



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

Thank you to all our students and parents for the Teachers Day Celebration held at campus on Friday 20 November. The celebration was widely appreciated by all.

A few notices for Term 2:

- Homework plays an important role in your child's academic success – please supervise their homework
- 11 December – Christmas Charity Fair at school
- 14 December – Vietnamese Integrated students starting Semester 1 exams
- December – Spelling Bee Competition – Finals
- 11 January 2016 – start of International Programme Semester 1 exams
- 18 – 22 January - excursions
- Last week of January – swimming programme – continuation
- 4 February – TET (Lunar New Year) Celebration at school with Music Programme (SISMSS) included
- Last day of school for Term 2 is Thursday 4 February

Please note that the Vietnamese exams will extend to 24 December and all students in the Integrated Programme must attend school from 22 to 24 December as per the Department of Education of Vietnam.

Best wishes to all and thank you for your continued support.

Dudley Schroeder



Above: Paddling and swimming at the swimming pool!



Above: Concentration is needed in order to play the guitar

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Above: The school band playing a song by Lengka. They were so in tune and accurate that people thought Lengka was in room!



Green Day was organised and executed with precision by the student council. Great job Student council.



Musical Recital

A new programme for SIS @ Vung Tau has just started and this will be held during the last week (on a Friday) of each term. The programme is called Singapore International School Music Society Show (SISMSS). This programme gives students the opportunity to showcase what they have learnt from Mr Zeus during Music classes and also in the Music Club. We watched students singing, playing guitar, ukulele, playing in the band and doing a great job!!!!

The teachers' band consisting of Mr Reuben, Mr Zeus, Ms Catherine and Mr Joseph rocked the stage by performing a song by the great, the amazing and the highly talented One Direction. Excellent job by all who performed.

Green Day

It was agreed at the first Student Council meeting that the members would organize a charity event every term. Term 1 welcomed the inaugural "Green Day" at the school.

The Council decided that it was time to inform the school of the atrocities us humans are inflicting on our beloved Earth. They presented during Assembly showing the devastating effect the recent Indonesian fires have had on this part of the world. The smoke and haze has even made its way to Ho Chi Minh City and as far as Hanoi.

To make people aware of this fact, the Council asked the parents to help by donating a plant to the school. They then priced and sold the plants in the foyer to the parents, students, teachers and staff. They also gave the students the opportunity to dress up in green clothes for one special day; however they must pay 10,000VND for this privilege.

We are pleased to announce that the council raised 6,000,000VND which will be put towards the school's Christmas package for the orphanage at Long Hai. A big thank you to all parents who donated and bought plants.

Swimming programme

Students actively participated in our swimming programme during the last week of Term 1. The students had lots of fun and some of our students learned how to swim for the very first time. We will continue our swimming programme from January 25-28 at the end of Term 2. Thanks to all parents for your support!

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Above and Below:
Some excellent pictures from our resident cameraman Mr Seamus. Can you spot the student whose head is in the water? Parker (Y10) decided swimming was not for him so he decided to do yoga on the water instead (below). The bottom picture shows the young students teaching Mr Phu how to swim.



Student of the Term Awards

With a slight change to last year's student of the month award, this year we have Student of the Term award. These highly sought after certificates are only awarded to students who have demonstrated at least one of our school's learning goals. The learning goals are:

Academic Achiever: Has the student met or exceeded year level expectations?

Confident communicator: Can the student work collaboratively with others?

Globally competent: Understand and respect their own and other cultures?

Demonstrate good citizenship and social responsibility through serving others?

Critical Thinker: Apply rational, higher order thinking skills?

Technologically literate: Effectively use technology to access, organise, evaluate, create and communicate information?

Please see this term's winners on the next page.

Assemblies

The quality of the Assembly performances just keeps getting better each week. This month we were treated to great performances from the Year 4 and Year 5 classes. Here's what their teachers said:

"Year 4L were very proud to present their puppet show about Generosity in Assembly. They worked hard to make the puppets and were a little bit nervous about performing in front of the whole school. They really enjoyed themselves and hope everyone else did too." – **Ms Anna.**

"Our Year 5 and 6 International Assembly was about teamwork. Snow White (Erik Sivertsen Yr 6) and Prince Charming (Mia Birkenbach Yr 6) were walking through the forest and had their i-pads stolen by the Wicked Witch (Alex (Heung Qi Yr 5). It meant they couldn't do Mr. Josephs' SOSE work! So with the help of the six dwarves (Sneezy -played by Ben Yr 6 - was on gardening leave). Doc (Vivian Yr 5), Sleepy (Min Yr 6), Dopey (Kenny Yr 5), Grumpy (Uyen Yr 6), Happy (Long Yr 6) and Bashful (Jae Yr 6) helped Snow White and the Prince with a little TEAMWORK!!!" – **Mr Samy.**



Above: It's a puppet! Year 4's performance. Below, the students receive student of the term awards. Congratulations!



Above: USA was researched by Erik. Not sure how he could see out of those glasses though!



Above: Second only to Marmite, the Australian version of this spreadable delight was on show at the SOSE exhibition.

Halloween

One of the favourite events in Kindergarten during the year is Halloween – all children love dressing up and this year on Friday 30 October we saw a wonderful variation of pumpkins, fairies, witches, super heroes, characters from 'Frozen', a pirate, butterflies and a ladybug amongst others! Trooping through the neighbourhood around the school, we were greeted by friendly faces as the children sang 'Trick or Treat' and received pre-packaged candy from different houses. Back at school, while the children had a party in the courtyard, the Heads of the different School Houses judged the outfits and selected the top three, but they all looked so good that they were really all winners!

Student Safety on the Roads

With an increase of the number of cars and motorbikes on the roads here in Vung Tau, there is a higher risk of encountering an accident. We have a large number of students who ride their bikes, electric bikes and even scooters to and from school every day. Students should follow the safety precautions when riding their bikes; these simple life-saving instructions can save lives:

- Always wear a helmet when riding your bike. This is the one piece of equipment that really makes a difference.
- Use lights when riding in the dark. Make sure you can be seen by other people.
- Use a bell or bike horn to make other drivers aware of your presence.
- Pay attention to traffic lights. They are there for a reason.
- Wear shoes. Sandals do not give enough protection.

Please make sure your child can understand these simple, life-saving instructions before they embark on their journey to school.

Christmas Charity Fair:

This annual fundraising event takes place at school on Friday 11 December. Again our aim is to raise money for Operation Smile – putting a smile on the faces of the underprivileged children across Vietnam. Your generous donations and support is very much appreciated by our students, staff and also the children who will undergo the cleft lip operations. Last year we raised over 75,000,000 VND and we hope to raise even more monies this year for them. See you all at the Christmas Charity Fair!