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VISS Sports Club

Following the conclusion of the Auskick programme, Mr Cameron and Mr Brett are pleased to introduce the first After School VISS Sports Club for students in Grades 2-7, starting on **Monday, 1st March**. The **purpose** of the club is to play a different sport every week (or more), hopefully introducing some new sports to students, and to have a lot of fun in a safe and healthy environment. If you are interested, please collect a notice from the Junior School Reception or see Mr Brett (Library).

AUSKICK OLYMPICS

The LAST Auskick will be held on **February 22nd**, at 3.10pm. For the last session there will be a fun 'Olympic Games' for ALL of the Auskick kids. It will be a 2 hours instead of the usual 1 hour. **This means the Auskick will start at 3.10pm and finish at 5pm.** Could you please make the appropriate arrangements to collect your child at **5pm** (again there will be no buses).

There will be a 'Sausage Sizzle' for the kids & parents involved. We especially encourage any parents who would like to help out on the night to just turn up & see Mr Brett or Mr Cameron.

Les Rauert
Manger of Community and Sport Development

Rock Challenge



Rehearsals are well underway for the 2010 Rock Challenge. Junior and Middle school students are enthusiastically preparing for the big event under the expert guidance/management of Ms Elle and grade 10 students, Marie-Gabrielle, Ahmed and Chloe. There are around 60 students taking part in this year's challenge. There are many different aspects to an event of this proportion. Our theme is to explore the courage, knowledge and love within ourselves in our journey of life.

We are taking this opportunity to pay a tribute to Michael Jackson, the 'King of Pop'.

The funky music and portrayal of the Scarecrow by Michael Jackson in the Broadway musical "The Wiz" is the inspiration for our performance.

We explore the parallel between Dorothy's insecurities and our own as children moving to a strange land we only knew of as the U.A.E!

Like Dorothy and the friends she meets; we realize that we have the courage, knowledge and love within ourselves to make the journey. The fear we held was only an enigma.

Rock Challenge Team



Grade 6 & 7 students during rehearsal

Dates for Your Diary

***Monday March 1st - Monday June 21st** -

After School VISS Sports Clubs

***Monday March 8th** -

International Women's Days

* **Thursday March 11th** -

IGEC Australian Road Show at VISS 4:30 pm

***Thursday February 25th - Thursday March 25th**

VISS Parent Association Readathon

***Friday February 26th** -

Prophet Mohamed's (PBUH) Birthday

***Sunday March 21st** -

UAE Mothers Day

***Thursday March 25th** -

Junior School Assembly

***Friday April 2nd - Saturday April 10th**

School holiday

***Sunday April 11th** -

School resumes.

***Tuesday April 20th** -

WS Celebration of Learning

***Sunday April 25th** -

Start of Term 4

School Canteen

Junior School canteen

Open Monday and Wednesday .

Is now selling frozen Capri-sun2Dhs

Middle/Senior school canteen news

Is now selling Hot Quiches, flavors include chicken and cheese, spinach and feta for only 9 Dhs each .

Also Hot noodles, flavors include chicken and vegetable for only 5 Dhs each.

Jodi Lamshed
Canteen Manager

From the Principal's Desk

Schools are always very busy and VISS is no exception with Parent Teacher interviews, the Athletics Carnival and school photos over the past few weeks.

PARENT TEACHER DAY

It was very pleasing to see the number of parents and students that made themselves available for the parent information day. The feedback from parents and staff was that the day was highly successful and continues to develop the partnership that is needed between students, parents and teachers in order to maximize students learning opportunities.

I encourage any parents that were unable to make it on the day to make an appointment to meet with staff in order to have these discussions. These discussions are vitally important in order to gauge how your child is progressing against the VELS (Victorian Essential Learning Standards), how they are setting into the VISS environment, as well as developing a plan for home in order to support the learning happening at school.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Mr Les Rauert (Manager – Community and Sports Development) on what was an excellent Athletics Carnival. Les and his team ran a highly successful day that was enjoyed by staff, students and parents. A special thank you to the Parents and Friends Association who were responsible for catering on the day. The spirit of sportsmanship and participation was excellent throughout the day. Thank you to all students.

Well done to the winning team the GAZELLES!

