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INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL**  
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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.

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Above: The IGCSE 1 students who won the ICT competition with ICT teacher, Mr Victor



Above: Having fun in the pool is always welcomed by all students...

Dear Parents

We are well into Term 3 and have completed much work. The academic programme is challenging and takes time and dedication to be an academic achiever.

Our IGCSE 2 students start their final exam on 4 April with ICT Practical. They will be busy with exams until the end of May.

Our students in the Vietnamese Programme start their exams at the end of April and will complete the exams by mid-May. We wish them all the very best.

Our Kindergarten swimming programme will commence on Monday 3 April until the end of the term. Further details will be sent to parents shortly.

Our annual camp will take place over the weekend of 31 March to 1 April 2017 and all the necessary arrangements have been made. Students going on camp have been briefed on what to expect, what to take with and also about nature and respecting nature itself. They will have great fun taking part in all the activities on the camp with enough to eat and drink.

We would like to thank our parents who supported us so well with the recent surveys. We will further compile a report on the survey results and forward this to our Management.

We are expecting a follow-up visit from WASC to our campus during the week of 17 April 2017. We look forward to hosting the visiting members and their further recommendations.

Thank you again for the wonderful support as always.

Best wishes

Dudley Schroeder  
Principal



Above: Both the first place and third place teams together with our Head of Studies and Business Studies teacher, Mr. Reuben



Above: Our 1<sup>st</sup> place team, from left to right: Rosie, Carol, Cuong and Ben



Above: 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners from left to right: Binh, Ha, Tom and David

### SIS Business Competition 2017

Recently, our iGCSE students went to Ho Chi Minh City to join the Marketing Competition of 2017. They were required to create a marketing strategy for a Vinamilk product. They then presented it in front of three judges, who work in the field of Marketing and the other students from our sister schools.

Here are our student's descriptions of the event.

**Ben:** We arrived at SIS Saigon South and had the chance to meet and introduce ourselves to the other students there. They were very friendly, kind and actually pretty funny - we are still in contact with them – and friends were made. The next morning was presentation time! At first, we were all frightened, but to be honest once we got onto the stage, we gave it everything we had. Afterwards, the judges, who are real professional businessmen, asked us questions about our product. Our group won - first place! I would be more than happy to show you the majestic trophy that we brought home. However, the trophy wasn't our only achievement, but also experience and knowledge. I, myself was able to learn so many useful lessons and I am sure my team did too, from teamwork spirit, to using each of our individual skills to attain success. Those to me, were the most valuable achievements I was able to learn from the business competition.

**David:** The business competition is like a game of darts; you know where you want it to go, but have no idea where it will actually end up. My team got third place in the competition. We were naturally dissatisfied with our results and have considered the things we could have done better. However, the winning team deserves the trophy as they completely outmatched us. We have come to realise that this competition is not all about winning, but it's also about the experience that we have gone through. We had a lot of fun throughout the contest and in turn, learned many things from the constructive criticisms of our judges. This competition is meant to be a big learning process for us, and we deeply appreciate the experience that we had, regardless of our results.

We're very proud of both of our teams that represented Vung Tau against some very tough competition and look forward to this event next year! Keep the trophy in Vung Tau guys!

Thank you to the teachers who organised the event and also those who accompanied our students to HCM.

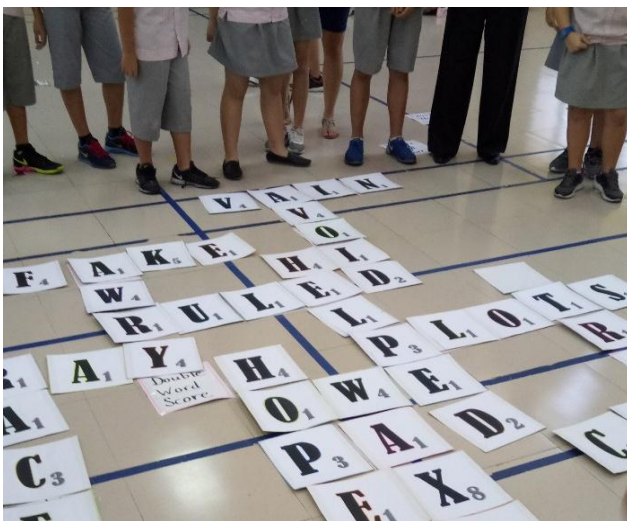




Above: One of our KIK mum's reading to some students



Above: Some of the students and their cats in hats



Above: The game of giant scrabble underway

### News from the Kindergarten

February flew by and March is already here! As always, Kindergarten has been a busy place and will be for the rest of the school year! The students have grown and developed at a tremendous rate. Our students should be very proud of their learning accomplishments thus far. Our K2's and Prep's are becoming readers! Thank you to our teachers and parents for being patient with them every day, allowing them to take the time to sound out words as they read. We know that this takes so much more time and patience than simply reading the book to them. You'll see the benefits of having them read to you soon! Reading is a skill that takes practice and the students who are getting a lot of practice with sounding out words are getting better and better!

Lastly, thank you to all our wonderful parents who helped us make our, "World Read Aloud Day" (WRAD) an enjoyable success. We had incredible volunteers, and because of your dedication and hard work, our students really had fun listening to story books. All our KIK students looked so cute in their 'PJs' cuddling their stuffed toys during the event.

### World Read Aloud Day

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of March our school celebrated World Read Aloud Day. Students in Kindergarten were allowed to dress up as their favourite book character and there was a costume competition. Two of our teachers, Mr. Samy and Ms. Anna joined in and dressed up as James and the Giant Peach and the Hobbit.

The students enjoyed participating in several activities. The younger students had fun colouring in their own story books, while the older students collaborated in their houses to create giant story books. They all did a wonderful job and had a good time.

After that, the younger students went to Ms. Su's classroom where she read them stories such as Lazy Sam and Sleepy Ozzie and they completed some activities relating to the story.

While the younger students were enjoying the stories, the older students participated in a House Competition of extra-large scrabble.

The competition was fierce, but at the end of the day Dragon took the title of "Wordsmith"



Above: Year 8 International hard at work



Above: Our students ready to go to Vietopia



Above: The students of Year 8 and 9 Integrated

### Year 8 International's Assembly Presentation

Year 8 International made a beautiful film about Self-discipline and being an Academic Achiever which they presented at Assembly.

This short movie took over a month to finish and they have gone through many challenges; like places to shoot, cutting out scenes, fixing scripts and the hardest job - editing. They shot at school and at various houses to create a real feeling for the audience. The Year 8 finished the video with the help of Mr. Paul Starbuck, Y8L's form teacher.

"Good job to the group of Y8L students for showing how we can have a brighter future with Self-discipline and Academic Achievement and this is not just for students, it is for everyone" said Jack Hoang, the director and student in Year 8 International.

### Primary Excursion to Vietopia

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, our students in Year 1, 2 and 3 Integrated and International classes and the Year 4 and 5 Integrated classes had the opportunity to travel to Ho Chi Minh City to visit Vietopia.

Vietopia is an educational theme park where our students were able to gain experience in real life careers while also earning "Vietopia bucks" for the work they did. From making soda, to putting out fires, they got to experience it all.

### Spotlight on Year 8 and 9 Integrated

There are only a few students in Years 8 & 9 Integrated. However, they are happy, friendly and supportive in learning. They really like doing experiments in Science and Science is definitely one of their favourite subjects. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, they were given a presentation about Sexuality & Kidnapping Awareness by the school nurse.

Many of these students enjoy being on the stage and presenting to their school friends, "I think this might be our class of budding actors and actresses" said their class teacher, Ms Vu Thi An.