



NEWSLETTER

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VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (VCE) AT DIS FROM 2012

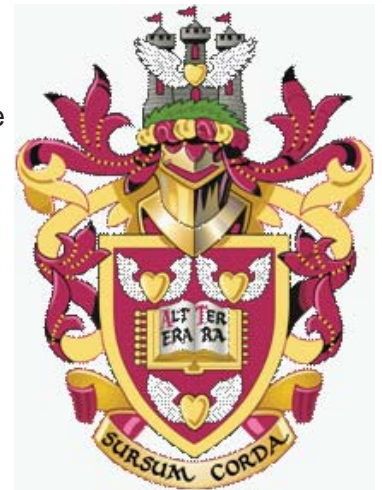
Dili International School is pleased to announce a partnership with prestigious Melbourne school, Haileybury, to offer the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) to Year 11 students from 2012.

The VCE is a rigorous and Internationally recognised curriculum run over two years, leading to a high school diploma that will enable students to go on to study at universities in Australia and elsewhere.

Classes will be run by our qualified and experienced Australian teachers. We offer small classes and individual attention, allowing each student to reach his or her full potential.

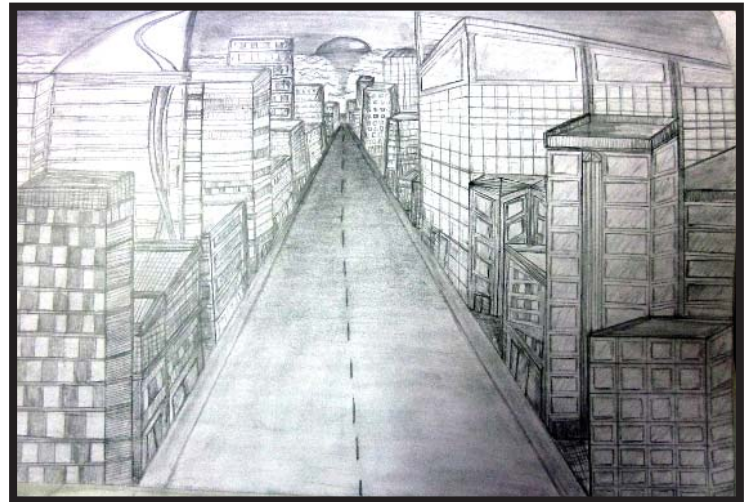
Timorese and International students alike are encouraged to apply for this exciting new educational opportunity.

For more information contact Carmel Bates on managerdis@gmail.com.



BUDDING PICASSO'S

*Realism, the Renaissance and Abstract
Expressionism ... its all happening in
Secondary Art. See story inside.*



More photos
from the
successful
Carnival in
Week 8.



Parents as Partners Meeting, Thursday
October 6th 7.30.

Come along and get involved with the
planning of our major event for Term 4,
the Family Fun Day Fair.

Have a fun and safe week's Holiday
everyone. See you all on October 4!

RAISING AWARENESS OF WORLD HUNGER

This year Dili International School participated in the 20 or 40 Hour Famine and raised a substantial amount for this important cause.

The Famine is a yearly event which raises awareness within schools about poverty throughout the world. This year the focus country was Timor Leste. Through this experience students gained a global perspective of how hunger effects people especially children. They also gained a local perspective through finding out why Timor Leste needs World Vision money as well as how World Vision is helping the local community.

MPY proudly participated in the 20 Hour Famine. They enjoyed raising awareness for the hungry Timorese children as well as doing something to make a difference. MPY found out that, even though by ourselves we may only make a small difference, when we work together with others we can make a big difference.

Here are some of their thoughts on doing the 20 Hour Famine:

“World Vision is a group of people that go around the world helping poor people. This helps every one poor in East Timor. That’s why MPY is doing the 20 Hour Famine.” Kay Olok.

“You do the 20 Hour Famine to raise money to give to the poor families throughout the world. By doing it you are helping the poor families throughout the world.” Margarida.

“The 20 Hour Famine is fund-raising for poor Timorese kids who don’t get food. This time of year is called the hungry season when crops don’t grow so they have to eat Akar which is tree bark. We are really lucky to not have to eat Akar as we get food whenever we want.” Abeeha

“When I started asking people to sponsor me I was a little nervous. I thought ‘what if they say no?’ The next time I asked people for money to sponsor me I felt great because even if I didn’t get money I would still be raising awareness.” Liam.

“All up we raised \$1199.30, people will still be contributing. For our age and commitment we have raised a massive amount of money to give World Vision. We, working together, have raised enough money for a family of five to live with food for more than a year. And we aren’t working alone, people all around the world will be doing this and raising money.” Finn.



Above: Ms. Fiona Hamilton from World Vision receiving a cheque from Mr. David for \$3022.30 on behalf of all the participating students at DIS.

Below: Talking to DIS students at Assembly.



“I didn’t feel anything when I was fasting. I felt really good. I drank some water and just played outside and felt a little hungry in the morning.” Sawalai.

“I feel very, very good that our class made lots of money for the poor people in Timor-Leste.” Zana.

“You should care for them. If you were them you would want them help so treat them the way that you want them to treat you.” Bruno.

“I’d love to do it again next year because everybody enjoyed it and so did I. I really want to give money to people by other ways. If they are poor or get injured so when they are fine I can know what they need for their life.” Charles.
... by Ms Yvonne.

ADINKRA AND OTHER SYMBOLS

These are just a few examples of the work we have been doing in Secondary Art this term.

