

#### **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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Above: Team building exercises brought the students together and enabled them to learn and solve problems in a collaborative



teammates to find the ball. Excellent communication was needed.

Above: The students were blindfolded and then directed by their

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#### **Dear Parents**

We had great fun this year – a variety of activities, supporting local and international organisations and working hard at our academic results through additional homework and even some Saturday classes for students. Students have given account of what they have learned this year and the exam results are promising and encouraging for the new academic year ahead.

We have successfully completed our Annual Graduation and Concert performances – what a huge success this was! Great work from our students incorporating the virtues of dedication, perseverance, teamwork, diligence among the many others, they were able to shine on the evening. Wasn't the finale just mind blowing!

Our School-based Awards was celebrated on Friday 26 June in the Multipurpose Hall and besides the awards, entertainment once again was provided by our talented students doing the singing and dancing.

Congratulations to all the recipients of the different awards! Well done boys and girls and we look forward to the rest of our students to achieve the same next year. Make us proud – make yourselves and your parents proud and go for gold.

On behalf of our staff we wish our students and parents and all who have a vested interest in our students, a relaxing and peaceful holiday starting on 11 July 2015. We also would like to again thank our wonderful parents for their continued unselfish support, our students for always trying their best and our teachers for their dedication and sacrifices.

**Dudley Schroeder** Principal

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# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VUNG TAU

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Above: Some of the great performances from this year's graduation.

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#### **Graduation Performances**

"Decades" was the theme and decades we provided. A variety of performances donned the stage at Maxim's this year and the crowd was once again left in awe at the magical talents our students possess (see pictures).

Like every year, we were joined by special guests Mr Tan, CEO of KinderWorld Education Group, and Ms Jeanette Fuller, Supervisory Principal, with other guests who thoroughly enjoyed the performances. They were greeted by some great performances from the ukulele groups and the Chinese classes. They also watched the Kindergarten groups dance to classic hits from One Direction and Bruno Mars.

Once the primary students got into their groove, the audience watched some lively dances performed with great precision. Year 3 and 4 girls performed "Pretty Woman" and the Year 1 class danced to a medley of classic 60's songs. They had mini cars to help them with their performance. Year 5 and 6 international sang the well-known "Lazy" song and this was also supported with some excellent monkey masks! Year 7 and 8 students performed a Michael Jackson medley consisting of "Thriller" and "Smooth Criminal". There were some really scary zombies on stage for this performance.

Towards the end of the performance, the High School students performed classics such as "Don't you want me" by the Human League and "Can't take my eyes off of you" by Frankie Valli. Our resident house singers of Betty, Kim and Uyen sang beautifully for their performance.

The finale was spectacular. The first song was accompanied by the school band consisting of: Ben (drums), Rosie (Bass), Uyen, Kim and Betty (vocals). They performed "Stand by Me" and were backed by the whole school joyfully singing along. The final song was a light hand mime show performed by Year 5 and 6 students. Using fluorescent lighting, the students mimed with their hands the lyrics of a Blake Shelton song, "Home". It was a unique and very spectacular ending to a great show.

Without the tremendous hard work by all of our students, teachers and support from our parents this show would not have been possible. Maxims is a great venue and we thank the staff there for helping us out with the lighting and sound as well as the Management of Maxim for the opportunity to once again host our annual Graduation and Concert Performance at this great venue.



Above: Mr. Andrew is directing the tug of war competition for the team building activities.



Above: The students had to work together to solve the problem of keeping the ball in the air and scoring points in doing so.



Left: In full jumping mode, Tyler is showing off athleticism. The team building event really helped our students appreciate importance of working as a team to achieve their goals. They all had a great time doing this.

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# **Team Building**

When the students finish their exams and head towards the finishing line of Term 4, complacency sometimes kicks in and we all need a boost to get us through to the final days of the school year. This year Mr. Andrew and his team of organizers decided to put on an afternoon of team building between the students – a great way to reenergize the students and for them to learn the importance of working together to achieve goals.

The students participated in a number of activities which were based around the important skill of teamwork. In their Houses, the lower school students worked together to "cross the lake" using just a few different resources, they also had a chance to participate in a tug of war competition which is definitely a team game. They also had to work together to play beach volleyball.

The students from the upper school also had some challenging activities. They also had to cross a lake, along with being blindfolded and directed to find a ball in the car park. They also had to invent a "shout" for their House. Their activities were finished off with a tug of war against each other and the teachers. With Mr Riaan and Mr Dudley pulling for the teachers, there was only one outcome – The teachers won! The teachers were just too heavy for the students.

The results came out as:

#### Year 1-4

1st Place - Phoenix: 120 points

2nd Place - Unicorn & Hydra: 95 Points

3rd Place - Dragon: 85 Points

## Year 5 and up

1st Place - Dragon: 120 points 2nd Place - Phoenix: 115 points 3rd Place - Hydra: 90 points 4th Place - Unicorn: 80 points

So now there is only until July 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Houses to get as many points as they can for their House. It is going to be very close this year with Unicorn and Dragon fighting for first place! We wish all the Houses the very best and we are looking forward to crowning the winners once again.

Can Dragons do it again this year to walk away as House winners or will Unicorns overcome the struggles of last year to improve in leaps and bounds to take first place this year .... We shall see ....



Above: The magician is wowing the crowd with his multi colored tissue which will no doubt disappear into thin air!



Above: Kenneth isn't sure about this strange man in a red coat trying to show him that the rope is of equal length.





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# Children's Day

Children's Day! Yes it is a very special time for children and on 1 June our school put on a special show for all our hardworking students.

They were treated to an excellent magic show in the morning and in the afternoon they got into their Houses and competed in the Children's Day Olympics. With a group rotation in operation the students managed to experience many different tasks in a short amount of time. Some of the activities were very difficult, especially the activity where they had to spin around 20 times and then try and kick a ball into the goal – even Mr. Riaan and Mr. Reuben found this difficult and they are excellent football players! The water balloon toss proved to be a bit wet but was fun for the students. The three-legged race was also a difficult race but the students managed to work out how to run it in the end. The students were finally treated to a gift from the school which was a lovely student's note book for their use in and out of school.

## Other News

Shake it! The iGSCE2 students are on a mission to earn as much money as possible before school is out for the summer. By doing this they have come up with a fruit shake business! Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the students are busy making and selling mango, avocado and banana shakes to the students and teachers. These delicious shakes are well worth the price of 25,000 VND because they are made with freshly bought ingredients and you can really taste the fruit. students are also learning the tough way of starting a business in that you have to pay rent! Yes, the school is charging the students for using the fridge and freezer and all the equipment. Money raised will go to our local charity.

Congratulations to all of our students for completing their exams in Semester 2. The iGCSE1 students had a very heavy exam schedule but managed to pull through with some good results. They attended a Pepsi factory trip on 30 June to see how flow production is used within the soft drinks industry.

Finally, it has been another whirlwind academic year and the students, parents, staff and teachers all deserve a nice long holiday.

Have a great summer one and all!! School reopens on Monday 17 August 2015.