

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 4 APRIL 2025

## SONGKRAN CELEBRATION

On **Thursday, April 3rd**, our school came together for a **joyful and meaningful celebration of Songkran**, Thailand's traditional New Year festival. It was a vibrant and memorable day for students, teachers, and families alike, filled with cultural learning, fun activities, and community spirit.

The day began with a peaceful **Buddhist water blessing ceremony** at the school foyer, followed by **photo opportunities** at our beautifully decorated Songkran backdrop. Our students impressed everyone with their **traditional Thai dance and Ramwong performances**, showcasing their hard work and cultural appreciation. A **big thank you** to our **Thai department** for coordinating the performances and rehearsals!



The day concluded with classroom parties and quiet end-of-term celebrations, giving students a chance to reflect and relax with their peers.

We are **grateful to all the teachers and staff** who supported the day and helped everything run so smoothly. Songkran at Finnway was not just a celebration—it was an opportunity to honour Thai culture, build school community, and end the term on a high note.



Students from Kindergarten through Grade 6 then participated in **traditional garland-making activities** and took part in the **Rod Nam Dam Hua ceremony**—pouring water as a sign of respect and gratitude to teachers and school leaders.

In the afternoon, it was time for fun and laughter as the **water play** sessions began! Students came prepared with colorful outfits and small water guns and enjoyed **splashing around** with their classmates. To cool off, a **refreshing smoothie station** was set up where students could enjoy a healthy treat—thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!







# PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

## CELEBRATING GROWTH AND LEARNING

We wrapped up another successful round of Parent-Teacher Conferences across both Kindergarten and Primary. These valuable meetings provided an opportunity to reflect on each child's progress and celebrate the learning journey so far.

In Kindergarten, teachers met with parents to share meaningful insights about each student's growth—socially, emotionally, and academically—through open and reflective conversations. In Primary, students proudly led their own conferences, sharing their work and reflecting on their learning with confidence. It was wonderful to see students take ownership of their progress, followed by valuable discussions between parents and teachers.

Thank you to all the families who attended and to our dedicated teachers for creating such supportive and engaging spaces to connect and collaborate.



As part of their **Project-Based Learning** and the transdisciplinary theme of **Multiliteracy**, our Grade 5 and 6 students recently completed their "**Suitcase Tales**" project—and what a success it was!

This creative and engaging project gave students the **opportunity to craft personal stories** and thoughtful **journal entries**, all packed inside their own handmade "suitcases." The result was a wonderful celebration of storytelling, language development, and self-expression. It was inspiring to see the level of creativity, effort, and confidence each student brought to their work.

A **big thank you to all the teachers, families, and staff** who supported the students throughout this project. We're proud of what they achieved and look forward to building on this learning experience in the next academic year!

## SUITCASE TALES :A MULTILITERACY SHOWCASE!





## ☀ TERM 2 REFLECTION ☀



As we wrap up Term 2, we **reflect on a term filled with exciting events, meaningful learning opportunities, and moments** that brought our school community even closer together. From engaging classroom projects and special celebrations to field trips and sports events, our students have had so many chances to grow, explore, and shine.

A **heartfelt thank you to our dedicated teachers** for their hard work, to our **supportive families** for their continued partnership, and to our **amazing students** for their enthusiasm, resilience, and love of learning.

We are proud of all that we've achieved together this term and look forward to more great things in Term 3!

## PARENT FOOTBALL WEEKLY SESSION

Teacher Thae is exploring the idea of offering a **casual football session for parents in Term 3** as a **way to connect, stay active, and build community through sport.**

These would potentially take place on **Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM** on the **football field** behind Finnway. This is not yet confirmed, but we're looking to see if there is enough interest to move forward.

If you think you'd like to join, please **scan the QR code or click the [link](#)** complete the short survey so we can gauge interest.

⚽ Parent Interest Survey: Casual Football with Teacher Thae (Term 3) ⚽



## IMPORTANT TERM 3 DATES

MONDAY

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- **Teachers** will return for **Term 3**
- Parents will receive a Term 3 curriculum overview from their child's teacher via ClassDojo. This overview will help you stay informed about the key learning objectives in each subject for the term ahead.

TUESDAY

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- **Students** will return for **Term 3.**