Greetings parents, guardians, caregivers and students,

Well the 2017 school year has come to an end and its time for a well deserved break. We say goodbye to 61 of our wonderful MIEC students. We wish them all the best with their future studies and feel assured that their futures will be filled with success and happiness.

Term 4 was another tremendously busy term at MIEC. Our International Student Tuition Centre continued to operate and by all accounts the academic success achieved through the centre is becoming clearly evident in the classrooms of MIEC.

Term 4 also saw MIEC’s involvement in the Creating Chances Program which promotes female leadership through corporate connections with Australian and International based companies.

Term 4 also saw our annual pilgrimage to Sculpture by The Sea. A great day was had by all. MIEC also celebrated Halloween Day where students took the opportunity to paint their faces in the most unusual of patterns and dress in the scariest costumes they could find.

On a personal note, as Head Teacher of the IEC, I wish to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful teaching staff. They deliver quality teaching programs to all our students. I would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Ms Zhao, Mr Sherwood and Ms Fardell. These teachers are all moving on to other schools, thank you for your hard work and support this term.

Unfortunately our annual school camp had to be cancelled this year due to maintenance being carried out at the camp site. However our students were treated to a private Harbour Cruise on a charted catamaran where they enjoyed the picturesque Sydney harbour and dined on a delicious lunch prepared by the on-board chef. On camp, I can report that a great time was had by every student.

Just a reminder that the first school day for students next year is 30 January, 2018. Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas break. See you again term 1, 2018.

Warm regards,
Paul Fitzgerald
FAREWELL AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LEAVING STUDENTS!

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LEAVERS’ ASSEMBLY

SPEECH GIVEN BY HENRY HUANG (Class 3C)

Good morning everyone! Congratulations to all of level 2 and 3 leaving students, you have accomplished the study in the MIEC and are going to High school. I am glad to represent all of you to speak in the last assembly today! I believe that you must also have lots of words you want to say right now.

First of all, I would like to thank all the classmates for your company with each other in this period of time in the MIEC. We come from all over the world but being gathered here by the same purpose, learning English. I can still remember the scene that we were too embarrassed to talk with others on the first day we came to MIEC. After a term of time studying English, however, we are capable of communicating and many valuable friendships were set up. During this time, we studied together in class, shared lunch with each other at recess, and cooperated together in sport competition. With help from our friends, we could get used to the new circumstances in Australia and did not feel lonely any more.

Secondly, I want to express my most sincere gratitude to all the teachers in the MIEC including the office staff. With your diligent work, we can receive the best English education here and progress in our English. In addition, I also appreciate your friendly care and responsible attitude to all the students. You are concerned about every student in their study and life. Likewise you always try your best to solve students’ problems in order to let us concentrate on our study. In fact without your assistance, we could not have adjusted to life and study in Australia in such a short time. Because of your help, MIEC feels as warm and happy as a second home.

The end of the IEC means another new experience in the high school is starting. As we know, high school will be an enormous challenge for all of us. We ought to put much more effort into study, to ensure that we do not fail in the future. If we continue to work as diligently as we did in the IEC, we are likely to be successful in high school. Even if you do badly in high school, do not be upset. Remember all of us are striving with you simultaneously and our teachers will support you as well. I am sure all of us are going to have promising prospects.

Leaving is a sentimental moment but let’s reserve our memory into our heart and keep moving to encounter more difficulties. It is my honour to work with you, my classmates and teachers ever. I hope we can meet in the MIEC again!

Best wished to all of you and wish you merry Christmas and happy new year in advance. Thank you very much!
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INDIVIDUAL SMALL GROUP PROGRAMS
PREPARATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL
Dear MIEC family,

These students are our MIEC Student Representative Council (SRC) members for Term 4, 2017. The SRC works together to make MIEC a welcoming and inclusive community for all students, parents and teachers.

