



# Victoria Wednesday

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## Message from Primary Principal

### Forthcoming Events

25-26 May	PYP Exhibition
27 May	Kellet Orchestra Weekend
29 May	PD Day (Whole School)
30 May	Public Holiday (Dragon Boat Festival)
31 May – 9 Jun	Y6-9 Summative Assessment Period
1 Jun	Y2 Swimming Gala
2 Jun	Y1 Swimming Gala
2-11 Jun	A Journey in Art Exhibition at K11
3 Jun	PYP Cub Scout Day Camp
5-9 Jun	Y10-11 Summative Assessment Period
9 Jun	Y5 Celebration Dinner
16 Jun	PYP Parent Volunteer Tea Party

Dear Parents

I can't believe how fast this year has gone and that we are nearly in June already. What a fantastic year it has been and walking around our school every day I almost burst with pride as I see all the quality learning taking place.

Tomorrow is the beginning of our Year 5 PYP Exhibition, 'Action Makes a Difference', the final group summative task of the PYP. We are very proud of all the students and teachers and the hard work they have put into not only the Exhibition but all the units they have completed over their five year journey through the PYP. It is going to be a very exciting and informative two days, with a wide range of interest areas and actions represented, and you are invited. We have an open invitation to our three sessions, Thursday 9:30am-12pm and 1-3pm, and Friday, 9-12pm. Each session will begin with an introduction by students so please try and make it for the beginning. I have been watching the students prepare and I know you are in for a treat, so please come and help us celebrate our amazing students, teachers and learning at VSA.

Our ISA results for this year have just come in. They are a little later this year due to some technical difficulties encountered by ACER in Australia who mark the assessments. Once again, we are pleased to announce that the VSA mean scores are significantly higher than those of 'all other schools' and 'all like schools' who took the test right across the board in all subject areas and in all yearbands. This is a testament to the high quality of teaching and learning that takes place at VSA right across the school. Individual and school results will be uploaded to the Oasis system in the next few weeks, so please keep an eye on the portal for announcements.

As you can see from the rest of this publication the school, as usual, has been a hive of activity with Learning Journeys, Book Day, our Y3-5 Swimming Gala as well as visits by artist Ian Murphy, Dr. Willie Smits from Masarang and the inspiring acapella singing group The Yale Alley Cats. There are still plenty more activities to come this year so keep an eye out for notices on the portal and in Google classrooms.

One special event I would like to mention is the upcoming joint VSA and VEO art exhibition "A Journey in Art" Student Exhibition being held at the chi K11 art space, Tsim Sha Tsui from 2-11 June 2017. Over 300 student artworks will be exhibited to celebrate our students' progression of visual art skills throughout the kindergarten, PYP, MYP and DP programmes. While some individual artworks are highlighted, all PYP students have had the opportunity to contribute to collaborative class artworks. We hope you will make the time to visit this celebration of art across the Victoria family.

*Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself.*

Mr. Ross DAWSON  
Primary Principal 

## Principal's Table

*The Principal regularly invites selected Y5 students to join him at the Principal's Table for lunch. Over the Principal's Table they converse casually over school life, family, hobbies, and even the latest trends among students. On 10 May, Mr. Dawson invited selected Y5 students to the Principal's Table.*



*From left: Kobe Ha (Y5A1), Jacqueline Hui (Y5A5), Hayley Chan (Y5A2), Alison Chan (Y5A7), Jefferson Cheung (Y5A4), Joshua Tse (Y5A3), and Sophie Choy (Y5A6).* 

# From the Teachers' Desk



**PYP Exhibition**  
小學項目學習成果展  
**2016/17**

Central Idea: Action makes a difference.  
中心思想：行動帶來差別。

You are cordially invited to join us  
as we celebrate our Year Five Exhibition  
我們誠意邀請您跟我們一同慶祝五年級學習成果展

**25 May 2017, Thursday** 2017年5月25日(星期四)  
9:30 am — 12:00 noon  
1:00 pm — 3:00 pm

**26 May 2017, Friday** 2017年5月26日(星期五)  
9:30 am — 12:00 noon

5/F School Hall, Victoria Shanghai Academy,  
19 Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong  
香港仔深灣道19號滬江維多利亞學校五樓禮堂

Each session will begin with an introduction by students.  
每場成果展開始前會先由學生作簡介。



## PYP Exhibition

**25-26 MAY 2017**

You are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate our Year Five Exhibition.

### Sessions 1 & 2

**Date:** 25 May 2017, Thu

**Time:** 9:30am to 12pm; 1pm to 3pm

### Sessions 3

**Date:** 26 May 2017, Fri

**Time:** 9:30am to 12pm

**Venue:** 5/F, School Hall, VSA

No registration is required. 

