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 Thui! 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

October 30th (Sunday)

Stupa Opening 10:00am-12:30pm

Stupa Opening

On Sunday the students will be performing three songs they have been learning with our singing teacher Andrew. Please bring your child to the classrooms at 10:00am to meet the teachers and prepare. Students can wear school uniform for the performance. It will be held in the room under the Buddha Hall.

10:30am – Dance
11:30am – HNPS Singing
12:30pm – Lunch
Guitar Lessons

On Wednesday the students began their music lessons with our guitar teacher Jeremy. This will develop fine motor skills as well as our music skills. Our first discussion was about rhythm—the rhythm of our hearts and different beats we can make with our bodies such as swaying and clapping.

The Five Precepts

The students have been learning about the Five Precepts as part of our school philosophy. The Five Precepts are No Killing, No Stealing, No Lying, Friendship and Respect Elders. The students have been discussing what this looks like at school and in our daily lives, and how we can follow these precepts.

Aussie Bird Count

The students studied bird sounds and pictures before heading off on a walk around Spring Valley Park. Each student took notes of which birds they saw using identifying features such as colour, size and beak shape. Altogether we identified 167 birds for Birdlife Australia. This information helps keep track of how healthy our bird communities are.
**F-2 Swimming Reflections**

At the pool we had a horse race. My favourite was when we did the motorbike race. We also made a Capital letter my and was a C because it is the first letter of my name. We went though the tunnel of seaweed that was our first time the seaweed was black and round we went in two lanes. One was kind of skinny the other one was fat.

**3-4 Class Update**

This week we have continued working on our Science unit asking why we have night and day. We investigated the relationship between the sun and shadows and noted that light travels in a straight line. Our Maths unit continues looking at fractions and their relationship to zero, half and whole. We have been reading and writing information reports, examining the aspects of the genre and how they are constructed.