Name: Carina Zhang  
Country: China  
Hobbies: Travel, watch movies, read books  
What advice will you give to new students at MIEC? Listen carefully and talk to friends in English

Name: Angel To  
Country: Hong Kong  
Hobbies: Playing piano, dancing, listening to music  
What advice will you give to new students at MIEC? Wear right uniform everyday and study hard

Name: Ahmet Tekin  
Country: Turkey  
Hobbies: Watch movies  
What advice will you give to new students at MIEC? Classes very to work in the school

Name: Abdullah Zakaria  
Country: Lebanon  
Hobbies: Soccer  
What advice will you give to new students at MIEC? Do your homework or you will get detention

Name: Tina Zhuang  
Country: China  
Hobbies: Singing, drawing, dancing  
What advice/tips will you give to new students at MIEC? Please work hard and make sure you finish all the homework, especially in Mr Grecki’s class

Name: Anning Dai  
Country: China  
Hobbies: Calligraphy  
What advice/tips will you give to new students at MIEC? Wear uniform, full black shoes

Name: Winnie  
Country: China  
Hobbies: Playing the piano  
What advice/tips will you give to new students at MIEC? Listening to the teacher’s carefully while having lessons
Name: Chaya Chanasit  
Country: Thailand  
Hobbies: Play sports  
What advice will you give to new students at MIEC? I will help them and they can ask me anything

Name: Kitty Wang  
Country: China  
Hobbies: Play games, study, table tennis, basketball, reading books  
What advice will you give to new students at MIEC? The harder you study, the better marks you will get

Name: Kim Tran  
Country: Vietnam  
Hobbies: Sleep, spend money  
What advice will you give to new students at MIEC? I can’t, you can’t, but we can!

Name: MST Marzia Mahzabin  
Country: Bangladesh  
Hobbies: Reading books and watching TV  
What advice/tips will you give to new students at MIEC? Study hard and respect all teachers

Name: Simon Hui  
Country: China, Hong Kong  
Hobbies: Reading books, wiki, playing computer games, play musical instruments  
What advice/tips will you give to new students at MIEC? Go to more places, don’t just stay at home and make more friends but not only from your country and study hard for English.

Name: Ketsha  
Country: Congo  
Hobbies: Sing or play sport  
What advice will you give to new students at MIEC? Make sure you do your homeworks and respect the teacher especially Ms Ou.

Name: Melody Ouyang  
Country: China  
Hobbies: Playing piano, playing guzheng, reading  
What advice/tips will you give to new students at MIEC? Study hard and make more friends.

Name: Xiner Wu  
Country: China  
Hobbies: Listen to music  
What advice/tips will you give to new students at MIEC? Study hard, follow the school rules.

Name: Elinda Liu  
Country: China  
Hobbies: Play the piano, read books, play sports  
What advice will you give to new students at MIEC? Organise more activities

Name: Carina Zhang  
Country: China  
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Name: Angel To  
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Hobbies: Playing piano, dancing, listening music  
What advice/tips will you give to new students at MIEC? Wear right uniform every day and study hard

Name: Ben  
Country: China  
Hobbies: Basketball  
What advice/tips will you give to new students at MIEC? Study hard
Level 1 Excursion

Level 1 students had a fantastic time exploring the city of Sydney by catching a fairy from Circular Quay station to Manly. As a group, they walked along the coast to enjoy the beautiful views and ended the day by having a picnic by the beach.
Level 3 Students went to Bondi Beach to visit the annual Sculpture by the Sea exhibition. The students walked along the beautiful Sydney coastline as they admired sculptures from artists around the world. After lunch, students participated in an art workshop with Swedish artist Karl Chilcott and learned about the artistic process.
MIEC SRC (Student Representative Council) did a fantastic job in organising a fundraising Halloween day full of creepy food, costumes and scary activities.
Selected Level 3 Girls has been participating in the Creating Chances Girl’s Leadership Program every week. Students went to the Campaign Monitor head office to learn from computer engineers. The students completed computer coding activities and a goal setting workshop.
Cronulla Surf Lifesaving
3A MIEC Students went to Willandra Nursing Home and had an unforgettable time in the nursing home in interviewing the residence. They were surrounded by friendly staff, chatting and eating food together. They were from different countries, doing different activities and looked happy and contented. During the time we spend with you, we sincerely hope that you could forget your annoyance and have a good time.
Sydney Harbour Cruise
April, 20, 1948