## “A Journey in Art” Student Exhibition 2-11 JUN 2017

VSA and VEO jointly invite our parents to “A Journey in Art” Student Exhibition from 2-11 June 2017. Over 300 student artworks will be exhibited to celebrate our students' progression of visual art skills throughout kindergarten, PYP, MYP and DP programmes. While the MYP and DP sessions highlight individual artworks, all PYP students have had the opportunity to contribute to collaborative class artworks.

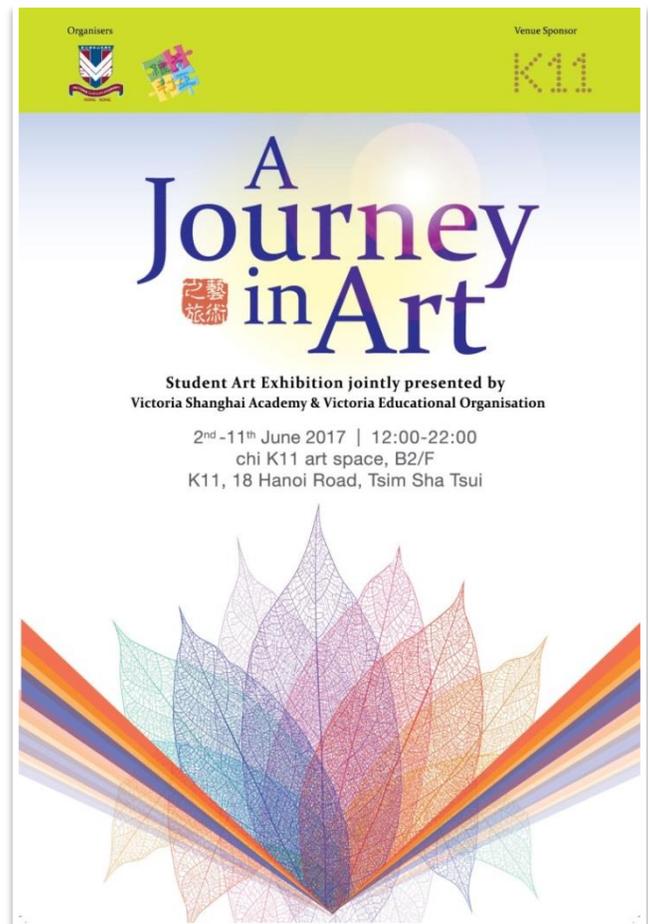
**Date:** 2-11 June 2017, daily

**Time:** 12pm to 10pm

**Venue:** chi K11 art space, K11, 18 Hanoi Road, Tsim Sha Tsui

(Please enter from Tsim Sha Tsui MTR Exit N3)

**Fee:** Free admission 

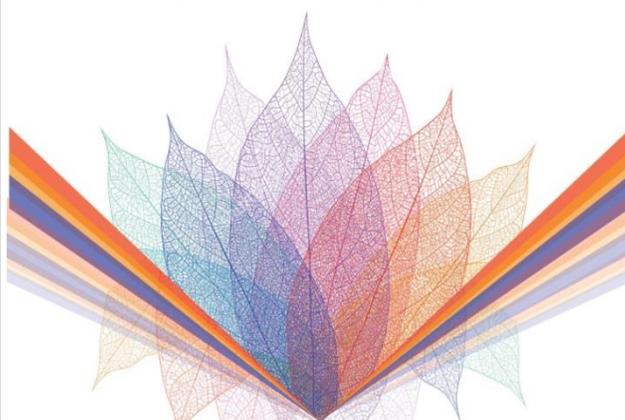


Organisers   Venue Sponsor 

# A Journey in Art

Student Art Exhibition jointly presented by  
Victoria Shanghai Academy & Victoria Educational Organisation

2<sup>nd</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> June 2017 | 12:00-22:00  
chi K11 art space, B2/F  
K11, 18 Hanoi Road, Tsim Sha Tsui



# From the Teachers' Desk

## Paper Airplane Competition

*Contributed by Mr. Ethan Stone, Student Affairs Coordinator*

The House Paper Airplane competition had a great flight and landing. The airplane flights were smooth and flew high and for a great distance. Much effort and precision was put into the plane creations from all years. Despite a rainy recess, the students made their way to the hall for a great game and a lot of fun all around. Well done to the students for a great house competition. 🇸🇬



# From the Teachers' Desk

## Dr. Willie Smits at VSA

Contributed by Ms. Benedicte Benoit,  
Community Service Coordinator

On Tuesday 9 May, VSA had the great pleasure to host a talk from Dr. Willie Smits, the founder of the Masarang Foundation, with whom VSA has developed a close relationship over the past 6 years. The talk took place in the school auditorium from 4-5pm in front of VSA teachers, parents, students as well as teachers from other schools.

