Head Teacher Message

Greetings parents, guardians, caregivers and students,

As the year draws to a close, I take this opportunity to reflect on my first year at Marrickville IEC. I have come to realise that MIEC is simply a wonderful place to work and learn. It’s a school where both the academic and welfare needs of students are catered for. Simply put, both the staff and students of MIEC are exceptional which makes it a very special place to work. It is my privilege and pleasure to be part of such a school.

Apart from receiving high quality language tuition students have experienced such things as the NSW Surf Lifesaving Program at Cronulla beach where students got the opportunity to swim in the surf and ride the waves under the expert care of members of the NSW Surf Lifesaving fraternity. In addition, this term two of our students; Lily and Chloe, represented MIEC at the annual IEC Oratory Showcase held at Cabramatta IEC. They were fantastic.

MIEC students also went on day trips to Coogee to see the world famous Sculptures by the Sea exhibition as well as visits to the Australian Museum, Sydney Wildlife Park and Aquarium.

It is with both pride and sadness that we say goodbye to 66 of our students at the end of this term. These students have studied hard and are now ready to enter mainstream high school. The staff of MIEC would like to wish them all the best at their new schools and we look forward to seeing them back at MIEC next year at our annual reunion.

To all our students and their families, we wish you a safe and joyous festive season. Don’t forget, school recommences 28 January 2016.

Happy holidays,

Regards

Paul Fitzgerald
### FAREWELL AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LEAVING STUDENTS!

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CONVENIENT LOCATION
Tutoring is located at Marrickville IEC

COMING 2016

PROFESSIONAL TUTORS
All tutors are certified and trained DE teachers with years of teaching experience.

PREPARATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL

INDIVIDUAL SMALL GROUP PROGRAMS

PREPARATION FOR WORK PLACEMENT
It was a beautiful sunny day when Level 2 and Level 3 MIEC students went to Bondi Beach to see the annual Sculpture by the Sea. Students admired the many wonderful sculptures created by artists from all over the world. After lunch, MIEC students attended an art workshop where they learned about the artmaking process and created their own mini sculpture. Encouraging a love and interest in the Arts is a high priority at MIEC.
We are the level 3 students from Marrickville Intensive English centre; we have been learning English for about 4 months. All nineteen of us are from different countries such as China, Vietnam and Philippines and have diverse cultural backgrounds. Although we vary in age, we still enjoy our school life with each other because it is full of fun and interesting activities.

In the following year, we will go to high school. It’s fortunate for us to have this chance to visit the Willandra Aged Care Centre in order to improve our skills in communication and cooperation. During that time, everyone spared no effort to play their own role for this activity, bringing and serving the food to the residents in the Willandra as well as practising and preparing for our interviews. It is really difficult for us to listen, speak and take notes from the resident’s low voice and blurred words. Some of them migrated from another country to Australia. Also, our English pronunciation is not very standard but we still did our best to finish our task.

At the beginning, most of us felt bashful because of the unfamiliar environment and a little bit embarrassing atmosphere. After a while, through trying to talk with the residents, we gradually learnt how to chat with them and got accustomed to their way of speaking. We became more lively and active. During the whole progress, I saw Crystal and Jenny holding a lady’s hands, smiling and listening patiently. Meanwhile, I also noticed Athena and Julia squatting beside a gentleman, trying to ask and explain. I also saw Nelly and Louis helping to prepare and chop the food for morning tea. The teachers were busy helping us to promote our program.... Everybody did a terrific job!

Without doubt, the genial residents and staff there helped us a lot. The elderly residents were willing to accept our interviews and attempt to explain their lives more clearly to us. They were delighted to understand the questions and tell us their memorable stories. We were also assisted by the staff. They always encouraged us to talk to the residents and told us their requests so that we could succeed in completing our interview.

At the end of the visit, nobody wanted to leave as we made new friends and had a wonderful time chatting to each other.

From this program, we’ve learnt a new technique: interview. Moreover, the whole course taught us how to communicate and work with your partner, how to be patient and be a good listener for the senior people, how to be courageous and challenge yourself to improve your personality and characteristic. Service Learning is a meaningful and fabulous program that we all enjoyed.