Dear Mum and Dad,

WWII has just finished. The life here is not very easy. Therefore, I will go to Australia tomorrow. I am very sorry for not staying with you to rebuild our hometown. The war has hurt us too much. I decided to migrate to Australia because I can get a safe shelter and there were lots of job opportunities. In addition, I can forget all adversities happened on my during the war. I hope you can listen to me patiently.

First, I can live in a safe house in Australia. The German army destroyed our house and city. We had to live outside. What’s more, we even didn’t have enough food to eat. The only thing we could eat was the food which the government gave. It is too hard for us to live in the ruins. Worse still, many outlaws robbed food from us. If I go to Australia, the government has the power to protect us. So I wanted to migrate to Australia.

Second, there are plenty of job opportunities in Australia. The government will provide us with lots of jobs,. I can earn much money in Australia. If I stay in Greece, I can’t get a job and I won’t have enough money to live. We can’t live without money. Moreover, the government of Australia will pay my travel expense. I don’t need to worry about the cost of the trip. What’s more, the government wanted many farmers to plant. I can earn money by planting crops.

Most importantly, the life in Australia can make me out of the shadow of the war. I don’t want to get lost in the pain of losing my friends and relatives. I want to forget all the things about the war. Australia is not destroyed by the war and the cities there are beautiful. It is very safe to live there. If I immigrate to Australia, I will not be very sad any longer. The beautiful view over there will make me feel better. So it is a great chance for me to migrate to Australia now. I don’t want to miss it.

Although I will meet many troubles when I’m in Australia, but it is still much better than staying here and suffering hunger. In Australia, I can have a safe place to live, many job opportunities for me to earn money and help me out of the shadow of the war. This is my decision, I hope you can understand me.

Best wish,
Kevin
Once in a beautiful morning in the ocean with a beautiful mermaid with brown hair green eyes and beautiful rainbow tail. The mermaid was looking for an antique clock that her father gave it to her.

While the mermaid was looking for the antique clock she saw a shark. When she saw the shark she was so scared so she hid behind a rock. She looked out from behind the rock she couldn’t see the shark so she thought she was safe then she looked back and she saw it so she quickly swam away but it followed her. The shark saw it was something so he went and picked it up. He saw it was an antique clock that the mermaid looking for it. He showed the mermaid and the mermaid said, “Give that to me or I will get someone to kill you!” the shark said “ha ha ha no one can kill me” he replied, “I’ll kill you by myself!” she said” what!? You are going to kill me? That impossible! You are only a mermaid. You can’t kill a big and strong shark like me.

The shark carried the clock everywhere so the mermaid couldn’t take it. The mermaid had an idea. She was going to put poison in the shark’s beer. When the shark come into the bar and then the mermaid put a poison in his beer and then and then she served the beer and the shark drank it all. Later he died. The mermaid got the antique back.
Barney was a dentist. A Jewish dentist.

You know, at any time, it’s necessary to have a dentist and check the teeth even if in the war time. The hard situation of medical made lucky Barney survive when all his family have died because of the Nazis. In fact it wasn’t lucky is it?

Once in an early morning, the sunshine was warm and the wind was gentle. Barney just finished checking a Nazi soldier’s teeth. It was hard to fix because the teeth were strongly effected by cigarettes and alcohol. Barney walked along the narrow streets with Nazi symbols everywhere. The red flags reminded him of the rude and cruel Nazi soldier.

