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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.

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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.

Dear Parents

It has been quite the busy term as we expected. Students have received their Term 3 Progress Reports. The Report Card should give you an indication of how well your child has done and where further work is needed. Your support from home is of utmost importance for us and more specifically for your child.

Term 4 is a relatively short term as we have excursions taking place among the other academic work and activities:

3 May – School reopens
3 May – IGCSE 2 – Maths exam
22 May to 30 May – Final Exams – International Programme
22 June - Graduation starting at 6:00 pm at Maxim's
5 June – English Proficiency Programme (EPP) results to be submitted to ACT Solutions, Australia

Our recent school camp for the Middle and High School students was a great success once again. Feedback from students through surveys completed indicated that students would like to see the camp be extended by 1 additional day as the fun and all the activities were "awesome".

Our swimming programme will be a 3 week programme. The swimming days are subject to change as we are heading for the monsoon season and the inclement weather may have the last say with regards to the swimming programme - further details to follow.

We would like to thank all our wonderful and supportive parents for their contributions throughout the term.

Best wishes

Dudley Schroeder Principal

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Above and below: Kindergarten's excursion to Vietopia in Ho Chi Minh City





Above: We'd like to wish our iGCSE 2 students the best of luck with their forthcoming exams!!

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News from the Kindergarten

Spring is here and our Kindergarten students are blooming! We have planned many fun activities around this month's unit studies. This month we will focus on: Farm Animals, Wild and Zoo Animals and Ocean Animals.

Our trip to Vietopia was marvelous. It wasn't just a giddy ride but also, it introduced the concept of having a vision for the future for themselves.

Swimming fun is back in town! Our KIK students are super excited. Thanks to Mr. Reuben and Ms. Veronica for an excellent schedule. Swimming is a wonderful source of exercise and helps to enhance coordination and improve our heart rate and breathing rate.

As always, our KIK students amazed us with their creativity in their designs during our Easter arts and crafts activities. There were wonderful games, and the face painting was much fun, adorable and cute. Thanks to our organising team in KIK who have brought much joy and fun to the activities.

iGCSE Exams

Our iGCSE students started writing their final exams in April. They have completed their Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) Papers last week, writing a total of two and a half hours per paper. Now they have about a month before their next set of exams in other subjects.

We wish them the very best in their studies and writing the exams and would like to offer some excellent study tips.

We asked some of our teachers for their best tips:

Mr. Victor: Always make sure you give yourself enough time to study. Never leave it until the last minute.

Ms. Caitlin: Snack on brain food!! Try and keep away from the junk foods and candy. Get some fruits and nuts and enjoy their tasty goodness while cramming your brain.

Ms. Brigid: Get some sleep! You think that staying awake all night will help you, but your brain reaches a point where it won't absorb anything anymore. GO TO BED!

Ms. Su: Write all the important information on a page and stick it on the wall. Just before you go to sleep and as you wake up, read through the information again and again.

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Above and below: Senior Camp 2017 – Group shots





Above: The Year 1 & 2L Students after their presentation in Assembly

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Senior Camp 2017

On Friday, 31st March, The Chicken Attackers, Bearwolf, Wifi and Blue Fire set out for a night of fun, friendship, comradery, and excitement. Students arrived at the camp in Long Hai and began to practice their Fairy Tale Remake performances.

After a snack (attack) and some rest, students had an amazing time learning to work together and communicate through team building activities, like The Human Knot and Mute Organisation. Students also designed and created their own logo and team flag, with matching armbands.

At night, we kept ourselves entertained with the stunning and hilarious performances from each team, a massive bonfire, Mr. Reuben's Camp Dogs, and marshmallow roasting.

After a good night's sleep, Mr. Mark got our day started with an exhilarating morning run. After breakfast and some time to 'chill', the games began! In a round-robin Capture the Flag showdown, each team gave their all to steal the other team's flag and win all the glory to be crowned as the CTF Victors! Teams then did a "picture" scavenger hunt before packing up.

As active and responsible citizens, the group gave the camp grounds a good cleaning and picked up trash before we all said "good-bye". It was a lovely weekend, and we can't wait to go back next year!

The campers also took part in a survey and the biggest recommendation was to extend camping by 1 more day for next year.

Year 1 & 2 L Assembly Performance

On the 12th of April, Year 1 and 2L read a story to their fellow students in Assembly. They wrote the story as a group using the School Wide Learner Goal of Academic Achiever and the Virtue of Commitment. Their story was about a boy who worked hard and a girl who did not and how for the girl to start getting good grades, like the boy, she had to start studying more and show more commitment to her work.

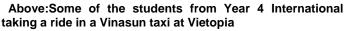
The students did an excellent job of reading pages from the story they had created by themselves, with beautiful coloured illustrations to accompany the story.

Brian, in Year 2L said "I learnt that we need to be committed and that I must work hard to get good grades."

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Above: Year 7 Integrated - hard at work



Above: Y7 Integrated also like to play hard

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Year 4 & 5 International's Excursion to Vietopia

Years 4L and 5L had a fun time last week at Vietopia. There was a café, a mini restaurant and so much more! The experience was awesome because we didn't have to walk everywhere - there were slow taxis to drive us around. The 4L girls loved making ice-cream and salads in their chefs' whites.

Everyone agreed that the games were the most fun. 5L really enjoyed the sand digging area, and thought the gas station was the best occupation to experience. The gas station was a favourite, because we filled up cars with petrol and got to push a lot of buttons! We cruised around the building in a taxi, and even got to be Idols and showcase our singing talent. We played at the coffee station, the temple, the space station and the CSI area. We ground coffee beans and learnt how to make coffee like professional baristas. At the temple, we had a treasure hunt. We went on a flag hunt and made it out of a black hole at the space station. We looked for fingerprints as we practiced being CSIs. We really enjoyed the freedom to explore and submerge ourselves in role-play, new experiences and activities.

"My first favourite thing about going to Vietopia was playing the games; my second favourite was the food." –Patrick 4L

Spotlight on Year 7G

There are thirteen students in the 7G class: Max, Emily, Maggie, Lily, Kim, Olivia, Tom, Tina, Harry, Marry, Thomas.

We always love each other and help each other in studies. We are very hardworking, we love every single subject and every teacher. When it comes to learning time, most of the students are very dynamic and creative. We love our class and the learning environment.

We all love to learn in Singapore International School. Our wish is to participate in more excursions and school camps. During the school camp we have experienced many wonderful things.

Coming Events / Notices

Friday 21 April - Sports Day – 9:00 to 12.00 noon Friday 21 April - Cake Sale for charity – 2:00 to 5:00 pm Friday 21 April - Last day of school for Term 3 *Wednesday 3 May* – *School starts for Term 4*