SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VUNG TAU

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Above: The Kindergarten and Prep students watching attentively whilst a magic show is performed on top of the large mountain in Vung Tau. Whilst the photo below shows some worried looking passengers on the cable car!!



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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.

MISSION

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.

Dear Parents

It is almost the end of Term 3 – last day of school is on Wednesday 22 April 2015.

As you will know from the below reports, we have had quite a few activities during this rather busy term. Term 4 is the term where we need to consolidate work, undertake revision and prepare students for their final exams. Then of course students would also need to practice their performances for our Annual Graduation and Concert Ceremony which will take place on Thursday 25 June 2015 at Maxim's.

During the first week of Term 4 parents will be requested to complete an online survey. The information would greatly assist us and the Company to look at areas for improvement. Please complete the online survey (either in English or Vietnamese) as soon as you receive the notification.

A special note to parents of our students studying in the Vietnamese Integrated Programme regarding the exam dates which are:

Primary Classes to Year 1 to Year 5: **15 May to 21 May 2015** Secondary Classes Year 6 to Year 9: **4 May to 15 May 2015** The full exam timetable will be sent to parents during the course of the week.

A reminder that all students need to use some time in the holidays to revise their work and prepare for the exam.

We wish our students and parents as well as our teaching staff a well-deserved break and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 4 May 2015.

Kind regards

Dudley Schroeder Principal

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Above: Confident Communicators: Miss Michelle's English class completed a project on short stories by integrating science, Geography and English!

Below: Critical Thinkers: The same English group had to think of a way of making the largest eruption using just a few household materials. Careful thinking and exact execution was needed for this task.



A reminder of exams:

- Exams for all students Years 1 to 8 International will start on 2 June 2015
- IGCSE exams will start for our Year 10 students on 4 May 2015
- Please remain silent on the 3rd floor as the IGCSE students will be sitting their exams.



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March/April Events

March and April were two very busy months here in Vung Tau. Please read the following summary of the events and a more detailed summary with pictures will follow in May's newsletter.

<u>School Camp</u>: Yes school camp was another great success. This time it was held near Long Hai in a huge eco camping resort. A fun-filled Friday and Saturday included activities such as: hammock building, lake crossing, flag designing, egg throwing; capture the flag competition; a puppet show and many, many ghost stories! The camp also included another classic Mr Riaan barbeque and camp fire and as a late snack, this was most welcome!!! We even had the leftovers for breakfast!

<u>Springtime Showcase:</u> A first of its kind in Vung Tau, our school celebrated the Easter holidays by having a huge afternoon of performances and activities. The show included acts from Year 1 upwards, individual performances from Betty, Brian, Carol and Anna. There was an Easter egg decorating competition in which all Houses had to decorate their own Easter eggs. There was also a House football competition and a fun tag game for the smaller kids. The afternoon was rounded off with a lovely performance by the school choir singing their own rendition of a Bruno Mars song.

International Day: International Day was a day when the SOSE students showed off their excellent work on their chosen countries. This event also formed part of their EPP presentations and marks were scored by all based on their presentations to staff, students and parents. Supported very well by parents, the students put together a huge poster which gave information on their chosen country. They then brought in a dish associated with that country and explained to the parents some finer details about their chosen country. With over 30 different dishes in school the parents, teachers and students had very satisfactorily filled stomachs. A BIG thank you to all the parents who helped with this great day.

Class update:

Ms. Michelle's Years 7-9 English classes created erupting volcanoes as a group project for their unit on short stories. The winning team was chosen by the volcano that erupted the most using a baking soda and vinegar mixture.

All of the above activities and achievements encompass our school-wide learning outcomes: Academic Achiever, Confident Communicators, Technology-Smart Student, Critical Thinkers and Responsible Citizens.