“It was a terrible morning. I mean look at his…” Barney said to himself angrily, but some strange sounds interrupted him. It was from the bushes. He quietly walked closer and found out there was a young girl hiding with tear in her eyes. Barney stared at her. She was pretty girl with big brown eyes and dark brown hair.

“Hey, young lady. Come here and don’t worry. I won’t hurt you. Where is your parents?” Barney whispered and tried to smile. It was easy to know the dirty little girl was a Jewish.

The girl didn’t move. She hid herself deeply in the bushes like a kitten. She was so weak but still tried to protect herself.

“Come here kid. Come here. I’m also a Jewish. It’s still early now. Nobody will see us.” Barney encouraged her and gave her his hands. She looked at Barney deeply and finally put her hand into Barney’s.

“My name is Chaya. Papa and mama hid me here and some soldiers came and… I don’t know…” Chaya whispered while her eyes were looking at the ground.

“How old are you, Chaya… my little girl?” Barney asked.

“I’m 4 now but tomorrow is my birthday,” answered Chaya and she held Barney’s hand more tightly. Barney looked at Chaya’s little hand. For one moment, he thought it was still before the war had happened. He was taking a walk with his daughter. The sweet girl kept talking and calling him ‘papa’. Her eyes were shining like the diamonds or stars in the sky. She was Barney’s little angel, sweet heart. Now, everything has finished. The Nazis, the war destroyed his family and every night he thought of his beautiful wife and sweet daughter, the tears fell down. However, he had to meet those Nazis and pretend to be grateful. He couldn’t imagine a even worse thing in the world.

“Listen, Chaya, we’re both Jewish and we had to protect ourselves right? Come with me and be quiet. I will try to protect you.” Barney touched her hair and her face gently. Chaya didn’t say anything but gave him a hug.

“So we are family now?” Chaya stood up and stared at Barney.

The words hit Barney. Suddenly he felt a sense of duty to protect the poor kid and maybe some more. It was so unfair for the children. If he can he just wanted to do something for them and also his daughter.
A twisted date
By Henry Huang, 3C

A beam of fresh sunshine illuminated a face of a young girl. She was strolling on the platform of Circular Quay waiting for her boyfriends, Jack. Today was their first date. Suddenly a familiar voice came behind.

“Hi, Rose!” It was Jack. “Sorry I am a bit late. Shall we go?”

“No worries. Let’s go.”

Ferry was steering out wharf on the way to the Luna Park. Jack and Rose stood outsides enjoying a grand scenery of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. However a deafening booming interrupted this sweet atmosphere. What was going on? They could hear panic screaming from the front of the ferry.

“The boat is crashed by rock!”

Momentarily the ferry turned over. Jack grabbed Rose and they overboard at once. Everything was in silence.

Jack was kicking water so that he could float up. He wrapped around the Rose.

“Help! I cannot swim!” Her cheek became bulging and even redder.

“Hang on. Grip me tightly.”

Desperate shouting and screaming spread out in all directions. People scrabbled splinters of the ferry, looking like in the hell. Abruptly, Jack was punched by a debris of the boat. He was under water again. He struggled up and looks for Rose. She was vanish! Rose was pushed to the other side. The water choked her trachea making her hardly breathe. Jack searched her restlessly, however instead of Rose, he found a fin towards them swiftly. “No! Do not let it be!” That was a shark who was showing its sharp teeth and ready to have a meal. Jack scrambled on a board at once. But it did not persist too long. The shark was attacking the board and nearly smashes this delicate board. Jack stood in paralysis. “I am going to die!” Jack wept.

In contrast to that, a plangent alarm refilled Jack with hope. That was a rescue boat. The crew shot the shark with high pressure water gun which expelled the shark. People were saved. Jack is transported to shore. He is fine. He is searching around frantically.

“Rose!” He shouted loudly. Tear was blinking in his eyes.

“Jack”, finally a voice answered. It was Rose.