Jenny Jin (3B)
Term four saw MIEC students participate in the wonderful Wilandra Program. The Wilandra Program allows students to visit our local retirement home (Wilandra) and as part of their community education program.

Students interview Wilandra residents to create a living history of the resident’s lives. These life stories are recorded in a visual presentation which is then shown to the residents upon completion. Students also cook morning tea for the residents to accompany the presentation.

Our students form a strong bond with the Wilandra residents with the program providing an opportunity to strengthen community ties through shared experiences.
MIEC students enjoyed another fun packed day at the Sydney Maritime Museum. MIEC students were given a guided tour of the exhibition which provided them with an opportunity to fully comprehend Australia’s maritime history.
MIEC students spent a great day learning how to swim and surf safely at Cronulla Beach. Our students were tutored in the art of wave catching and duck diving. For some of our students it was their first experience in the open ocean. It was a great day as each student had the opportunity to swim in the surf and ride the waves whilst being supervised by members of the NSW Lifesaving community. Students returned to school happy, but exhausted, after their big day battling the big sets.
Dear MIEC family,

These students are our MIEC Student Representative Council (SRC) members for Term 4, 2015. The SRC works together to make MIEC a welcoming and inclusive community for all students, parents and teachers. Please read the profiles below and get to know your SRC.

Name: Dat Do
Class: 2D
Where are you from? Vietnam
What are your special interests? Video Games
How can you contribute to MIEC? Make friends with everyone

Name: Vy Le
Class: 2C
Where are you from? Vietnam
What are your special interests? Hanging out with my friends
How can you contribute to MIEC? By being a good student

Name: Nancy Zhang
Class: 3A
Where are you from? China
What are your special interests? Listening to music, watching movies and playing clarinet
How can you contribute to MIEC? Be a top student, be patient to everyone and help everyone in need.

Name: Charlie Succar
Class: 2A
Where are you from? Lebanon
What are your special interests? Playing video games and watching TV
How can you contribute to MIEC? Be a good student
Name: Bella Huang  
Class: 3A  
Where are you from? China  
What are your special interests? Playing the piano, swimming, watching movies and listening to music  
How can you contribute to MIEC? Make friends with everyone and be a good student  

Name: Joanna Tao  
Class: 1A  
Where are you from? China  
What are your special interests? Reading books and playing piano  
How can you contribute to MIEC? Activity planning  

Name: Athena Liu  
Class: 3B  
Where are you from? China  
What are your special interests? Travelling, watching movies, playing guitar and reading comics  
How can you contribute to MIEC? Organising more excursions and making more international friends.  

Name: Que Nhi (Nelly) Pham  
Class: 3B  
Where are you from? Vietnam  
What are your special interests? Shopping, travelling, playing piano and listening to music  
How can you contribute to MIEC? Organising many charity activities and hold parties  

Name: Olivia Jiang  
Class: 2C  
Where are you from? China  
What are your special interests? Sleeping, eating delicious food and finding delicious food  
How can you contribute to MIEC? Help fundraise and coming up with more ideas to help charities.  

Name: Laura Salim  
Class: 2B  
Where are you from? Indonesia  
What are your special interests? Listening to music  
How can you contribute to MIEC? By being a good student  

Name: Daniel Zhu  
Class: 2B  
Where are you from? China  
What are your special interests? Go to the beach and watch TV  
How can you contribute to MIEC? Be a good student  

Name: Sophia Mak  
Class: 2D  
Where are you from? China  
What are your special interests? Playing basketball and games  
How can you contribute to MIEC? Give school some interesting ideas for fundraising and activities.  

Name: Elizabeth Kamara  
Class: 2A  
Where are you from? Sierra Leone  
What are your special interests? Watching movies, playing games and reading books  
How can you contribute to MIEC? I will like to help the teachers and other students
Should Australia accept more refugees from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria?

Definably yes! Because we all are human, we have to help each other whenever they need it, this is humanitarian!

