



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



Warm Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the KinderWorld Board of Management and our staff at SIS@Vung Tau, we would like to extend our warm wishes to all our parents and students for the coming Christmas and New Year period. We thank you for your continued support throughout the year and look forward to a wonderful, positive and rewarding new year ahead.

Our recently held Christmas Charity Fair went ahead in spite of Typhoon Hagupit threatening. The support from local donors was amazing and the support from our parents and students phenomenal considering the weather conditions. The proceeds this year amounts to around 75,000,000 VND!!!! Thank you everyone!!!!

Best wishes and enjoy the quality family time.

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



Above: Mr Riaan's class had the pleasure of speaking to a real author via Skype.



Above: A huge delivery for the Centre at Long Hai.

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Above: Ms Mariia and her body art stall was a huge success.



Above: Rained out but not defeated. The change of venue at the Christmas Fair was expertly dealt with by our students.



Above: The students of the month receive their certificates.

Christmas Charity Fair 2014

This year's Christmas charity fair was held on December 12th 2014 and was, once again, a great success. The rain, wind and tropical storm-like weather was perfectly timed for the beginning of the fair but that didn't stop us from carrying on with the show. The sausage factory (Mr Riaan's hot dog stand) was very popular and provided guests with a deliciously barbecued sausage with an onion topping – a perfect wet weather, warm treat. Guests were entertained with a selection of games which included: Guess the balloons, lucky numbers, splat the teacher, face painting, sparklers, and many more fun things. The performances had to be moved to the hall because of the atrocious weather conditions and although it was a tight squeeze, the performers managed to do a great job and deserve a round of applause for their flexible approach to change.

As the night went on, big ticket winners were finding out their prizes and the winner of the first prize (a ticket to Singapore) was handed to our very own Lam (IGCSE1). A list of the winners in the Lucky Draw competition was sent to all parents.

Students from the IGCSE1 class had their work cut out for them as they had to run their own stall. As part of their Business Studies course, with the focus on entrepreneurship, the students bought and sold products to sell at the fair. They learnt that it takes a lot of hard work and sometimes failures to become successful in business.

As the rain settled 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. By the time it was to finish at 9 o'clock "Murphy's Law" came to the fair, it stopped raining and the moon, glistening, made an appearance in the night's sky.

For all the efforts from students, teachers, staff and of course parents the school managed to raise a total of around 75 million VND! This is incredible and I am sure the charity's organizers will be very thankful for this donation. It just goes to show that no matter how much rain or wind or even snow (in some parts of the world), teamwork and dedication to a special cause will always save the day. Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all our wonderful parents who have endured the inclement weather to join us at the Christmas Charity Fair!!!!



Above: Our students and some of the Long Hai students pose for the camera. Our school raised 9m VND and bought supplies for the underprivileged children at the Long Hai Centre.



Above: Year 8 students performing a song at the Long Hai Centre.



Above: The swimming programme has now finished. The little ones are enjoying a paddle in the pool.

Long Hai Visit

Every year the school raises some extra money for the local Orphanage and Skills Center here in Vung Tua and Long Hai. This year was no exception and thanks to some great work from the Student Council, the school managed to raise 9m VND and bought some much needed supplies for the children. Delivery of the supplies took the same form as last year, with 10 students taking the trip to Long Hai and performing two songs. They were then treated to a song performed by the students at the Long Hai Centre, followed by a tour by Ms. My Huong.

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.

Learning through Skype

The Year 5 and 6 International classes had the opportunity to "meet" with author Paul Aertker. He writes international action-adventure travel stories for kids. We spoke to him via Skype about his new book; Brainwashed. He spoke to us about his adventures around the royal wedding and read to us from his new book. We also had lots of questions that he helped us with, especially character development. You can find out more by visiting his website:

<http://paulaertker.blogspot.com/>



Above: The teachers anxiously wait for the big "Movember shave off".



Above: Mr Zeus is about to be shaved by the year 9 students.



Above: More swimming with Mr Zeus and his little group of mermaid/mermen.



Operation Smile

Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

School wide Learner Goals

This month's school wide learner goal is one that SIS @Vung Tau can confidently apply in the classrooms and to the students' work. **Technologically literate students who:**

- Effectively use technology to access, organise, evaluate, create and communicate information.
- Understand responsible use of social media, communication and networking tools.

Throughout their school life at SIS, students will become familiar with, apply and understand the technological changes that occur globally on a daily basis. The aforementioned Skype activity is just one example of this.

Here at Vung Tau, teachers continue to include the KinderWorld Virtues Programme by teaching children admirable character traits such as:

- ✓ Care
- ✓ Patience
- ✓ Generosity
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Responsibility
- ✓ Cooperation
- ✓ Perseverance
- ✓ Self-Discipline
- ✓ Optimism
- ✓ Honesty
- ✓ Creativity

Other News

The swimming programme has now finished and the students who attended the classes can now feel more confident when in the water. Phuc Lam, aka Spiderman, (Kindergarten) was very brave and managed to enter the water on a few occasions. Even though he wasn't too pleased with being in the water, the fact that he now has some sort of experience in water means that it won't be a shock for him next time. The normal school timetable will resume in 2015.

The teacher-student football matches ended this week and it was another convincing win from the mighty teachers' team. However, the students have won some great matches against the teachers this year and we will carry this on into next year.

From all the teachers and staff here at SIS Vung Tau, we wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.