



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.

Messages from:
Principal
Head of Vietnamese Studies
Deputy Principal
Head of Studies
Head of Kindergarten

Important dates:
Term 1 ends October 13
Mid-autumn Festival – Oct 4
Elmhurst College visit – Oct 4

Dear Parents

It is wonderful to look into classrooms and see all students settled and working hard this term. Welcome to new families and students who have enrolled in the past month.

Our secondary students were interested to watch a multimedia presentation from one of our partner institutions, Edinburgh Napier University (ENU), this month. Students were able to see the facilities and activities provided by this university for international students.

We are very privileged to have had visits this month from Mr Ricky Tan, Chairman and CEO of Kinderworld KEG, Mr Peter Baker, Education Director, and Ms Rosy Hoang, Director of Operations. Our students were very proud to demonstrate to our special guests, their routine of moving between classes and around the school with “no talking while you’re walking” and “single file for a while”. With the support of teachers, this routine has positively impacted on learning time as students are quiet and more settled on entering the classroom. It has also reduced noise disturbance of Kindergarten students at their naptime.

I know that students and teachers have appreciated the new air-conditioning to make it much more comfortable in the canteen this year. Some parents have enquired about the temperature in classrooms and teachers have been reminded to set the air-conditioners at the recommended level for efficiency of 24 degrees.

Our Term 1 Swimming Programme has been very successful and students have been learning a variety of lifesaving skills. We welcomed Mr Hai, Swimming Assistant Teacher, this month.

Regards

Anne Matley (Ms)
Principal

Class 5B enjoying swimming

Water quality is tested every day and the pool and change rooms are cleaned throughout the day.

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Message from the Deputy Principal

It is hard to believe that it is nearly the end of term!

Afterschool clubs

Clubs that are running this term include Science Club, Animal Welfare Club and Paper Art Club. It was great to see so many students keen to participate in these after school activities. Some of the clubs filled up very quickly this term but the Science Club and Paper Art Club will run again later in the year so that other students get the opportunity to participate in them. The afterschool club information for term two will be coming out shortly. They will begin on Monday 30 October and will run for 6 weeks, finishing on Wednesday 6 December.

Outward Bound

In the last days of August, students in Year 6 and up had the opportunity to experience an introduction to Outward Bound. We welcomed Mr Gary and Ms Maria to our campus to lead the three hour sessions with our students. The sessions involved a range of engaging team work, communication and problem solving activities. It also provided an excellent opportunity for students to get to know each other at the beginning of the new school year. At the end of the sessions students were asked to use one word to describe their experience, some of the responses included "fantastic", "challenging", "fun", "inspiring" and "awesome".

Chelsea Donaldson

Deputy Principal

Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents,

After completing the sixth week of the new academic year, I am pleased to report the students have settled happily into their class routines. Students have revealed their own talents and performance abilities which we are very careful to develop.

We want to express our thanks to you for your supportive comments about school operations during the Parent Meeting. We thank you for your suggestions and we will certainly consider all your ideas. The form teachers will inform parents of the response from school.



Class 5B girls learning to dive



Science Club: Whodunnit?



Year 3 and Year 4 International classes learned about healthy eating on their excursion to PIC



Making a toy for a cat or dog in Animal Welfare after school club



Hands up if you know the answer in the quiz



Students will learn about “**Traffic Culture**” and “**Abuse Prevention**”. Primary students will soon have **the beginning of the year Math test on 27/9** and Secondary students will have a one-period-test in all subjects. Student progress reports will be sent home every month and in the middle of semester one.

Regards

VU THI LAN
SVIS Principal

Message from Head of Studies

On September 14th, the Academic Honesty Policy for the middle school was presented to Years 7, 8 and 9. Students now have a deeper understanding about plagiarism and how it will affect their academic results. For the junior secondary students, any suspected plagiarism is treated as a learning opportunity and there is no loss of marks, for example, but students may be required to redo the task. This presentation and the policy were both sent home via email to all middle school parents and students were given copies to keep with them at all times.

We will be holding a parent information evening soon for the IGCSE parents and students where the Academic Honesty Policy for the IGCSE course will form part of the presentation.

At our recent visit from the Vice-Chancellor and Assistant Principal from Edinburgh Napier University, I would like to take the opportunity to thank and commend our students for their outstanding behaviour.

Kelsey McDonald
Head of Studies

Message from Head of Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students learned about their Body and the five senses, which allowed them to enjoy the world around-the taste of food, sound of music, beauty of sunrise, the softness of cat's fur and the fragrance of a rose. Students may recognize the importance of their senses, but they don't often focus on them individually. We created and gathered a variety of materials, resources, games and activities such as in Art, Social Studies, Science lessons to enhance their understanding of the five senses.

Smelling and tasting food without using the sense of sight, drawing pictures to record what they see and hear with their eyes and ears were among the interesting experiences.

With support and instructions from the Nurse- Ms Hang, K2 children learned how to brush their teeth and wash hands properly while discovering how amazing their body was with lots of functions.

K1 children have settled down well during the first two months. Children have spent time building relationships and foundations for learning. We focused in modeling and practicing routines and expectations, including how to share and take turns, how to line up or go upstairs properly. It is wonderful to see the children gain more confidence and show interest in all indoors and outdoors activities.

Nursery Class enjoyed splashing in the water at their Water Play Day this week. The children developed water confidence skills and had so much fun learning. They were able to fill bottles with water and could count the balls as they threw them into a hoop.

Preps loved the science experiment 'Self-inflating Emotion Faces' when we had the students drawing different faces on the balloons and then watched the magic happened when they dropped baking soda into the bottles filled with vinegar. When the two household chemicals mix, they create carbon dioxide, which inflates the balloon! What an amazing experiment for everyone!

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

Kindergarten Assembly

A special assembly for Mid-Autumn Festival will be held on Wednesday 4th Oct from 8.30am till about 9.45am upstairs in the Hall.

Parents are most welcome to attend!

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I would like to inform parents that, because the school has been established for some years, Management has decided to repaint the outside of the school in a new colour. The work will not affect teaching and classroom operation. To be completed by the end of October, the work will be carried out mostly at weekends and over the term break.

Anne Matley



Students love learning in ICT time



A fun way for Prep students to learn to read!



Nursery Water Play Day
Water Play is such a great way to learn

SNAPSHOT