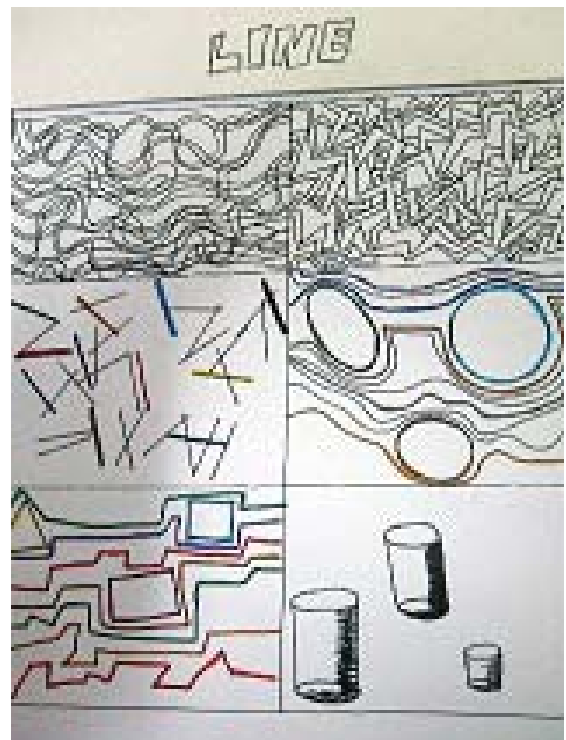
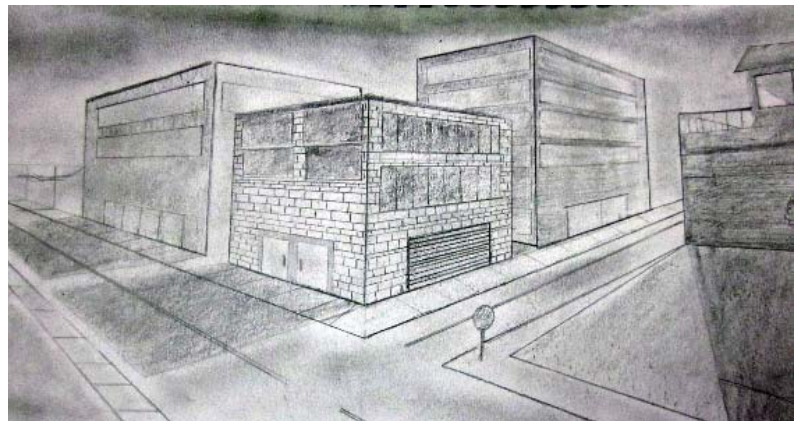
The year 7/8 class started off by looking at the language of art, including line, shape, tone, colour and texture. Then they learned about Adinkra symbols from West Africa. This inspired the creation of their own stamps from clay, depicting the Learner Profile characteristics.

This was put together as a class 'quilt', which is now on display in the secondary building. Now they are working on creating visual pun sculptures in the style of Pop Art.

The year 9/10 class started with Realism and the Renaissance, learning how to create depth in their work through the use of perspective. This class has now moved on to Abstract Expressionism; they have been experimenting with various media and techniques, and are about to begin their major work for the unit, creating an abstract work showing emotion.

We have all enjoyed working in the new art room, and the students have participated enthusiastically on their art this term.

... by Ms Kirsty



ANTS begins with an "A"

This week's theme in Playgroup 2 was "Insects" and our focus will be "Ants". Children will also begin to learn the sound "a". Please help your child at home to find items beginning with the sound "a" (ex. ant, arm, arrow, apple).

Learning number names is an important school activity. Use home activities as a way to help your child practice counting. For example, when setting the table, count the plates with your child, or when putting away groceries, count the boxes or cans. For this week we will review the numbers 1 and 2.



Shapes and colors are everywhere! Can your child identify them? This week we are going to focus with the shape Circle and the color Red.

Music has a big part in our class. I believe that:

- Dancing and Singing develops self-confidence using the practice of large and small muscles.
- Children learn from observation.
- Dancing and Singing Release energy.
- Dancing and Singing allows for solving problems in pairs or groups.
- They allow for creative self-expression.
- Dancing and Singing develop short term and long term Memory.

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year ahead!

Hi I'm Esther Fernandez.

I have just recently joined the very diverse and awesome team of DIS. I have been living in Dili for 5 ½ years now and have been teaching at another School all throughout my stay here.

I love teaching and I am very excited for my new adventure-teaching the younger ones (Playgroup 2) in the morning and ESL/ Reading for the primary in the afternoon.

Music is one of my passions. My instruments are mainly vocal, piano, guitar and recorder. My sports include table tennis, badminton and tennis.



Photos by Ms Helen Scott.



The Entrance area to the Upper Campus showing some of the renovations and landscaping completed since acquiring the property a year ago this month.

Welcome to Dili International School



Our Teachers ...



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TRANSITION

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DIS Calendar 2011

The school year calendar is a hybrid that caters for families from Australia, as well as those from Timor Leste, and countries in the Northern Hemisphere.

There are four, ten week terms. Students have a six week holiday at Christmas, a five week holiday the middle of the year, and a one week holiday in March and September.

DIS has eight Pupil Free Days each year, set aside for the first day/s back at the end of each holiday period, and for one report writing day each semester. DIS closes for national public holidays as outlined in below.

DIS Calendar 2011

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Public Holidays

Apr 22 nd	Good Friday
Apr 25 th	Easter Monday
May 2 nd	May Day (in lieu of May 1 st)
May 20 th	Independence Restoration Day
Sep 20 th	Liberation Day
Nov 1 st	All Saints Day
Nov 11 th	Santa Cruz Day (in lieu of Nov 12 th)
Nov 28 th	Proclamation of Independence Day

School Holidays

Pupil Free Days 17th, 18th & 19th Jan,
4th Apr, 18th July, 3rd Oct
Report Writing Days 23rd May, 21st Nov

*2012 school year commences Jan 25th
(Staff commence on Jan 23rd)*