NEW FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

As was mentioned in a previous newsletter, VISS has secured the services of a Finance & Administration Manager, Mr Paul Fielding, who commenced this week.



On behalf of the VISS community I would like to welcome Paul and look forward to his contribution to the school.

NEW TEACHER

I would also like to welcome Ms Amna Mustafa, Amna has joined VISS teaching Senior Mathematics Physics after Mohammad Mall had to return unexpectedly to Australia.

FACILITIES

Over the last few weeks people have been curious about the progress of the community centre facilities. We are delighted that the pool is now full and the gymnasium floor has been finished with court lines completed. As there are only a couple of minor works left we hope that this facility will be available in the near future. This will be a great addition to the facilities at VISS and we are all keen to see it in use.

Craig Lamshed
Principal – Middle & Senior School

Quote and Quote

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.

Henry Brooks Adams

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ELC and Junior School News

Learn and Grow with Playdough

In KG1, the children made play dough with their teachers. The students were involved with the whole process of cooking; they measured, poured, stirred, kneaded, pressed and rolled the playdough. The children made different shapes and colours with the playdough and then experimented by adding straws, paper cup cakes, glitter, rocks, shells, plastic animals, and more. Khalifa made a birthday cake.

As well as enjoying these events, the children learn to match words with actions. "Hands on Learning" also builds their language and social skills. Manipulating playdough is often used as a teaching tool for pre-school children as it assists in improving and developing children's fine motor skills by strengthening and developing muscles of the fingers and hands and developing the eye-hand coordination that will be later needed for hand writing. Play dough can also assist cognitive development, encouraging problem solving and imaginative play. It can also be used in developing their attention span.

Play dough can be made by placing 2 cups of flour, 2 cups of tap water, 4 table spoons cream of tartar, 2 table spoons of oil, and food colouring in a saucepan. Continually stir the ingredients together on top of the hot plate until the mixture forms pliable dough (a rubbery blob).

We invite you to try this recipe at

home and share hours of fun with the whole family.

Julia Shahid
KG1 Teacher



Time to get a Job

KIDZANIA

On the 27th of January, all of the Grade 5 students went to the enjoyable and the special Kidzania!

I am one of the grade 5 students and my name is Soo Young. When I was in front of the Kidzania, I felt so anxious and so excited! I think all the people felt just like me!

When I went into Kidzania, I was amazed by the jobs you could try, like making pizza and being Cabin Crew.

At first, I didn't know what to do! So I went to the information Centre to get a job. They helped me choose me a job. My job was cabin crew, courier service and cooking!

I did cabin crew and courier service, and I was so enthusiastic! When I was about to start my third job, which was cooking, it was time to go back. So I had to go.

When I returned to my school, I thought it was best day ever! And I felt really happy!!

Soo young GR 5J Student

On Wednesday, the 27th of January, 2010, Grade 5 went to Kidzania in Dubai Mall to have fun and know what to do in the future.

Some students chose to be a police detective. They felt like they were the boss of Kidzania. When I was the police detective I learnt to help people in the city of Kidzania.

Some students also chose to be the paramedics and it was very funny because you had to carry an injured man.

Then they had lunch and filled their tummies.

People even chose to be a surgeon; it was cool because you had to put a camera in the patient's throat. I wouldn't like to be a surgeon, because it's disgusting.

People even chose to be a dentist but it was boring because they teach you stuff that you already know.

Everybody had fun in Kidzania and it was time to go.

Daryan – 5J Student



2010 VISS Athletics Sports

Gazelles Victorious

Falcons Do Best in Middle/Senior School

Gazelles House won the overall trophy for the 2010 Athletics Sports held at VISS last Thursday.

Falcons proved stronger in the Middle and Senior School, however, Gazelles competed with a very strong and determined junior team to score enough points to win overall.

The relay races held late in the afternoon were again the highlight with every child having the opportunity to compete for their House.

The results are:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
OVERALL WINNERS	Gazelles 856pts	Falcons 826	Leopards 735	Scorpions 697
Middle/Senior	Falcons	Gazelles	Leopards	Scorpions
Junior	Gazelles	Falcons	Scorpions	Leopards

Les Rauert Manager of Community and Sport Development

Glimpses - 2010 VSS Athletics Sports

