



Director's Message

Ralf Gabriel

Dear Parents and friends of the Victoria German School,

The school year has reached the second term and most of you embraced the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher during the parent teacher conferences. At this point in the school year it is time to look back at some of the neat things that have happened in the first term as well as give you a heads up about on goings in the near future.

After a decade of celebrating our annual Christmas party at the Edelweiss Club, we had a change of venue to the Glenlyon Norfolk School. According to the feedback from participants, it was a success. Below you'll find some pictures from the Weihnachtsfest.

The next event will be the Osterfest (Easter celebration). Unfortunately, this year Easter falls in the middle of the Spring break, however we would like to hold a small celebration anyway. It will take place on the first Saturday after the Spring break during normal school hours.

From an academic point of view I can proudly report that the DSD II (DSD = Deutsches Sprachdiplom) students have finished all their exams and although we don't have the final results yet, I would like to congratulate them and their teachers on their effort and hard work. At the same time I will be sending positive thoughts to the DSD I students as well as the A1/A2 students who will take their exams in March and April.

Academics aside, there are also some social on-goings happening in the VGS community. For the past few months we have held a "Stammtisch", which is a pub night for German native speakers or for those who feel comfortable socializing in German. It usually takes place on the first Friday of every month. If you are not yet on the mailing list for this event, but would like to join, please sent me an email and I will add your name to the list.

Last but not least, I would once again like to ask you to support VGS through our main fundraiser, the Thrifty's Smile Card. If you are not in possession of a Smile Card yet, please have a look at the information on the second page of this newsletter.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Ralf Gabriel

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Facts & Figures!

Student numbers have grown to **86 students** enrolled in our children's classes (3 years – 17 years). The adult classes counted a total of **33 participants** during the winter term.

Save the Date!

Feb. 10th 2018: BC Family Day Long weekend - **No Classes**

April. 7th 2017: Osterfest (Easter celebration)

Elfchen der DSD1 Klasse zum Schimmelreiter von Theodor Storm

Hauke
Schell Arbeitet
Er liebt Elke
Grosse Hände Graue Augen
Schimmelreiter

Naomí



Wetter
Regen Wolken
Nebel Extrem Welle
Ofen Tee Schokolade Feuer
Stürmisch

Florian

Hauke
Schlau Logisch
hat eine Frau
Er ist der Deichgraf
Whoopsie!

Anathalia

Ole
gemein stark
verliebt in Elke
Er ist ein Dummkopf
Schade!

Hannah

Angst
Überall Flüche
Gespenster, Omen, Geister
Hauke bringt nur Pech
Tod

Annabel

Hauke
Gross, Weiss
Immer mit Frau
Wasser Essen Spiele Haus
Toll

Finn

Thrifty's Smile Card Fundraiser



The Victoria German School
is approved for Thrifty's
Smile Card Fundraising

How you can participate:

- Get a registered Smile Card from Ralf on Tuesday or Saturday at the desk
- Load money on the card and use it for grocery shopping at Thrifty's
- Thrifty's will donate 5% of every dollar spent to VGS
- No cost to you and will not affect your air miles!

We can raise up to \$1200 yearly within the scope of the program and this will enable us to purchase educational material.

Thank you for your
support!



Events

Stammtisch!

Every first Friday of the month, 8pm

Varying locations

If you wish to join the mailing list, please email Ralf at:
info@victoriagermanschool.org



Osterfest (Easter celebration) April 7th 2018

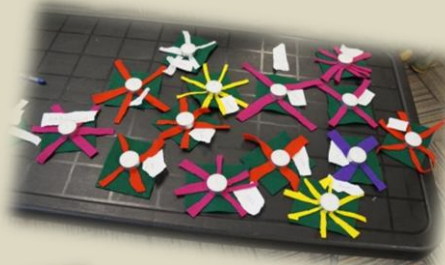
UVIC, Clearihue Building, 2nd floor of the A-Wing

Following good tradition, there will be some Easter games and an Easter egg hunt.

The event will take place during normal school hours. More detailed information will soon be sent per email .



Impressions from Mariä Lichtmess



Adult Classes

The Victoria German School will once again be offering our popular adult classes. As usual, we have Beginner, Inter-mediate and Advanced courses available on Tuesdays and Saturdays. **Spring term is starting in April** – online registration will open soon!

Parents of a VGS student receive a 25% discount when taking an adult class!

Spread the word!

More info at:

<http://www.victoriagermanschool.org/adult-classes/>



Weihnachtsfest - Impressions

