



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's that time of year again when **friends** and **family** think about the Christmases of the past and plan for the coming holiday with their loved ones in mind. As we reflect on this **wonderful holiday**, we must keep in mind that **Christmas** is not just any holiday but may be the most important one of the year for some people. It is a time for remembering, a time to share the goodness of your heart with others, and for expressing with words and gifts what someone means to you. It is a chance to **make wishes come true** and to give something from your heart." Make this Christmas a special occasion for all. <http://www.wishesquotes.com/christmas/christmas-wishes>

We have achieved so much this year already, academically and socially – the growth of our students still astound us. Thank you to all parents for their wonderful and unstinting support thus far. From the cultural celebrations to academic performances and celebrations, you have been with us all the way and we, students and staff applaud your commitment to our school, our staff and most importantly our students.

The last event of the year, our Christmas Charity Fair, which was held on Friday 11 December, is proof of the wonderful support, the jovial and relaxed atmosphere and the appreciation from all for a year filled with success so far.

The Christmas break will afford students and staff a break and a chance to reflect and refocus on our immediate goals for after the holidays. Our students will have to work on exam preparation and spend some time reading through their work as well as reading books for pleasure.

Thank you again to all who have donated and supported the worthy causes organised by the school.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone!

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



Above: Students from our school interacted with students from the Orphanage Education Centre at Long Hai. Our donations will certainly help the staff with their daily tasks of feeding over 140 students! Below: The cheerleaders performing at the Fair



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Operation Smile

Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

Below: The students enjoying the Christmas Fair



Above: Photos from the Xmas fair. So much fun was had that night and Santa was very pleased with his hot dog.

Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Charity Fair was held on 11 December 2015 and was, once again, a great success. The rain, wind and tropical storm-like weather from last year held off and everyone was greeted with clear, star-ridden skies.

The sausage factory (Mr Victor's hot dog stand) was very popular and provided guests with a deliciously barbecued sausage with an onion topping – a perfect warm weather treat. Guests were entertained with a selection of games which included: Target Shot, Lucky Numbers, Splat the Teacher, Sparklers, and many more fun things.

As the night went on, big ticket winners were finding out their prizes and the lucky winners won a trip to Bangkok, a trip to Phu Quoc Island and a night's stay in a luxury hotel. Other prizes were donated by restaurants and services around Vung Tau.

Students from the IGCSE1 class had their work cut out for them as they had to run their own stall. They sold cakes, sung songs and organized the Target Shot competition. They learnt that it takes a lot of hard work and sometimes failures to become successful in business. However, that stall alone raised over 3 million VND - so hardwork does pay off. Mr Andrew's basketball shot was a huge success and well done to Jackie for winning the big prize of an awesome new basketball. Well done also to Parker for guessing the correct amount of candy in the jar. The Kindergarten teachers did a great job in selling all those meals! Not everyone picked up their meal because the hot dogs filled them up before they reached the canteen!

As the moon shone down and the performances came to an end, the students expended the last of their energy and buried deep into their pockets to purchase some final snacks. The teachers, now resembling zombies, pushed for some last minute sales and gave away some final prizes to the delight of the students and parents.

For all the efforts from students, teachers, staff and of course parents the school managed to raise a huge total which will be counted and given to the charity's organizers who will be very thankful for this donation. The final tally will be communicated to parents as soon as all the checks and balances have been completed.

Thank you to all who attended, donated and enjoyed the sales. Thank you also to our wonderful students who performed on stage to the delight of our parents.

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Teacher's Day Celebrations

This year we had a great Teacher's Day celebration. Organised by Mr Andrew and Ms Michelle, the students made some great Christmas decorations which were on display at the Christmas Fair. They also gave the teachers a break and enjoyed watching a Christmas film in the hall. Before the film, the students enjoyed the "let's dance" exercise and fitness for half an hour.

Social Studies

This year, our students are working as hard as ever to sharpen their writing, research and presentation skills in Social Studies. A few weeks ago, we held a very successful first term project fair in which students from Year 5 to Year 9 shared the customs of other cultures through celebrations held around the globe. The fair, which featured displays, traditions and food from the many celebrations, was attended by fellow students, parents and teachers alike. In Term 2, the good work will continue as many students will be writing their first ever research paper, this time learning about the critical environmental and conservation issues related to Vung Tau, Vietnam, and the world. At the end of the term, students will also be creating posters which will help educate their peers, teacher and parents about the important issues they are learning about. Look forward to more exciting projects and accomplishments for our Social Studies students in 2016!

Long Hai Visit

Every year the school raises some extra money for the local orphanage and Skills Center here in Vung Tau and Long Hai. This year was no exception and thanks to some great work from the Student Council, the school managed to raise 11m VND and bought some much needed supplies for the children. The money was from the Green Day we had in November so once again, a big thank you to all those who donated and bought. Delivery of the supplies took the same form as last year, with 13 students taking the trip to Long Hai and performing two cheerleading dances. The performers were then treated to a sightseeing tour of the school and all that happens there. Among the various skills, they saw 12 year old children learning how to sow seeds and fix motorbikes as part of their special skills training. A big thank you to Daniel's mum (Ms Huong) and her team, once again, for showing the students around the Centre and making us feel welcome. Also a very special thank you to Hannah's (Y1) mother who very kindly donated a special Christmas package to every single child at the orphanage.

Thank to the unselfish support of all our wonderful parents.



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Above: Secret Santa! The Year 2 students enjoy an early Christmas party.



Above: Mary gave a short speech about how she really appreciates her teachers.



Above: The students show off their dioramas.

Semester 1 Exam Tips

Exam details will be emailed to all parents very shortly. It is very important that, over the holidays, your child revisits some of the work they have completed this year. Here are some great exam tips for your child:

- **Remember your pencils/pens!** Such an obvious thing, but surprising how many forget.
- **Read the instructions:** Always read each question carefully and always go back to the question after you have finished.
- **Finish the whole paper:** Another obvious one but don't forget - there is a back page!
- **Sleep well:** Very important to sleep well before the exam. Don't stay up late on the computer the night before as this will deter your concentration.
- **Answer all the questions:** Please attempt all questions and even if you don't know the answer, always have a good guess - especially on questions which have multiple answers.

Other News

Once again, the very talented Mary, Jin and Raymond showed off their learning skills and received awards from DOET. They achieved "Excellent Achievements in Teaching and Learning in School Year 2014-2015".

On the 10 December, Year 2 International had their Christmas party. They played Secret Santa and everyone received a lovely gift from their friend. They enjoyed delicious cakes and sweets and lots of fun and laughter.

Dioramas were the project of the day and they were excellently executed by the Year 3 Students.

Dates for your Diary

18 December – Christmas Break

4 January – Back to School

4 February – Term 2 Ends – TET Celebration

15 February – Term 3 begins

Best wishes to all over the festive period!