From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians

Coming to the end of Term 3, it’s a great joy to see how diligent all the staff and students have been working in the classroom. Vu Lan Festival was a great success and our students are very happy with their performance. I am very proud of our school community.

We are very thrilled to see our students’ accomplishment in balancing community activities and learning well in classrooms at the same time. We are collaborating to work on a few performances at the moment and we are looking forward for another great work by our students in the Children Festival night on 17/9 coming up.

Peace of mind – Peace of world
Ven. Thich Phuoc Uyen – Principal

Important News

Vu Lan Festival

Many thanks to all the effort made by the teaching staff and students, we are very pleased that the Vu Lan performance was a highlight for everyone of Hoa Nghiem Temple. There were some nerves before we went on but great excitement and celebration immediately afterwards. The students did an amazing job: writing speeches, learning their songs and performing in front of a large crowd in the Buddha Hall. Ven. Thich Thien Tam, Ms Bosman, Mr Isma and Mr Andrew Williams, the music teacher, were all very proud.

Upcoming Events

September 13
Foundation Transition Day

September 17
Children Festival (Tet Trung Thu)

September 16
Last Day of Term 3 – 2:30 PM concludes.
Parents are invited for School lunch at 1:30 – 2:30 PM.

October 03
Term 4 starts
Andrew is also a singer and song writer with many well-known Buddhist songs. He has worked with many Buddhist temples and performed in numerous events and festivals. For more information about Andrew and his works, please visit his website: http://dhammatalks.wordpress.com

Venerable Robina Courtin

Venerable Robina Courtin, an Australian Buddhist nun in the Tibetan Tradition, gave us a flying visit a few weeks ago. Our students welcomed her by offering drawings of flowers and singing the Refuge Prayer. Venerable Robina was delighted to meet the children and hear them sing. She thanked each one individually for their drawings.

Foundation Class

Our next year foundation students are becoming more engaged to class after just 3 study sessions. They can feel a great sense of belonging and have an urge to come to school to learn.

End of Term School Lunch - Friday 16/9/2016 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm

We are going to close Term 3 with an end of school lunch on 16/9 at 1:30 PM, with all parents and guardians invited to join us. We can have an informal discussion with teachers and students at lunch time to get to know more about school and students’ study.

News from the Classroom

Growing Crystals

We’ve been growing beautiful crystals for a few weeks now. Lately we’ve been using a magnifying glass to help us observe changes.
Eggs Lowering

Students in F2I watched on in awe as 3/4B class tried to meet their STEM challenge: successfully lowering an egg to the playground without breaking it. There was just the right balance of thrills and spills to make it very exciting!

Interfaith

As part of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, we are celebrating the International Year of Pulses. 3/4B and F2I have collaborated to create a beautiful piece of art - The Buddha (made of lentils and beans). It will be on public display later in the year.

Outside Maths

We spent some time outside, rolling dice and drawing with chalk learning more about place value (1,000s, 100s, 10s and 1s).

Dice Games

Our love of Maths has been multiplied by the arrival of our new, beautiful dice. We’ve been playing games like “Beat That!” and “Everest” to learn number recognition.
Term 4 Swimming Class

We are going to have swimming classes in October at Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre. Below is the timetable:

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Note to parents: In order to make sure students can maximise their time in the pool, we would like to ask parents and family to help their children give practice changing clothes and swimsuits independently at home. Teaching staff will provide assistance if you let us know in advance about any difficulties.