Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

It is a great honour and pleasure for our school to welcome Dr Sylvia Walton - an experienced teacher who has been associating with the Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) for many years. Her current work mainly involves training, supporting and organizing for schools both new and continuing. Upon hearing about our school and the value and mission we share, Sylvia is joining us to set out plans for next year. She will also be part of our school as we expand and grow in our second year.

Next week, our 2017 foundation students will go to school for one week. They will start meeting new friends and get acquainted with new activities and routines at school. It will be an enjoyable experience for both the students and the foundation teacher.

Our students have been very excited about the end of term excursion to Melbourne Zoo. If you have not returned the signed consent form, please act quickly! Only less than two week away!

This week is Mr Waller’s final week working in our school. We thank him for his presence among us and his classroom teaching. Our best wishes go with him.

Warm Regards

Venerable Thich Phuoc Uyen - Principal

Upcoming Events

Wednesday December 7th
Melbourne Zoo Excursion

Thursday December 15th
Last Day of Term 4
School Banking

Congratulations to Roni, Tony, Danny and Vicky for saving in their bank accounts and receiving their awards.

Guitar Lessons

Our guitar specialist teacher Jeremy has been building the students’ knowledge of the music scales- Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti Do- and how to apply them in our playing. The students have learnt different chords, and how to use these in a sequence. Our goal is to learn to play ‘I Take Refuge in the Buddha’. In the meantime, the 3/4s have learnt to play the chord progression from ‘Smoke on the Water’- please ask them to play it for you!

Foundation Transition Program

This week the Principal and Miss Turner have been visiting the future Foundation students in their natural habitats and conducting School Readiness Assessments. We are looking forward to all our new and current families coming next week.

F-2 Class Update

The student’s attention was captured this week by Mr Isma’s story about bee keeping. We watched a documentary video and wrote some of the key points. These are some of the students’ work and we hope you enjoy reading them like we did.

In the video I saw the bees make wax. The bees are cute. The bees make wax out of their body. When it’s really hot all the bees come out. The bees live for 6 weeks and the queen lives for 3 or 4 years.

The bees make honeycomb and all the bees make honeycomb. The bees hive has a queen snake on the bees hive to scare the birds away. The bees have honey in the bees hive to make honey and bees have a beehive also. The bees hive is full of bees with honey, nectar and pollen in the video. The queen bee is on the beehive to scare the birds away. And there was a fake snake to scare the birds away and it’s on the branch as well.

The baby bees are cute. The bees make wax with their body. The bees like to be busy. The bees like honey since the water. The bees are happy since the water. The bees like bees for two years.
3-4 Class Update

In ICT Mr Isma has been teaching the students to think creatively and work systematically to make their own mini games using Scratch software. Today we tested our mini games with the F-2 class to receive feedback and how to improve our work for the future. In Art we have almost finished our wire sculptures, working together to test different techniques, materials and styles.

With the end of the year fast approaching, we are spending these next few weeks taking assessments. We will be testing every area of the Number strand within Maths using the iPads as our medium. The children enjoy using the iPads and barely feel like they are taking a test at all. So far the results coming in through the tests show the students performing well in Maths. Once all this data has been collected, Miss Turner will collate it and begin writing the student’s end-of-year reports. It’s a busy time for us but we are still having a lot of fun and enjoying our class time.