She had a pale face and was shaking, although, fortunately she is all right. They rushed to each other, hugging tightly. “We made it!” After experiencing such a horrible accident, they were valuing this peaceful moment.

“Let’s go home.” Jack held Rose’s hand.

Even if they were wearing the moist and cold clothes, there was warm emotion influx penetrating into their heart. Encountering this life-threat together, they understood how important each other is. On the way home, they felt happiest.
Lucy and Tina were sisters. Lucy was older than Tina with long, brown hair. Tina was younger child and sister in their family. Tina's hair was also brown, but her hair was short with black eyes. They were studying at the same school. Both of them were friendly and they always behaved politely to people.

One sunny afternoon, they were going back home. Suddenly, Tina stopped walking in front of a big costume shop. "What happened Tina?" asked Lucy. Tina was looking excited. "Look how beautiful and colourful swimming costume!" yelled Tina.

The costume that Tina liked was very nice and it was for sale, but it was also too expensive. Tina decided she would like to buy that swimming costume, but they didn't have that much money. So, they went home.

Tina told her parents about the swimming costume. Lucy and Tina wanted to buy the costume. Their parents didn't agree with them. Lucy's mum said, "You both have swimming costumes, so you don't need more."

Then next day, Lucy and Tina explained about the costume that it was very uncommon and it wouldn't cost that much. So, Lucy, Tina and their parent went the costume shop. But unfortunately, it was too late to get that costume, because it had already been sold. There were no other costumes they wanted. Tina shouted, "If first time we had money to buy that colourful and suitable swimming costume, then we wouldn't have to lose it.

Tina was very sad. Lucy was reassuring Tina as an older sister should be that it is not a big or serious problem. Lucy saw another clothes shop. She entered in with her family. They looked at a marvelous and elegant colourful swimming costume, which would be perfect for Tina. Also, it was better than the first one that she liked.

Then Lucy's parent bought the costume for Tina, but Lucy didn't wanted one for herself. I already have one and I don't need one more swimming costume. My swimming costume is also very expensive and uncommon." whispered Lucy to her mom's ear. But Lucy's dad bought one for Lucy also. They were both very happy to share their wish with their parents, although it was a bit complicated.
Once there was a man called Joey living near a town by himself. His house was in the countryside and it was old and small. Joey was very poor and owned nothing so nobody wanted to care about him except some kind people in the town who came to help him.

It was a good day that day, sunny and warm, with white clouds and birds in the sky. The wind gently touched the grass and brought the smell of the soil to Joey. He was lying in the field on his back and enjoyed his afternoon. Surprisingly, he found a rabbit that was trapped by the long weeds.

"Oh, poor little thing. He's trapped." Joey said and sat up. He carefully pushed aside the grass and picked up the sticks and stones to make a way. The rabbit quickly escaped and ran away. Joey smiled and lied back down. Suddenly, his eyes were hurt by a dazzling light-- something was shining in the grass.

Joey was curious and stood up. He walked towards it and pick it up. The dust was gently cleaned and Joey couldn't believe. It was a watch, a golden watch! It was round in shape and bright in colour with many nice patterns. The short chain was a bit old and dirty but still very charming.

"Oh God! It must be a gift from that rabbit! My lucky rabbit! I have been waiting for such a long time to find a chance to be rich. Here I go!" Joey yelled. He was quite excited and couldn't stop dreaming about how his life would change and become brighter. He stared at the watch and suddenly found some tiny words at the back of the watch-- 'Mary Crawly'. It was not a strange name for Joey. It was the name of an old lady in the town. She used to visit Joey when she was still healthy and able to walk.

"She was a nice lady, and kind-hearted. Last year, it was winter and the temperature was so low that nearly killed me. It was she who gave me her son's coat." Joey whispered in a low and deep voice. He was almost driven mad by the little golden watch. Joey really wanted to sell it and got money so that his new life could start. However, he knew that it was very special and important because it was a gift from the lady's father who had died in the war when she was only a little girl. After a long time of thinking, Joey finally made his choice.

