

# THE EAGLET

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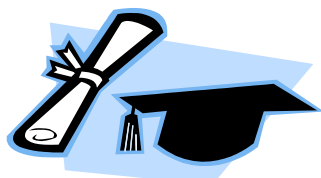
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## Upcoming Events

Wed., May 25—MS Awards Assembly

Sun. May 29—9:30 AM, Senior Class Baccalaureate, Paradise Sandy Bay

Tues., May 31—12:30 thru 1:45 PM, Check out with your SAT Leader

Tues. May 31—2:00 PM, Eighth Grade Graduation, Chapel

Wed. June 1— 7:00 PM, Class of 2005 Commencement, Paradise Sandy Bay

## Spotlight on a Winner: Kelsey

There were many excellent eighth grade science fair projects, but one stood out from the rest. Hidden in a dark corner of the chapel, Kelsey Rague's project stood, waiting to be judged. The display board was colorful, well organized, and informational. Relevant graphs and pictures illustrated parts of her project.

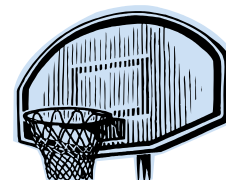
By the end of the night, the judges had reached their conclusion. As many of Kelsey's friends and classmates had predicted, Kelsey's project was awarded first place of all the eighth grade exhibits.

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## Dalat's Jv Girls bag the Bronze

By: Breanne Hansen



On Saturday May 2, the Dalat junior varsity girls basketball team took third place in the Dalat home tournament. The tournament consisted of six teams: Dalat, Uplands, Penang Chinese girls school, and from K.L. MKIS, Garden, and ISKL. Each game was played for two 25 minute halves with a non stop clock.

Dalat's J.V girls played their first game at 9:00 a.m. against Garden school. The game was close the whole way through, but in the end Garden beat Dalat 14-17. Still confident in themselves, the J.V. girls beat MKIS 19-14. Although the girls played a strong game in the semi-finals, they still were not able to beat their opponents. The J.V team ended up playing against Garden School for the bronze medal. The game was close until the last minute when the Dalat JV girls made a comeback and won the game and the bronze !

When asked about her tournament thoughts, Mrs. Holden said, "We really came together well and supported each other out there. The team picked up the pace and didn't slack off. I think that we could have beat Garden the first time we played them, but we just were-

n't shooting well enough. We outplayed them both times. The game against ISKL was a close match all the way to the beginning of the second half. Then we let ourselves down, and ISKL had a scoring run that left us too far behind to catch up before the final buzzer. Next year, I think we'll do better against ISKL."

Mrs. Holden reflected on her coaching strategies by saying, "As I coach, I try to encourage my team as well as remind them of what they are supposed to do on the court as a player. Basketball involves more than just skill. It's a -mental game. Believing you will make the shot actually gives you a better chance at doing so. Effort affects overall team performance as well. Don't give up on fast breaks. Whether or not our team is making the break or defending against it. We need to beat the other team down the court every time. I had enough capable players on the bench to be able to put subs in when the players on the court were too tired to maintain their effort level. I also base my decisions to substitute players based on their performances in earlier games."

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## Middle Schoolers Hike to the End of the World



By: Anne Claire Ruh

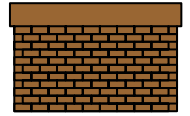
On Friday, May 13, most Middle Schoolers headed out to hike to Muka Head, also known as the End of the World. Led by Mr. Holden and Mr. Tyas, the students all piled into vans that would take them to the beginning of the hike. Talking cheerfully, the students awaited their arrival at the beginning of the hike.

Finally, the vans pulled up to the start of the trail to Muka Head. Students grabbed their water bottles and began gallivanting up the trail. Soon afterwards, students adjusted to their own paces, splitting into groups according to their speed. As the students trekked along the path, the rain clouds started gathering over the heads of the students. Rain started to drizzle upon the hikers, and then it started to pour. "I thought it was okay that it rained," said Breanne Hansen (8). "It cooled me off, so I wasn't as hot." Although students were drenched, they kept their spirits up and trudged towards their final destination.