For those who do not know Dr. Willie Smits, he is a trained forester, microbiologist, conservationist, animal rights activist, wilderness engineer and social entrepreneur. Originally from the Netherlands, he has been knighted for his conservation efforts and has been living in Indonesia for over 20 years. Dr. Smits has lectured at dozens of universities and conferences, including TED. He spoke at the United Nations Climate Change Conferences in 2015 and 2016, and has been invited to speak at COP 23 later on this year. Dr. Smits has been featured in more than 50 documentaries and in hundreds of publications.

The talk was also the opportunity for the Masarang Club to proudly spoke about their action to raise awareness against the harmful effects of palm oil and to present their ['Say No To Palm Oil' video](#).

Additionally, it was a chance to highlight how Masarang has been brought into the school curriculum. Indeed, the environmental issues the Masarang Foundation addresses in their work connect authentically to the school's Programme of Inquiry. More specifically, links have been made with at least one unit for each grade where Masarang is used as a case study, provocation or as a source of information. Over the years, the school has sent teachers to visit different Masarang projects in Indonesia in order to further deepen those links and gathered resources.

Dr. Smits delivered an inspiring talk on the interconnectedness between nature and people and offered warm, sincere thanks to the VSA community for their support and commitment over the years. 🇳🇱



# From the Teachers' Desk

## World Book Day

Contributed by Ms. Jasmin Thornburrow,  
Y2A1 Class Teacher

We had such a great time on PYP Book Day on Friday 28 April. The fun started with both teachers and students arriving at school dressed up to the nines in their inspiring costumes.

At morning and lunch recess on the 5F, 7F and 12F playgrounds students had a ball completing the Book quiz. One surprising moment was when the whole school stopped for 15 minutes to D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read)!

Congratulations to everyone for dressing up and to the winners of the class dress up competitions. Thank you to the family and friends who helped students to make their incredible costumes. In assembly, we showed some of the photos of VSA students and staff reading in unusual places. Some highlights included; upside down, in the bath, on top of a cupboard amongst others.

Keep up the love of reading VSA! Until next year. 🇸🇬



## From the Teachers' Desk

# Artist on Display

Contributed by Ms. Joanna Wasiak, Head of Visual Arts

Well done to the following students for having their work enlarged and hung in our cafeteria. 



4A7 Weiran Zhou



5A2 Tsz You Tam



5A3 Jazlyn Tam



4A3 Richard Guo

## From the Teachers' Desk

# Battle of the Books

"In which book does a shopping list of Band aids, sand, vegetable shortening and one dozen sardines give someone a clue of a cat's whereabouts?" "In which book does a boy walk backwards to make sure that he doesn't get to school too early?" Don't know the answers? Well the Battle of the Books team would!

The BOTB team has been meeting every Friday since August. Students are required to read 20 books, and are introduced to a variety of reading material. They also had the opportunity to build teamwork skills and of course have fun while reading.

Ms Jatar and Miss Baldwick took a team of 10 students to Quarry Bay for the semi-final competition. The team competed in four question rounds against different school from around Hong Kong. The students showed a great amount of enthusiasm and knowledge of the books they read. This year, they didn't come out as the winners, but still enjoyed the spirit of the competition.

Everyone is already looking forward to next year's book list! 

Contributed by Ms. Ms. Melisa Baldwick  
Y5A4 Class Teacher



## Puzzle of the Week Results

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Place</b>
				
<b>Apr 8- May 10</b>	<b>Danube 324</b>	<b>Nile 307 points</b>	<b>Yangtze 254 points</b>	<b>Amazon 232 points</b>



# Around the School

## Yale Alley Cats @ VSA

On 17 May, we invited The Yale Alley Cats, an acapella singing group from Yale University, to perform for our Y1-6 students. All students and staff enjoyed this very lively and professional performance. 🇺🇸



## Artist in Residence

Mr. Ian Murphy from the United Kingdom came to work as an Artist in Residence with our Y4 students. He taught them about using media and drawing to create images of Hong Kong and Architectural features. Look out for the students work displayed around the school. 🇺🇸



# Around the School

## Y3-5 Swimming Gala



# Around the School

## Y1,3,4 Learning Journeys



# In the Community

## Third Annual Hong Kong Primary Mathematics Challenge

Massive congratulations to Cyrus Leung (Y4A7) and Ethan Choi (Y5A6) who competed in the finals of the **Third Annual Hong Kong Primary Mathematics Challenge**. Having scored very highly in the semi-finals, Cyrus and Ethan went on to compete against the best mathematicians in Hong Kong in the finals on 1 April. On 13 May, the boys attended the awards ceremony to learn their placings. Cyrus came 10th overall in the Primary 4 category and Ethan was 1st in the Primary 5 category, making him the overall champion for his age group in Hong Kong. Outstanding achievements boys - well done!



