Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to Term 4 everyone! We are off to a flying start with swimming lessons, gardening sessions, music gatherings and inquiry science.

We would like to welcome our new staff member Miss Susanne Turner together with Mr Troy Waller, who will join our team of teachers for Term 4 and continue to 2017. We also have two new students joining our school, a big welcome to Dat and Jackson and their families.

The students have been busy consolidating their learning from the year, and are beginning new topics in literacy and numeracy. In art the students will be experimenting with the colour wheel, making artworks in preparation for their visit to the Zoo.

Thank you to Helen Heath for organising the amazing Greater Dandenong Combined Schools Interfaith Gathering. I was very impressed with the poise and confidence our students showed for as the first performers.

Another big thank you to our drivers for taking us to the pool and back every day- Helen Nhieu from Atlas Travels, To Tran, Tai Giang and Ha Diep for giving us your time.

Thank you to Nicholas’ family for fitting the furniture for our classrooms during the school holidays. Nicholas will be joining us in Foundation in 2017.

On Sunday October 30th the students will be performing for the Stupa Opening from 10am-1pm. We would like to invite all students’ families and friends to join us.

We would like to thank all our families, staff and volunteers for supporting our school in teaching and learning as well as community engagement. We look forward to a fantastic end of the year while we welcome in the Foundation students for 2017!

Warm Regards

Venerable Thich Phuoc Uyen - Principal

Upcoming Events

October 18th
10am-12pm Dandenong Interfaith Gathering

October 30th (Sunday)
Stupa Opening 10am-1pm

Important Announcement

Music lessons will begin in Week 4 with a specialist instructor on Wednesdays. Students will each get a lesson in pairs for 30 minutes.

Qui will be absent from Week 4 to Week 7 as he is on leave to Vietnam for 3 weeks. Miss Turner will answer any enquiries you have while he is away.

Change to Bell Times

In Term 4 we will have an earlier lunch and play time, to provide a longer afternoon learning session.

- 9-11am Session 1
- 11-11:30am Recess
- 11:30-1:00 Session 2
- 1-1:20pm Eating time
- 1:20-2:00pm Play time
- 2-3:30pm Session 3
Interfaith School Gathering

On Tuesday we hosted the 13th City of Greater Dandenong Combined Schools Interfaith Gathering in which we learnt about different religions and shared songs. This is a fantastic initiative bringing people together to share and learn about different ways of living. Our school performed the song ‘One People’ with gusto, and special thanks to Ethan for making the introductory speech for the Christian faith representatives. Thank you to Andrew Williams and Mr Isma for helping the students prepare for this event.

Canteen Menu

Vegetarian lunch will be provided to students on request. The menu has been updated for Term 4 and includes: Bun Rieu, Bun Hue, Hu Tieu, Fried rice with egg, Toasted sandwich, Rice and vegetable soup, Stir fried noodles, and Spring rolls. Please visit the School Office for a menu. Students can also bring their own lunch.

Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 19/10 will be the final day for swimming. Thank you to all our drivers for your time! The students have had a fantastic time, learning important skills such as kicking, floating and forward and back strokes. It was a great confidence builder for many students who overcame fears such as putting their heads under water and dealing with water going up their nose.

Homework Club

The HNPS ‘Homework Club’ is back on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from Week 3. The club will operate from 3:45-5:00pm and will be supervised by Miss Turner.

Sun Smart Policy

Our school has a ‘no hat, no play’ policy in place from September to the end of April.

Children will not be permitted to participate in P.E. unless they are wearing a hat.

During lunch and recess breaks, children without hats will be directed to covered areas where they may sit and play.
**Classroom News:** Our new Science inquiry asks, ‘What causes Night and Day?’ Our class will explore the sizes, shapes, positions and movements of the Sun, Earth and Moon. We will investigate how shadows change throughout the day and link these changes to the Sun’s apparent movement across the sky. We will role-play the movements of the Earth in relation to the Sun and Moon. Through investigations, we will be able to explain night and day in terms of the Earth spinning on its axis. The class is already excited to be doing Science in a hands-on way and we look forward to sharing all we’ve learned with our family and friends. Be sure to ask your child to give you an update of their learning in Science.