Slowly, the students arrived at the beach at Muka Head. Some chose to continue hiking to the lighthouse, while others remained at the beach. "The hike to Muka Head was easy," says Axel Loehden (7). "But it got harder when you went up to the light house." The students relaxed and swam. Some spent time with their friends, catching up, and others took interest in the animals that could be found on the beach. Around six o'clock, the wet and sandy students spied two boats coming to the beach. They all headed back along the beach to the boats, and climbed on. Sponsors handed out cans of 100 Plus to the students. One boat departed, and the remaining students gathered around the vans, waiting for the other boat to get back. Finally, the rest of the students and chaperones arrived, and everyone piled back into the vans to return back to Dalat, wet, but happy.

# The Brick in Action

By: Breanna Roberts



The grade 7 students in Mr. Jason's Bible class had to carry around a brick with them every afternoon from May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>. The brick represented the burden people have to carry around when they don't forgive others. Since the brick was heavy, it was like having to carry the pain which is hidden in us because we haven't forgiven the people who we should have forgiven. God wants us humans to forgive each other every day and say sorry for the wrong things we have done in the past as well as now! Here is what some people have said about the brick and what it is like to keep holding it every where you go.

"Personally, I think that carrying this brick around is a very good lesson to teach us about forgiveness," said Joycelyn Woo. "It symbolizes the burden that we have when we don't forgive others. It is rather annoying, though."

"I think the brick thing is really stupid because it's really distracting and when the brick is on my foot it starts giving me pains," said Reka Kolkman

Michael Mah said, "I think it is a complete waste of time and is very annoying at times."

After the assignment was

completed, some of the seventh grade students got attached to their bricks and some were so glad that it was all over. This project has been very different from some of the things that grade seven has previously done in Bible class. Here is what the people said about the brick when it was finished.

"I feel like I get really distracted in classes carrying the brick around", said Reka Kolkman. "I say it takes hard work to carry the brick around. I know that the brick is meant to be a burden that I carry around with me, but I feel like I didn't really learn any thing from carrying the brick around. Sometimes I lied about carrying the brick around or having it on my lap. I just thought that carrying the brick around was a way for Jason to punish us for being naughty. I think that we haven't really been good students towards him."

"I have never actually thought that my result from not forgiving others would be such a burden. I have changed in that I understand how guilty I feel not forgiving others and I promised myself that I would try to forgive more", said Joycelyn Woo.

## Basketball *Continued from page 1*

Overall, Mrs. Holden believes basketball at this level should be focused on learning how to be a team player and developing basic skills. She was proud of both the team and individual players because they used what they had learned in practices during the tournament games. When the players correctly attempted plays and maneuvers that they had learned, it worked!

Based on what Mrs. Holden observed this past season and in the

tournament, she will focus next year on shooting accuracy and team plays— especially offensive plays.

When asked about how she thought the games went, team member Kirsten Westergren (9) said, "I really liked the last game. It was really exciting because we ended up winning by only one point, and we were playing a team that we had lost to the last time that we played them!"



## The Winners

### Circle

By: Axel  
Loehden



The science fair is a time for students to create experiments and show their results to others. The first place winner in seventh grade was Joycelyn Woo. Her project was noting how people walk. The second place winners were the team of Tiffany Hsiang (7), Reka Kolkman (7), Linnea Williams (7), and May Yamayuchi (7). Their project consisted of making a successful tornado simulator. In third place, Jonathan Brokaw's (7) experiment was to note the rates of iron rusting.

The first place winner for the eighth grade was Kelsey Ragus (8). She put her dad on a diet! In second place was Boch (8), Tako Chang (8), Katherine Kang (8), Jason Hsiao (8) with observations about how the PH, or acid, level of water affects fish. The third place winner was Naomi Matanick (8), who tested which plastic is safest.

Here are two people's reasons why they chose to do their specific experiments.

"I wanted to see what type of plastic took the longest to burn to see in case of a fire—which one would be safest to build home products with. So if it catches on fire, it will take longer to burn and you will have more time to put it out. I did it because I just wanted to find the best plastic and I like burning things," says Naomi Matanick (8).

Joycelyn Woo (7) said that she did hers because, "I came up with that idea from my previous science teacher, when my school had a science fair last year. He gave us some ideas of what we could do. Last year I was in a different school."