Katrina Wong Ka Ching (Y1A4) was awarded Champion at Duet Ballet Competition (Children Group A) at the **10th Hong Kong Teens & Children Arts Festival** organised by the China Artists Association.

Tomos Evans (Y1A3) received Merit at the **10th Hong Kong Students Open Speech Competition** – P1-P2 English Verse Speaking organised by the Speech & Music Recital Development Foundation.



Garbrielle Kam (Y4A1) won First runner-up at the **WHGB – The Hong Kong Recital Talent Competition 2017**- P3-P4 English Verse Speaking organised by the Hong Kong Association of Popular Arts.

Lauren Ing (Y5A3) won the Most Promising Writer Award at the **Kids4Kids 2016 "Writing for a Cause" Competition**, while Darren Lam (Y3A2) also received a Certificate of Recognition from the same competition. We invite you to read their illustrated stories here:

[\*The Old Man and the Fox, by Lauren Ing\*](#)

[\*The Football Stars, by Darren Lam\*](#)



# Congratulations

# In the Community



Ethan Lai (Y1A6) won Gold Medal at the **Hua Xia Cup** Final organised by the Hong Kong Mathematical Olympiad Association.

Owen Leung (Y2A3) won Second Class Honour at the **Hua Xia Cup** Final organised by the Hong Kong Mathematical Olympiad Association. He received a First Class Honour at both the Qualifying Round and the Initial Round.



Vinze Lee (Y2A6) received Bronze medal at the **24<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Primary Schools Math Olympiad 2017** organised by the Hong Kong Mathematical Olympiad School.

Andrew Xie (Y2A7) received Bronze medal at the **24<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Primary Schools Math Olympiad 2017** organised by the Hong Kong Mathematical Olympiad School.



Cyrus Leung (Y4A7) won First Class Honour at the **Hua Xia Cup** Final organised by the Hong Kong Mathematical Olympiad Association. He also won Second Class Honour at the Qualifying Round.

Kong Sheung Jit (Y4A4) won Silver Medal at the preliminary round of the **AIMO 2017**. He also won Third Class Honour at the **Hua Xia Cup** final, a Third Class Honour at the Qualifying Round, and a Second Class Honour at the Initial Round.



Ethan Choi (Y5A6) received "A" grade at the **GAPSK (Peking University) Chinese Assessment Test** (for written and oral Putonghua). Ethan also received a Gold Award at the **World Class Arena Elite Math Competition**, and a Gold Award at the **AIMO 2017**. Ethan competed at the **Hua Xia Cup** and was awarded Second Class Honour at the final, and First Class Honour at the Qualifying Round. 

VSA Students' Achievements

*Congratulations*

# PTA Corner

## Bowling Fun Day (Sunday, 21 May 2017)

About 85 VSA students and parents spent a very fun and energetic morning at Thunder Bowl, Whampoa. Everyone showed great enthusiasm and team work. Congratulations to Amazon, the house with the highest number of participants. House points will be awarded accordingly. Big applause to our top scoring teams who had showed great bowling talent. Ho King Tin (Y4A3) came to be the Champion, Wong Si Pang Jasper (Y3A1) / Wong Cheuk Kin Austin (Y6P), the 1st Runner-up and Ella Busted (Y1A6), the 2nd Runner-up. Special thanks to Mr. Dawson, Mr. Woods, Mr. Hill, Ms. Lam, and Ms Zhang who came to play with us too.

To view more photos for our Bowling Fun Day, please go to the [album here](#).



# UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

JUN  
2, FRI

## Y6 Transition – Students/Parents Sharing Forum

In this sharing forum, our secondary students and parents would love to share their experiences with our Year 5 Families. If interested, please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSAPTA2017Y6Transition>

JUL  
1-4

## Parent-Student-Teacher Overseas Trip to Taichung

Dr. Koong, Mr. Dawson, Ms. Penn Chow and Ms. Carol Ng, together with 18 families will be traveling to Taichung this summer on 1-4 July 2017. We still welcome anyone who is interested to join us as "joinlands". If interested, please contact Primary PTA at [pripta@vsa.edu.hk](mailto:pripta@vsa.edu.hk). 

## VSA in the Media

This May, VSA is featured on **Sportsroad and Young Post**

Find out more on our **WEBSITE / FACEBOOK**