Ancient human live together because they knew, one for all, all for one, one person is hard to live, but together is strong. As same as today, if we don't live together, we die alone. So, yes, we should let all the refugees to come to Australia, because everyone is same, everyone has right to live in the world and we can't stop them, no, we will never be that cold.

Many citizens in Australia are immigrant from all around the world; most of them were refugees, survived in the World War II or other serious problem. Should survivors don't let other people survived?

Some Australians worry about the terrorists would like to mix in the refugees and get in Australia, and make terrorist attacks; however the government will check them. If there are a few terrorist who make an attack, it won't scare anyone, it will only make people rage, become stronger and more people will join to kill terrorist, terrorist are bad, they got guns, but we stay together.

And if Australia let them come in, and show the world that what a kind country that Australia is, and more country will copy it, so refugees can survive, not die in misery with hate and helplessness, and the world cries, but do nothing that will be a very sad scene.

2B’s Prayer for the 21st Century

May sadness leave the family,
May happiness come to their lives.
May war be far away from the world,
May there always be peace.
May everyone hear the gentle wind,
May the rivers always be glassy.
May everyone have enough food,
May everyone use the same language.
May children go to school,
May bad children be good.
May everyone have a friend,
May everyone find their other half.
May families stay together,
May everyone have a job.
May everyone be free from nightmares,
May everyone have enough money.
May the words in this poem come true.

Louise

Understanding, caring, entertaining
Daughter of Marion
Who loves eating, sleeping and swimming
Who feels complete about family
Who loves cash, car and chocolates
Who gives love, laughter and lunch
Who fears lunatics, loss and lateness
Who’d like to see the world
Who dreams of better future
A student of Ms. O’Loushana.
Class 2C
By Class 2C

2C is loud and crazy,
But the loudest and craziest is Vy.
Anna and Hannah never speak in classes,
They sleep on the table without glasses.
The youngest and naughtiest boy is Valentin
And he talks in class every time.
Victoria is like a flower
And Christian has all the power.
Kelly has lots of towels
Lily can sing songs about owls.
2C has two boys
And the girls like to eat Royce.
Olivia loves her phone
Just like Coco, Yan and Shirley love their own.
Rebecca and Tina are new to school
And they like to play with Lavender in the pool.
Wenli always says she is the best
And Heyuan always speaks the least.
Dorothy is a name from Oz
And she is as beautiful as a rose.
Ms Liu always gives us a test
But we just want a rest.
We are a family
Who are always friendly.

A letter to a friend

4/11/15
Sophia Mak
27/2 Byer St
Sydney NSW 2136

Dear Qian,

How are you? How’s your family? I’m very good I’m writing to let you know why you should migrate to Australia because Australia is a good place to migrate to. I hope that you can migrate to Australia.

Firstly, Australian air is clean and fresh. The air in Australia is much better than in China. In some Chinese cities people need to wear a mask to go out. Australia has better climate. If you migrate to Australia it’s good for your health.

Secondly, Australia has good natural environment. We have a lot of beautiful beaches with blue oceans. If you come here you can swim at the beach with your family and me. There has many natural parks. Australia has better lifestyle. If you come to Australia you will like it very much.

In addition, Australia has plenty of jobs and low unemployment. If you complete your studies, you will find a interesting and nice job in Australia. Australia is a good place to find a job. If you find a good job in Australia you can help your family to make money.

Finally, I want you to migrate to Australia. If you understand what I say, you should migrate to Australia in the future. I am waiting for you. Trust me you will fall in love with Australia.

Your friend,

Sophia Mak (2D)
MIEC REUNION
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

and see you on
Thursday 28th January
2016

MARRICKVILLE YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE

January 2016 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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To Book:
1: Sign permission slip
2: Return it with payment cash or cheque
3: We will confirm your booking

PLEASE NOTE: Excursions are for young people aged 12 to 18 years.
Cancellations will only be refunded where 24 hours of notice has been given. MYRC cannot guarantee to supervise early birds or wait for late comers. You must pay in advance as places are limited for most activities.
All activities leave and return to MYRC unless otherwise stated. Food is provided for all activities.