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# TAU NEWSLETTER

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## ***A festive message from the principal...***

As we conclude two successful terms of 2025, we are proud to reflect on the many milestones we have achieved together. Our campus has undergone significant changes in teaching and learning, and we are delighted to share that our students have adapted exceptionally well, demonstrating resilience and achieving outstanding success.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to you, our parents, for your unwavering support of our Teaching and Learning programs. Your engagement and encouragement, combined with the dedication of our staff, have created an environment where students can thrive.

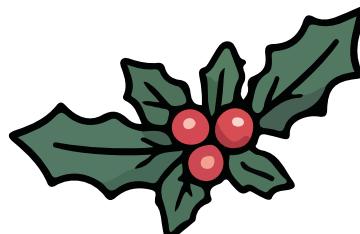
Congratulations to our students for their excellent academic performance, as reflected in the recent SA1 examination results. This is truly a time for celebration—a well-deserved holiday to relax, spend quality time with family and friends, and embrace the peace and goodwill of the season.

One of the highlights of these past two terms was our Christmas Charity Fair, which was enthusiastically supported by our community. Thanks to your generosity, we reached our target of 87 million VND, making a meaningful difference for children in Vietnam.

On behalf of the entire school community, thank you for your kindness and commitment. We wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a joyful start to the New Year.



Dudley Schroeder  
Principal





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## *Congrats to November's Star Readers!*

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Year 1 - L

Year 2 - L



**THARITSAWAN  
THONGTANOM**



**CHAWAKORN  
CHUTIMANUKUL**



**NGUYEN  
PHUC THINH**

Year 3 - L

Year 4 - L

Year 5 - L



**LIE HOANG  
MAGNUS LOKE**



**CHEN SHU SHAN**



**IRIS CLAIRE  
RANOLA LAUDERES**



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Year 6 -G



Year 7 -G



Year 8 -G



**NGUYEN  
MINH THY**



**BUI  
KHANH HUNG**



**NGUYEN HOANG  
TRUNG HAI**



**"Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better." -Pat Riley**



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## *Christmas Charity Fair*

On 12 December, Singapore International School Vung Tau proudly hosted its annual Christmas Charity Fair, bringing together parents, students, and friends of the school community. The event was filled with festive cheer and featured wonderful performances by students from Kindergarten through to IGCSE, with teachers also joining in to entertain the audience.





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A variety of food and game stalls added to the excitement, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere for all attendees. The celebration was further enhanced by several lucky draws generously sponsored by IBIS & Mercure Hotels, Me Buffet, and Ho May Park. The top three prizes were exclusive vouchers from PNJ Jewellery.





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The event successfully raised funds to support those in need, particularly women and children. The generosity shown by SIS Vung Tau parents and the wider community was truly heart-warming.

Above all, the Christmas Charity Fair provided a meaningful opportunity to come together, reflect on the year, and celebrate our strong sense of community as one big SIS Vung Tau family.



*Merry Christmas, everyone.*



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## ***VEX V5 Southern Regional Competition – Ho Chi Minh City***

At the beginning of November, our VEX Robotics team—made up of five dedicated students: Ben- Nhat Minh Ben Bui, Phil - Minh Phuc Bui, Riley Erasmus, Mea Renae Dunlap, and Asena Guvanjova —travelled to SSIS in Ho Chi Minh City to compete in the Southern Regional VEX V5 Competition against 35 other teams.

Our students had been working tirelessly since April 2025 to design and build a competition-ready robot for this year's game, Push Back. The challenge involved robots collecting hexagonal balls and scoring them into pipe goals strategically placed around the arena. It was a test of engineering, programming, and teamwork.





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Despite being a small and relatively new team, competing against much larger groups of up to 15 students from grades 6–12, our students rose to the occasion. The atmosphere was electric, with teams battling fiercely for a chance to qualify for the National Championship in Ha Noi.

Through determination and creativity, our team earned the Judges Award, securing a spot at the nationals! Over the two-day event, they played seven matches—five on Saturday and two on Sunday—ensuring every team member had a chance to compete. They even made real-time adjustments to their robot during the competition to improve performance, showcasing adaptability and problem-solving skills.

More than the wins, the experience was invaluable. The students learned lessons in design, strategy, and collaboration that will serve them well in future competitions. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and achievement.

Looking ahead, we're excited to continue building on this success. We're recruiting new members to join our robotics team as we prepare for upcoming competitions in Ho Chi Minh City and beyond—maybe even the World Finals one day! If you are interested, please ask Mr Kieron.



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## *A KIK Christmas*

*December has been a joyful and exciting month for our KIK students, filled with festive activities and happy moments as we prepare for Christmas together.*

### **Classroom & Hallway**

#### **Decorations**

The students enjoyed decorating our classroom and hallway with Christmas colors and handmade crafts. Through these activities, they explored textures and colors while proudly helping to create a festive learning environment.



### **Practice for the Christmas Charity Fair**

Our KIK students have been practicing their performance with lots of enthusiasm. Even though they are still very young, they enjoy moving to music, following simple actions, and joining group activities with smiles and excitement.





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## Christmas Charity Fair Night

The highlight of the month was our Christmas Charity Fair Night, where families came together to celebrate:

- KIK Performance – a sweet and cheerful performance by our little stars
- Food Stalls – delicious treats prepared for the event
- Game Stations – fun games for children and families to enjoy together.

It was a wonderful evening full of laughter, sharing, and community spirit.

Thank you, parents, for your continuous support and cooperation. We truly appreciate being part of your child's learning journey and look forward to more joyful moments ahead.





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## ***December Awards Ceremony***

Our December Awards Ceremony celebrated the wide range of achievements accomplished by our students both in and beyond the classroom. Awards presented included the ASMO (Asian Science and Maths Olympiad) National Medals, Raz-Kids Primary Reading Awards, ReadTheory Reading Awards, Typing Club Certificates, and STEM Awards. We were also proud to acknowledge a student who achieved success outside of school, winning a silver medal at golf tournament—an excellent example of dedication and perseverance beyond academics.





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We encourage parents to inform the school of any awards, competitions, or accolades their children achieve outside of school so we can continue to recognise and celebrate student success as a whole-school community.



Congratulations to all award winners!



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## ***Pet Rocks Bring Science to Life for Year 2L and 3L***

Students in Grades 2L and 3L recently enjoyed a fun and creative science activity as they turned ordinary rocks into extraordinary “pet rocks,” combining learning with imagination and hands-on exploration.

As part of their science unit on rocks and soil, Grade 2L students explored different types of rocks and learned how to identify them based on their characteristics. To deepen their understanding, learners selected rocks and transformed them into unique pet rocks, giving each one a personality of their own. This engaging activity helped students connect classroom learning to real-world materials in an exciting and memorable way.





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Grade 3L students also joined in the fun, linking the activity to their upcoming unit on changes in materials. Using granite, concrete, and pieces of tile, the Grade 3 learners examined how different materials can be used, shaped, and decorated. This hands-on experience laid a strong foundation for their future learning while encouraging creativity and problem-solving.

The classroom was filled with excitement as students painted, decorated, and proudly displayed their pet rocks. The results were truly amazing, showcasing not only the students' understanding of science concepts but also their creativity and enthusiasm.

This joyful learning experience proved that science can be both educational and fun, leaving Grades 2L and 3L with lasting memories—and some very special pet rocks to show for it.

