



# Tran Ngoc Dien Talk

## Transitions



What a wonderful Term 3 we have had exploring the question: " *Who am I going to be?*"

*I am Confident !"* The children have explored who is part of their community and the roles these people have, and have celebrated the skills and confidence they have developed over the year. We had lots of fun imagining what job we would like to have when we grow up and dressing in that role!

**Changes & Transitions:** As we come to the end of our school year, having learnt and grown so much this year, strengthened and made new friendships, and developed such confidence in what we can do, we are conscious of the time of transition ahead. This can be both an exciting and anxious time of year for families. It is when we see some children head off overseas for holidays or to move to a new home and country. Some of our friends will leave to attend a new school, and amongst our older Kiddies will be the excitement of moving up to the 'Big Kids' room. Transitions for children can be an anxiety provoking experience, yet when supported can be a positive and growing experience, enabling children to deal confidently with transition and new challenges. It is important to prepare your child for these important changes in their life by involving him/her in your plans, through reading books together about moving to another country or moving to a new school, visiting their new school together, and by talking about your own emotions - are you excited, sad, happy?

**New classes:** At Smartkids, we prepare the children who will move in August to the "Big Kids' for this important transition by introducing them to their new room in the final weeks of term, so that they are familiar with this space when they return to class in August. Ms Katy, who will move from our Thao Dien location to be the 'Big Kids' teacher at Tran Ngoc Dien next year, has begun to spend time in the classroom and facilitate activities with these children so they also become familiar with her. Ms Naomi, who will be teaching in the Kiddies class next year has also commenced her time in the Yellow group getting to know the children. The children who will move from our 'Big Kids' class to International Primary Schools have already visited with their SmartKids friends and teacher so that they are familiar with where they will be going next year and which SmartKids friends will be joining them there.

**Staff :** There are a number of farewells within our staff at the end of this term. Ms Viviane (Blue Group) is moving to the USA to commence a new teaching position, Ms Ella (Yellow group) is returning to the USA to commence further study, Ms Uyen (YG) has left to care for her newborn daughter, and Ms Phuong (PA) is moving on to another job position. We have welcomed Ms Naomi to the Yellow group this term to transition the children for next year.

*Thank you to all the parents for your support throughout the year. We have had lots of fun and we wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer holiday break and look forward to seeing you back in the new school year.*



**Orientation and coffee morning**  
Our new SmartKids year will begin on Friday 15th August 2013 with a coffee morning from 9.00–11.00am for all children and parents to meet their teachers and friends.  
We look forward to seeing you after your holidays!

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- Smartkids dates:**
- \*Last day of Term 3:  
June 26th 2014
  - \*Orientation morning for new year:  
15th August 2014 9-11am
  - \*First day of new SmartKids year:  
18th August 2014
  - \*Vietnam National Day:  
2nd September 2014
  - \*Half-term holiday:  
13-17th October 2014
  - \*Non-children day:  
20th October 2014
  - \*Last day of Term 1:  
19th December 2014





# HAPPY DAYS AT SMARTKIDS



Thank you to our staff for a creative and fun-filled year with the children!

