Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

On Sunday October 30th the students will be performing some songs for the Stupa Opening from 10am-12:30pm. This is a special occasion for the school and temple community. We would like to invite all students’ families and friends to join us.

Welcome to our new student Thuy! We are very excited to welcome a new girl into our 3/4 class.

Guitar lessons have begun with our specialist guitar teacher, Jeremy. The students have a guitar each and will be learning music notation and musical concepts.

As part of our gardening program the students have been taking care of Spring Valley Park, and have been featured in the Greater Dandenong Monthly magazine for their community work. Well done students and teachers!

On the 7th December the whole school will have an end of year excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. Each class will have the opportunity to participate in a different program while exploring the zoo.

Warm Regards

Venerable Thich Phuoc Uyen - Principal

Upcoming Events

Wednesday December 7th
Melbourne Zoo Excursion
**Guitar Lessons**

This week we have been learning to clap on different beats at different tempos. We are building our music vocabulary – learning to recognise and use time signatures and the treble clef. We were introduced to the music scales - Do Re Mi Fa Lo La Ti Do and their corresponding hand signals.

From the students:

**Thuy**: Jeremy showed us the tuner and how to run it on and how to use it. You turn it on, play the note, the tuner will hear it, and will turn green or red depending on if it needs to be tuned.

**Roni**: We started learning the song on guitar - I take refuge in the Buddha song

**Coltyn**: We learned how to make different sounds by placing our fingers.

**Foundation Transition Program**

We are excited to have our Foundation class for 2017 coming to have a half-day full week at school in Week 9. The transition program is an opportunity for the new students to get to know the school, students and teachers. This will be held:

- Monday 28th November 9:30am-12:30pm
- Tuesday 29th November 9:30am-12:30pm
- Wednesday 30th November 9:30am-12:30pm
- Thursday 1st November 9:30am-12:30pm
- Friday 2nd November 9:30am-12:30pm

**F-2 Class Update**

We’ve been amazed by the speed of growth of our Grass Heads. They went from nothing to lush green grass over one weekend. Make a space on a windowsill, as the students will be bringing them home soon!

We collected 209 boxes of all shapes and sizes. We brought them into class, classified them into cubes, rectangular prisms and cylinders, arranged them according to size and then built some amazing things. So far we made a tower that reached the ceiling, some rockets and a supermarket complete with floor. At the moment we are making animals: cats, dogs, rhinoceros, guinea pigs, birds. The creative thinking and problem solving of our class is amazing.

We’ve been using our 10 sided dice to get really good at reading and understanding the difference between numbers up to 9999. “Beat That!” is a favourite game and we’ve become very good at it. We’ve also been using them to create sums to practice addition with. Some of us are doing 1 digit numbers, some are doing 2 or 3, then some of us tried adding together 12 digit numbers!! It was extreme, exciting, challenging and we experienced success 😊
3-4 Class Update

We have been examining animals across the world and how we can represent them in painting and sculpture. We are building our own colour wheels and experimenting with sculpting techniques to design our own animal sculpture. In science we observed and described how shadows are made, recording shadows lengths and directions throughout the day using a shadow stick. In maths we have been exploring multiplication, analysing word problems and creating games that use a range of maths skills.

Please remember to bring in an art smock for art on Fridays.
Foundation News

Parent volunteer for library thank you