## Science Fair Museum

By: Josh Wong



The projects for the Science Fair in the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 28, 2005 were amazing. Grades 5 to 12 were involved in the Science Fair.

Interesting experiments that were created by students in grades 7 and 8 were: Effects of pH Levels, Rusting Rates, Footedness/Handedness, A Tornado Simulator, Cells, Burnout, Curie Points, Hot-Air Balloons, Fish and pH Levels, Magnetized Water, Coca Cola's Effects, A Volcano's Compressional Forces, Hypothermia's Effects, Cheese Mold, Heat Transfer, Dog's Tasting Ability, Eating More vs. Weight Loss, and Plastics. The Winner of the Science Fair for 7<sup>th</sup> grade was the experiment on Geographical and Digital Communication made by Chet Bright, Rolland Leung, Nathan Rague, and Joshua Wong. The Science Fair winner for 8<sup>th</sup> grade was Kelsey Rague's Eating More vs. Weight Loss project.

A list of the middle school Science Fair projects are as follows:

Rusting rates  
Effect of Ph Levels  
Footedness/handedness  
Tornado Simulator  
Cells  
Burnout  
Curie Points  
Hot-Air Balloons  
Fish and pH level  
Magnetized Water  
Coca Cola's Effects  
Volcano Compression Forces  
Hypothermia's Effects  
Cheese Mold  
Heat Transfer  
Dog's Tasting Ability  
Eating More vs. Weight Loss  
Plastics

## The Pacifier and Kingdom of Heaven Get Two Thumbs Up From Rolland

By: Rolland Leung



*The Pacifier* stars Vin Diesel. In this movie, Vin Diesel's character is hired to protect the children of

a government scientist whose top-secret experiment remains in the kids' house. Vin Diesel's job is to protect the kids and find Ghost, an invention with the power to use a satellite to take over control of any country's nuclear missiles.

I think *The Pacifier* is a good action/comedy movie. Its plot is good because it tells how a soldier can also be a extremely good father at the same time. Vin Diesel did a great job acting as a parent and protecting the children. The makers also did a good job blending action with comedy. Its rare that Vin Diesel appears in a comedy movie.

*Kingdom of Heaven* is a really exciting, intense movie. It stars Orlando Bloom as a young blacksmith called Balian who becomes a great knight who has to protect Jerusalem from the muslims. This movie is directed by Ridley Scott, the master of the epic.

I think the movie is a really good movie because it has lots of action and adventure. All those who like action/adventure movies, this movie is for you. I would give this movie 7 out of 10. Orlando Bloom did a great job acting and fighting. There are many violent graphics and great fighting scenes in this movie. In the USA the movie is rated R for violence while in Malaysia it is rated U.

Dalat's Director has allowed high school students living in the dorm, with written permission from their parents, to see *Kingdom* with an adult who would then discuss it a bit with them afterwards. It is recommended that middle school students not living in the dorm see it with their parents.

## Spotlight on Kelsey *Continued from Page 1*

Tanya Krishnamani (8) said, “Hers was really well done. We all knew she would win, because it was so organized and original and pretty. It wasn’t too overdone and complicated.”

Kelsey’s project was titled ‘Science Diet.’ “The aim of the project was to see if eating at your natural caloric intake instead of below it would help you lose weight,” explained Kelsey. In layman’s terms, it means that Kelsey wanted to see if eating what one should normally eat

would help a person to lose weight. Kelsey’s dad volunteered to go on a diet for Kelsey’s experiment. Kelsey worked hard for three weeks to achieve her results. She had originally predicted that at least five pounds would be lost, and Kelsey found out that her hypothesis was correct. Her dad lost twenty pounds after she started him on the diet. “Overall, I thought that my experiment was a success,” Kelsey said, “but I could have done better.”

One of Kelsey’s greatest inspirations for her project was her dad. “My dad really helped me with it,” says Kelsey. “He was the guinea pig for my experiment. I enjoyed spending time with him. It was a great way to bond with my dad.

“I wasn’t there when they announced I’d won for the eighth grade,” says Kelsey. “But when I did (find out), I was really shocked. I thought someone else would (win).”