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VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Parent – Teacher meeting: 15th to 26th Jan 24
- Cross Country event 26th Jan 24
- Tet Celebration 2nd Feb 24
- OBV Y4A & Y4LA 27th-28th Feb 24
- OBV Y5A & Y5LA 29th Feb – 1st Mar
- School holidays: 05th – 16th Feb 24

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents,

Welcome to term 3, 2024.

What a busy and productive time it has been so far, particularly in December and now January.

Many special celebrations that can be enjoyed by all.

I would like to share the following school news with all families.

1. Semester 1 examinations.

As you would be aware the SA1 examinations in all grades have now been completed.

Students are to be congratulated on their hard work and their individual success with their examination results.

Now is a good time with the start of the term to identify areas of improvement and set smart goals for growth in learning in term 3, 2024.

2. Reports and Parent/teacher Conferences.

SA1 reports have been given out.

I wish to thank all parents who participated in the recent parent teacher conferences.

A reminder that parents can contact their child's teacher anytime to discuss any important issues with their child's education.

Just contact the school office for help and assistance.

3. TET celebrations.

Friday the 2/2/24 was the date for the school TET celebrations.

Photos will be shared soon with all families so we can reflect on how successful the celebration was.

A huge SIS@BDNC thank you to Ms. Tri and her committee for organizing such a wonderful TET celebration.

SIS@BDNC will close on the 2/2/24 for the TET school holidays.

SIS@BDNC will open again on the 19/2/24.

Please help us spread the good news.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish students, staff, parents, and all in our school community a safe, happy, and enjoyable TET.

The happiest of New Years celebrations to all families.

Yours in learning,

Mr. Mark.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

It was a privilege to welcome everyone back to school after the well-deserved Christmas break.

Our second semester started on the 15th of January. During Week 1 and 2 of the second semester we had our Parent Teacher Conferences where the reports were handed out. Congratulations to all our students who had fantastic results and achieved their expectations! This is the time where students and teachers have to reflect and plan how to improve. Our students are encouraged to have high expectations for this semester and also for their futures. A big thank you to all our parents for supporting every student.

With our 'Save the bears' project, our school took the initiative to donate stationery to the Free the Bears Sanctuary. They educate and make visitors aware of the importance of protecting these bears in their natural environments. Congratulations to Year 3LA for winning our school's contest. Thank you to Mr. Chris and everyone that helped with this initiative. Thank you also to everyone that kindly donated stationery to make an impact in the community.

This semester we have quite a few planned activities and field trips coming up. Our students are really looking forward to these events have educational value, but certainly involve a lot of fun. Students also learn a lot about themselves and learn to take responsibility on these trips.

The field trips will kick off with Year 1A, 2A and 3A visiting a nearby farm. Usually, our students have lots of fun, but they also learn more about animals and the environment. Year 3LA, 4LA and 5LA will visit the Interactive Science Centre in HCMC. We hope you learn and experience Science in action and have a lot of fun.

The Cross-Country event took place on the 26th of January. Congratulations to everyone that participated! I would also like to thank Ms. Gemma, and her committee for organizing the event. A big thank you to all our teachers for making sure our students are safe during the race.

The After-School Clubs started on the 29th of January. Thank you to all the students who signed up for these clubs. This is an opportunity to learn skills and also to practice your English in an informal setting. Of course, it will be fun too! Enjoy every minute! A big thank you to all the teachers who take care and take responsibility to organize and run these clubs. Your effort is much appreciated.

Tet is a very special time in Vietnam, and I wish everyone a wonderful time and all the best for the new year. Chuc Mung Nam Moi!

Kind and best regards

Philip van der Walt



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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

I trust that everyone enjoyed a restful December vacation and is now revitalized for the start of a new term. For the first two weeks, we continued in Term 2, but as of 15 January, we officially transitioned into Term 3 or Semester 2. We commenced the term with a comprehensive review of Semester 1 exams and papers while simultaneously delving into the exciting challenges of Semester 2 coursework.

An important upcoming event is the Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled from 22 to 26 January. This provides a valuable opportunity for parents to engage in discussions with their child's teachers regarding their progress. Your active participation in these conferences is highly encouraged.

