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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

We have had an amazing Term 3 with various activities including our annual overnight camp, the visit by WASC, various after school activities and of course we have a second Computer Room for use by our Secondary and High School students.

Further great news is that tenders are being called for and it is hoped that the pool will be completed during the summer break, ready for use as from August provided all is clear.

Our second Computer Room is completed. Eventually we will have the full complement of desktops as needed. For now there will be around 13 computers available and students will be able to use this second Computer Room as from Term 4.

A kind reminder to all parents that the due date for tuition fees for Term 4 was on 8 April. All late payments will incur a late additional penalty fee of 5%. Please ensure that you pay the schools for the latest by the due dates stipulated.

Enrolments for the new academic year will start in early May. For new students there are promotion packages available but only if the enrolments are completed and paid for by the due dates. The discounts will be withdrawn after a period of time. Further information will be sent to all parents and prospective parents during May 2016.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all parents and staff for their unselfish support and wish our students a relaxing and invigorating holiday.

Warmest regards

Dudley Schroeder
Principal





School Camp

The sun has been laying down the heat lately here in Vung Tau and so, to eliminate the chance of being caught in the rain, the school decided to make use of this amazing weather and hold this year's school camp at Long Hai on April 1st (no April fool either!)

The camp was open to students from Year 5 and up with a limit of 40 students. The students left school at 12.30pm on Friday and did not return until 12.00pm the next day. Although it seemed like a short trip, the activities at the camp occupied the students from start to finish and they were glad to rest on the Saturday afternoon.

Kicking off the camp, the students followed Ms Lindsay's directions and created puppets for the puppet show in the evening. The theme this year was a ghost story and all the students were nicely scared before bed time. After the puppets, they went into their houses and participated in a number of activities including lake crossing, shelter building, frisbee throwing and flag making. The students were not exhausted from this so they decided to fish for a while.

After dinner, the puppet shows were performed and the students were treated to Mr Victor's hot dogs. The hot dogs were definitely the highlight of the night and Gordon Ramsey himself would probably serve them in his restaurant. Following the dogs, the students prepared for bed and lights out was at 10.00pm.

The morning was filled with action. Mr Mark took the students on a military-style exercise routine and showed off his excellent yoga skills. Then Ms Lindsay did some Earth Art with the students where they collected natural material from the camp and created a piece of art. The final was of course "Capture the flag". This game is a big hit with students and teachers and there were some excellent, tight games. Overall though, the game ended in a draw.

The camp was another great success and the students learned the importance of teamwork and collaboration in order to get results. Thanks to everyone who helped make this another great camp!

Winners overall was Dragon, followed by Unicorn, Hydra and Phoenix.

Thanks to all students and staff as well as parents who have eagerly supported the overnight camp.



Above: The capture the flag game in full swing. Photos from the Spelling Bee and a very cool looking bee AKA Mr Samy



Above: Photos from the dairy farm excursion. The students loved feeding the cows and watching how dairy products are made.

Excursions

The excursion to the Dairy Farm and activities gave the students a better understanding of how food/milk arrives at their table. These processes are easy to dismiss if your family has no relationship with the food industry. Everyone should know where their food comes from. Showing students that in order to eat fish for lunch, it has to be caught, killed and cooked first. The activities brought a greater appreciation of dairy products and other foods.

Study Tour to Malaysia and Singapore

Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to inform you that Singapore International School (SIS) will be organising a Study Tour Programme to Malaysia and Singapore, tentatively from July 3 to July 9, 2016 for students from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Further information on the program details and registration will be delivered to students and parents in due course. Please contact +84 4 6661 7722 (Ms. Trang) to get further details.

Spelling Bee

The inaugural Spelling Bee was held at SIS Vung Tau during the month of March. The preliminary rounds were done in the English classes and the finals were played out in the hall in front of the whole school.

Mr Samy had previously given the students a long list of over 100 words to learn. Each day, he sent a new word to form a part of the word wall for each classroom. The students were inundated with words and how to spell these new words. When the day came for the finals, Mr Samy dressed up as a bee which scared some of the students and has left some of the teachers with haunting memories. However, Mr Samy did do a BEErilliant job and was the best bee in Vung Tau on that day.

The final consisted of Valentina vs David and both were strong contenders, however age and experience with words overcame passion for words and David won the competition. They both did extremely well to spell words in front of such a big crowd. Well done to everyone who competed this year.

The award will take place at our final Assembly for Term 3.

Pullman Art Show

The purpose of the celebration was to celebrate Earth Hour by turning off all lights for an entire hour, in order to raise awareness of not wasting energy.

Year 1-4 International and Integrated students participated by creating art, based on the theme of the environment which has been on display at the hotel for the month of April.

Other News

Volcanoes were being created in Mr Samy's science lessons this week. As you can see from the photo, the students recreated the process by using vinegar and other reactive substances. Having experienced living in Indonesia, Mia (Y6) could relate to this activity very well. Students learn best when they can relate to the topic being studied and their prior knowledge of certain ideas really helps them progress academically. All the teachers here at SIS try to find out what the students already know so that they can build on their knowledge and create meaningful lessons.



On the subject of natural disasters, we are very lucky here in Vietnam not to suffer from many natural disasters. Unlike Vietnam, Indonesia lies on the ring of fire and is prone to regular earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. In schools, they have regular drills so they are prepared for when disaster strikes. At our school this month, we had our own fire drill and it was completed efficiently, without problems. Our school needs to be prepared for fires or extremely high winds that could cause fires. As one famous philosopher expressed, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

Reminder:

School reopens for on Wednesday 4 May 2016 for Term 4.



Winners

- 1st: Brian Nguyen 3L
- 2nd: Ashley Fletcher 2L
- 3rd: John Somerville 4L

Some pictures from the Pullman Art project.

