their hearts away to "Everybody dance now" and "Ruoc den thang 8".

After the excitement of the performances had died down, the students then broke into their Houses and were given the task of creating a lantern. This gave them the chance to use their imagination and creativity and used recycled material to create the lanterns. Some excellent designs were made and the students worked really well as a team. But as always there can only be one winner and yet again this was the House of the Dragons.

During the lantern making, the younger students were involved in some fun activities on the soccer field including sack races, egg and spoon races and running races.

A great celebration enjoyed by all indeed!

Above and Below: The students performed an amazing dance of colour and elegance for the Mid-Autumn festival. Similar to the hat performance last year, this year they used traditional fans.



Above: The student council 2015-2016. Good luck!



The Student Council

The votes have been counted and the new Student Council has been chosen for 2015-2016. Armed with new badges, the Student Council this year hopes to follow in the footsteps of the great Council we had last year. They have had one meeting this year and some fantastic ideas were being shared with the meeting moderators, Mr Reuben and Mr Dudley. Please welcome the new members: Uyen (Y10), Carol (Y9), Jenny (Y8), Mark (Y7) and Mia (Y6). They will have helpers this year and they are Joanna (Y7) and An (Y7). They hope to organize at least one charity event each term to raise money for local causes.

Student Jobs

The jobs are back! This year the students could choose from 3 jobs on offer. The I.T Angel positions are still here and they really helped the teachers last year by keeping the I.T room clean, safe and presentable. This year's Angels are Eric (Y6) and Lucia (Y7). Already Erik is showing his management skills by delegating his work to Kim in Year 6. The activities coordinator jobs help the teachers immensely and this year the important job goes to Ben (Y6) and Lily (Y6). Finally, as mentioned earlier we have two Student Council helpers who are Joanna and An. All the students who applied and received jobs receive 10 house points a week and help the teachers hugely by completing their weekly jobs.

House Competition

We had our first whole school House competition this month. The students have been put into their new Houses and they had to design a new banner with ALL their names written onto it. The early leader is the House of Dragons with a 200 point advantage over the House of Phoenix, followed closely by last year's winners Unicorn and then Hydra in last place.

The next competition will be our school's Sports Day to be hosted by Mr Andrew and supported by the Student Council. As sports day is usually a hot and tiring day, the Student Council will open a refreshing ice cold drinks stand in the canteen. The money from this mini-fundraiser will, as always, be saved and then used towards local charities. More news on this will follow shortly.

We look forward to an exciting event and may the best prepared House win on the day.

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Above: Ready! Steady! Go! The kindergarten sports day was great fun for the little ones of the school.



Above: Socially responsible students. An idea that needs to be taught to tomorrow's leaders. Our school's excursions will include activities that benefit and help the community of Vung Tau.



Above: Teamwork and strength will see you win at this game.

In other News

KINDERGARTEN SPORTS DAY

Kindergarten Sports Day was held on Thursday 1 October 2015 and was a great success for all involved. All the students participated in different events such as Sack, Obstacle, Towel and ball races, and win or lose, there was great excitement from parents and students alike. Highlights also included parent/child three legged races where a substantial number of parents took part – good job, Moms and Dads! – and the Teachers Race where our Kindergarten staff bravely undertook an obstacle race of their own. Mr. Dudley presented the awards at the end of the morning and the event looks set to becoming an annual one due to its popularity with students and parents alike.

Active and Responsible Global Citizens

On 13th October, students of Years 5 & 6 had a great trip to the Youth Cultural House to make cupcakes. They were introduced to the baking process - choosing ingredients, mixture, baking and decorating. The students had a very nice time eating their cupcakes after decorating them. After that, they did fun activities and team building games at the beach. They played very well with each other, helping them understand teamwork better. They also realised that they have to look after their community and litter-picking was one small way to do that. The teachers had a very nice day too!

Academic Awards Policy

The Academic Awards policy has been reviewed to provide clearer guidelines for students, parents and teachers.

For the International Programme, the award is called Academic Champion Award and is awarded for the highest overall academic result for the school year in English, Maths and Science for each International class in Years 1 – 8. The overall result must be 85% or above.

For the Integrated Programme, the award is called Academic Champion Award – English and is awarded to the highest overall academic result for the school year in English for each Integrated class in Years 1 – 5 and English and EPP for each Integrated class in Years 6 – 9. The overall result must be 85% or above. We ask that parents please take note of this change.