Principal's Message

Nam Mô Bồn Su Thích Ca Mâu Ni Phật

Dear Parents and Guardians

As Term Three draws to a close, it is somewhat overwhelming when we reflect on teaching and learning as well as special events and school activities that our school participated. I have great pleasure in seeing the progress of the outstanding work produced and positive behaviour exhibited by many of our students.

Our teachers and staff have participated in professional learning workshops and seminars at Independent School Victoria as part of our ongoing commitment to improve the quality of teaching and learning offered to our students. We also have Julie Christopoulos, who is Senior Advisor in School Improvement Program, come in and support our staff in their professional learning.

Our Foundation Transition Program in Term 3 was a real success and all students now have confidence to come to classroom without their parents and enjoy learning. Furthermore, Foundation Parents also had an opportunity to meet Venerable Thich Thien Tam – Chair of School Board to understand more about our school community.

We would like to welcome our new staff member, Mr Troy Waller who will join our team of teachers in Term 4. We would also like to welcome Mr Qui Cao and Ven. Thích Thuan Nghiem who has joined our Administration and Canteen team.

I take this opportunity to thank our Parents/Guardians for their continued support and cooperation. I wish all students, parents and staff a happy, safe and restful term break and come back refreshed for what will no doubt be an extremely busy term 4.

Have a happy Moon Festival and term break.

Ven. Thich Phuoc Uyen – Principal

Important News

Moon Festival Saturday, September 17th at 6pm
We would like to invite families and students to join in the Moon Festival organised by Hoa Nghiem temple in the Hall this Saturday 17/9. This is a good occasion for students to entertain and relax after the intensive learning in class.

Child safe policy

Our school has zero tolerance for child abuse. Everyone has the duty to detect, disclose and report about any incidents or allegations relating to child abuse. The Child Safe Policy of our school is available in both English and Vietnamese version. We strive to embed the culture of child safe into any activities we do in school and we would like to encourage families to adhere to the standards as well to ensure a safe and nurturing environment for our students to grow up.

School Hat 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.

School Office and Uniform

- School Office will be open from 9:00am – 2:00pm throughout the school holidays.
- All students are expected to wear the Summer school uniform during Term 4. If your child requires any uniform items, please ensure it is purchased during the term break.

News from the Classroom

F-2 News

Spring

To mark the start of spring, our students made paper flowers to celebrate the season. We practiced folding and cutting colorful papers into flower shapes. It was challenging at the start but we got better after doing it a few times. We decorated our classroom with flowers and the results look amazing in our window.

We also created a new piece of Art for our window. It has lots and lots of beautiful flowers in it. Please have a look next time you visit our school.
Mr Curr – Visiting Story Teller

Mr Russell Curr, a photographer and mountaineer, visited us to tell us stories of some of the pets he used to have: Whoopy the Wombat and Bob the Kangaroo. He brought in photos of them and told us lots of funny things they did in and around his house. We drew pictures of our favourite parts of his stories and showed them to him.

Fathers’ Day

We made cards for Fathers’ Day for the important men who help us in our lives: Fathers, Uncles or Grandfathers. We drew pictures and put some words to tell them how much we love and appreciate about them.

3/4 News

English Project

Students had a great time creating their own game based on mythology. This activity encouraged students use their reading and research skills to create playable info cards about a variety of gods and goddesses from around the world.

Maths

We have been investigating decimals and money in class. Students came up with an idea to plan their own restaurants: starting from buying a shop and then working out how much to pay their staff, etc. They quickly realised how hard it is to run a business! The F-2 class visited us and had great fun ordering and ‘eating’ the meals on offer.

Shadow Puppets

The whole school has been involved in the
writing and performing of two shadow puppet plays: The Dragon’s Gate and The Hunter and The Deer. We are excited about performing these for the community at the Children’s Festival on Saturday September 17th.

2017 Transition

The 2017 Prep students have been visiting for an hour a week during the second half of Term 3. Students have been involved in various activities in class, including:

- Reading books
- Playing games
- Colouring,
- Working with letters and numbers.

We’ve also been doing meditation and sharing how we are feeling in circle time. We also made some flowers to celebrate spring.

Have a safe and enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing you next term.