Our senior students are set to embark on an educational excursion to RMIT. We hope this experience will provide them with valuable insights, enhancing their overall learning journey.

I'm delighted to announce the successful conclusion of our recent raffle, where funds were collected for the "Save the Bear" organization. The winning ticket for the hamper went to the father of Marcia Junarta in Year 8LA, while Tran Tieu Phuong in IGCSE 2 earned the prize for selling the most tickets. Thank you to everyone who participated in supporting this important cause.

Mark your calendars for 26 January, as we host our first-ever all-school cross-country race. Kudos to Ms. Gemma for her dedicated planning, and she will be supported by our enthusiastic IGCSE 1 and 2 students. Anticipate an exhilarating morning filled with school spirit and healthy competition.

Our school is already adorned with red and yellow decorations, setting the stage for the upcoming TET or Vietnamese New Year celebrations. On 2 February, we will come together for a school-wide celebration, followed by a two-week vacation. As Vietnam welcomes the Year of the Dragon on 10 February, I'm sure many of you are eagerly planning how to make the most of the "lucky money" that will be received.

As we approach the final exams, I urge all students to exert their best efforts in the classroom. Special mention goes to Year 9, who will be facing their finals earlier than the rest of the school. Additionally, I extend my best wishes to IGCSE 2 students for their upcoming exams, and to Lam Hung Nhi, who will be undertaking her final A-level exams in the coming months.

In conclusion, let's continue to foster a positive and collaborative learning environment. Your dedication and support contribute significantly to the success of our school community. Wishing everyone a productive and fulfilling Term 3.

Ms. Lizelle MacLachlan

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INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

After semester 1 exam, parents and teachers have met together to discuss about students' learning. Teachers and parents will support our kids to be better every day. We hope our students will be happier and have more improvement in the future.

During lessons in class, our students also enjoy their learning. Students and teachers always have interesting and useful learning times together. Please see the attached images to see what the students have done.

On the occasion of Tet, we would like to wish parents and students a new year filled with joy, happiness and health.





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STEM UPDATE

Hello parents!

Exciting news from our STEM program! After a successful Term 2 in coding and robotics, Term 3 brings collaborative CREST Awards projects. Secondary and high school dive into a wind power initiative, while primary students take on the creative Rube Goldberg project. Stay tuned for these innovative adventures!

Warm regards,

Jolin Richardson

STEM Coordinator





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STUDENT COUNCIL

Cross Country Run

On January 26th, we will be holding a cross-country race, which is a long-distance race that we will do around the school for Year 1 to Year 9. The event is organized by one of our PE teachers, Gemma Scott, along with the help of IGCSE 1 and 2. The IGCSE's will be supporting everyone during the race by ensuring their safety, keeping the runners hydrated and most importantly, cheering for our competitors. It will be an exciting activity for our students to have fun before the holidays and encourages exercising. Awards will be given out to the students who participate and complete the race, so there will be a lot of school competitive spirit on the day.

Student Protection Program

To help protect students from bullying and other dangers, our school has created a Student Protection Program for K1 to A Level. This program helps students protect themselves from bullies at school and online. Teachers would teach them about online safety by giving out multiple scenarios, such as watching a video about Taylor, a girl who had downloaded an app without asking her parents. She had added a friend, who was a stranger. One day, she accidentally spilt water on her clothes, and she took a photo of it to post afterwards. The next day, everyone at the school laughed at her because of that photo. Learning from Taylor, students could know how to protect themselves if they were to come across a similar situation.

VGU Excursion

To give our students a better understanding of STEM, the school had recently organized an excursion to Vietnamese-German University for IGCSE 1 and 2, as well as Year 9. They were offered the experience to listen to short lectures and participate in several activities, such as coding and building earthquake-proof towers in the university's workshops. Despite the short time that they had there, this encounter with cutting-edge technology and problem-solving opportunities is sure to fuel their passion for STEM, equipping them with valuable skills and igniting a future filled with endless possibilities.

Kind regards!

Michelle Lau



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