



# SmartKids Thao Dien Talk

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## Getting ready for "Big Kids", Primary School, or a move

The end of the school year is nearly there!

Always an exciting time for a lot of families. You are making plans for the holidays and/or your child might move in August to the "Big Kids" group in SmartKids, to a Primary School or you might move as a family to another country. An exciting but also emotional time of the year. Important is to prepare your children for these important changes in their life. Involve them in your plans, read books about moving to another country or moving to a primary school. Talk about your own emotions; how you feel (excited, happy and sad).

In this way your child will cope better with his or her emotions and the transition will be easier.

At SmartKids we prepare the children who will move in August to the "Big Kids" for this important transition. First of all we will talk about the fact that they will move up. After that we introduce them to their new group by making small visits to their new group and teacher. Some children might already want to stay for lunch, snack or circle time.

The children who move from our "Big Kids" group to International Primary Schools, have been already for visits with their parents. On top of that we have organized an extra visit only with friends who will go to the same school and their teacher from SmartKids.

Children who move to another country are also prepared by talking and reading books about this important change in their life's. Often we take the map of the world and share with the other children where the child who moves will be in the future.

Wherever you go or will be in the new year; we wish you all the best and thank you for your support!

We are all part of an ever changing environment. In all locations some teaching staff will leave SmartKids to find new challenges elsewhere. We are working on replacing our departing staff with new enthusiastic staff and we will make sure we are ready for a new year.

Important dates to remember:

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:**  
Thursday 20th of June

**COFFEE MORNING FOR ALL CHILDREN AND PARENTS:**  
Friday 16th of August  
From 09.00 to 11.00

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:**  
Monday 19th of August



# Charity Arts Evening

Throughout the year the SmartKids children have been immersed in the topic of *'Exploring Our World'*. They have learnt about themselves and their families, their local communities, which countries they come from, and their changing world and how they can care for the world in the actions they are involved in.

To compliment this, the SmartKids children prepared group art pieces created within their classes to be auctioned to raise money to support the Van Phuoc Kindergarten in Phu Yen Province, through the Loreto Vietnam Australia Program. The Charity Arts Evening held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 exhibited the children's art work, as well as donated items for sale to support the project. With the music provided by local musicians, Hung and Damien, and the support of parents and donors, SmartKids was able to raise over \$3,570 for the Van Phuoc Kindergarten (to be renamed the Xuan Thanh "Successful Spring" Kindergarten). It was a wonderful effort and an enjoyable evening! Thank you to all who attended!



## *Thank you to all who donated items towards this event:*

Harvest Baking, Loaves and Fishes, Mastro designs, Albetta, Pure Heaven, Mekong Merchant, DLS, Wade Brackenbury, Golden Hands, Saigon Pony Club, Harmony Salon, Aya Salon, Banyan Tree, Maya's parents, Vilde's parents, Tofunmi's parents, Liam's parents, Nami's parents, and to all the children who donated shoes and their creative talents towards the evening.