"It was belong to her." Joey said to himself and walked to the lady's house in the town firmly.
The dream
Written by Linh Nguyen

Once upon a time, there was a poor family who lived in a small, old house inside the jungle. They were the Brown’s family. Mr Brown and his wife were famers. Everyday, they had to go to the city to work for the principal of the town. This work was very hard, but Mr and Mrs. Brown didn’t care about this. They tried as much as they could to earn the money to buy food for their little family.

Mr and Mrs. Brown had tow beautiful daughters, Jessica and Joy. Jessica was the oldest child, she was 14 years old and Joy was three years younger than her. Because of their poverty, they couldn’t go to school. Jessica always helped her parents to take care of Joy and cooked dinner for her parents. Joy, a happy and intelligent girl was always looking for the knowledge that she found in the books in the house. Although life was very difficult and they always worried about money, but with Mr and Mrs. Brown, when they saw the two lovely girls gave them more energy to do the job.

One day, Mr and Mrs. Brown had to go to work. They said to Jessica she needed to keep her eyes on Joy, because sometimes, she was naughty and made her parents worry. Jessica agreed and went inside the house, to clean up and cook like other day. Joy was sitting on the chair. The night before, her parents had given her a book named ‘The little mermaid’, Joy was so excited to read a new book.

“Joy, remember, if you want to go out, you must to tell me!” said Jessica from the kitchen.

“Ok! I know it sis! Don’t worry!” Joy smiled happily in the living room, then she continued read the book.

The character’s name was Ariel and she was so pretty, she made Joy felt interested and she wanted to know more about Ariel’s life. When Ariel met the prince of her life, Joy jumped off the chair, she ran as fast as she can in the kitchen – where Jessica was cooking.

“Jessica, I want to be a mermaid!” said Joy, still jumping.

“Really? But how?” surprise Jessica, she still holding the spoon to taste the soup.
Joy continued her idea:

“Just buy a mermaid costume, there was a store in the city, I’ve seen it!”

Jessica stopped holding the spoon, she sat in front of Joy and quietly touched her tiny shoulder:

“I know how you love the characters Joy, but look at our family, we don’t have much money. You should feel so lucky that we can have rice to eat everyday and that dad tries to buy you books to feed your curiosity.”

Hearing what Jessica said, Joy felt so disappointed. Why couldn’t she have this? Why? Joy started crying, she ran to the living room with the book in her hand and she sat on the armchair, angrily because her sister didn’t grant her wish. Joy thought that, she would never speak with her sister or her parents again. They didn’t love her anymore.

“Joy...Joy...” someone called her name, Joy woke up tiredly. She just discovered that she wasn’t at home anymore. Joy saw in front of her high mountains and beside the mountains was a giant, blue sea. Joy was surprised, she should be at home right now, with her parent and her sister.

“Hi Joy! Nice to meet you!” said a girl with long red hair, wearing a bikini. No... Joy looked at her again.

“Ariel?” asked Joy, how can Ariel be here or how was she here?

“Joy, my lovely fan! I understand that the characters like me always give the little kid the wish to become the characters they want. But, like your sister said, you should think about your family, of course they love you so much, they try to make your wish come true. But sometimes they can’t. Don’t be selfish like that, ok?” Ariel spoke very softly like sounds of a song which made Joy felt comfortable... Joy agreed with Ariel about her story. Joy smiled at Ariel and said that it was a pleasure to meet her and to hear what Ariel said. Joy understood everything. She shouldn’t be selfish.

“Joy, wake up, time to eat lunch now!” said Jessica.

Joy opened her eyes, she saw Jessica in front of her, smiled warmly. Joy woke up and hug her sister:

“I’m sorry, sis, I shouldn’t do that, I know my mistake.”

Jessica was happy when Joy could see her mistake, she hug her little sister.
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