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Our students love reading to younger children

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

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VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL Dear Parents,

As another term comes to a close, students and teachers are looking forward to some time to relax and prepare for the final term of the academic year.

The last term is always a particularly busy term with the teachers preparing the students for the final examinations and the End of Year Concert, Graduation and Awards' evening. The concert will be held on Monday 29 June at Trung Vuong Theatre.

Book Club:

The book club orders have now closed and orders will be sent to Baker Books, England. It can take up to 8 weeks to receive the books which go through customs in Hanoi before being sent to Danang. Although the process is slow, it is always a thrill for the students when they do receive the books.

Microsoft Office Specialist World Championships (MOSWC)

Five of our students participated in the second round of the MOSWC competition on Saturday, 18 April which was held at University of Danang. All students passed the test with excellent results. Only ten students in the country will be accepted into the third round of this competition. It will be a few weeks before we find out if any of our students are in the top ten. We appreciate the efforts of Ms Alelie and Mr Phuc who trained the students in weeks leading up to the first and second round of the competition.

Parent Survey

The staff of SIS @ Danang are committed to continuous school improvement and our teachers meet regularly to analyse students' progress and discuss and share best practice and future directions we can take that best serve our students. We would also like to hear your opinions on our

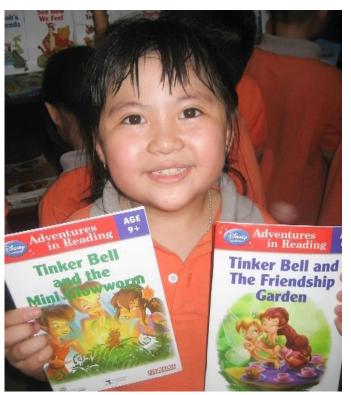
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Kindergarten Sports Day



Prep excursion



Book buying excursion

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School Wider Learning Goals, student safety and teaching and learning.

On 5 May we will be releasing an online parent survey which we would like you to spend a few minutes to answer. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

The online survey will run from 5 May until the 19 May.

Operation Smile

Earlier this month we received an email from the Operation Smile team in Ho Chi Minh City thanking our school community for our fund raising efforts at the Christmas Charity Fair. Our school community raised over VND72,000,000. This money will give several children a chance to smile.Unfortunately, our students will not have a chance to visit the children whose lives they are changing as there will be no operations in Danang this year. All surgery will take place in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

Enrolment for the 2015-2016 Academic Year

In May we will be sending out forms for you to complete regarding enrolment for the next academic year. It is important for us to know our future student enrolments so we can effectively plan for the commencement of Term 1 in August.

Excursions

The students have been enjoying their class excursions to various venues relevant to their units of study. Below is one student's opinion of the Year 4 excursion.

A few weeks ago my Year 4 class went on an excursion to see the movie "Cinderella". We took the bus to Big C where the cinema was. We all enjoyed the movie very much, even the boys. We all received a bag of popcorn but no soft drinks were allowed. When we came back we wrote a movie review. I loved it!

By Will Foot Year 4 International

Bookshop excursion

The Year 2 Integrated and the Year 1+ 2 International students had a wonderful time buying books at the Fahasa Bookshop during their recent excursions. They saw fiction and non-fiction books and were very excited to read their new books.

Shopping Excursion

The Year 1 Integrated students have been learning about Supermarket vocabulary. They had lots of fun on a trip to Metro. They enjoyed pushing the trolley, seeing the fish and buying different fruit. The students also loved eating the healthy fruit when they returned to school.

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Our MOSWC Students



Year 4 students are confident communicators



Students learning to the technologically literate and creative

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Bridges of Danang Excursion

Year 3 students had a wonderful excursion to visit Da Nang's important bridges. Students discussed the purpose and aesthetics of each bridge as an extension of our SOSE unit on Our Environment. Students put their artistic skills to use by sketching the bridges. Students were also reminded of the importance of maintaining our environment. Yours sincerely,

Lesley Walker

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Extra-Curricular Activities

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) for Term 4 will run 25 May to 3 July 2015. Term 4 registration forms for ECA will be sent home after the Term 3 break. Registration closes on 18 May. If we do not have the minimum numbers required to run the programme, we must cancel the programme.

Assemblies

Since the start of Term 3, students have been demonstrating the School Wide Learner Goal (SWLG) of Confident Communicators by taking over leading assemblies. Each Friday, students share the virtues, make announcements, handout certificates and celebrate birthdays. We have been very impressed with our students as they demonstrate their confidence in communicating by presenting in front of the entire student body. This term students learned and shared about the virtues of Perseverance, Honesty, Self -Discipline, Optimism and Commitment.

American College Test

Students in GAC sat the American College Test (ACT) on Saturday, 18 April 2015. The ACT is a college entrance examination that students sit in their GAC year for acceptance into many universities in the United States. As part of the GAC programme, Ms. Sally and Mr. Mike helped students prepare for the English, Math and Science skills required to do well on this test. We are proud of our GAC students for completing such a rigorous examination and wish them the best of luck as they await their scores.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Teachers have been working hard to help us reach the next phase of our Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation. It is our aim to be continually improving with our main focus on student learning. Another acronym for WASC is *We Are Student Centered*. With the focus on students, teachers continually evaluate the curriculum, instruction and assessment to ensure we are providing a high quality education for our students.



Class literacy activity



Primary/Secondary Sports Day



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MESSSAGE FROM HEAD OF VIETNAMESE

Recent Competitions

We thank you for supporting your children during the recent competitions.

Thirty students participated in the recent DOET competitions.

Congratulations to Nguyen Trang Anh, Year 5 on winning the first prize in Literature; Hsu Chao-Te Year 5 on winning the first prize in the 'Ring the Golden Bell' contest; the student group who won the consolation prize in the Handwriting Competition and Ha Khanh An, Tran Tien Dat Year 4; Tran Vo Bao Han, Tran Tue Man, Phan Anh Thao Nhi Year 3; Ngo Cong Bao Khoa Year 1 and Nguyen Trang Nhi, Huynh Phuc Ky Anh, Huynh Phuc Dieu Anh, Nguyen To Huong Year 2 on the winning the C prize in the Drawing and Clay Modelling Contest.

Congratulations also to Nguyen Trang Anh, Huynh Ha Bao Ngoc and Huynh Khanh Linh Year 5 who represented the school in the DOET competitions which were held on 19 April.

In the Online Mathematics competition, four students won the Consolation Prize at the district level: Huỳnh Trần Anh – year 1, Hà Đông Hải - year 1; Liu Yu – Year 2 and Phan Châu Đức - Year 3.

The Year 8 students also took part in a competition held by Education Office in Mathematics, English, Physics and Chemistry on 19 April at Le Loi School.

The students created fifty excellent pictures on the topics "Let's Protect Rhinoceros" and "Dream Cars" in a competition. This competition involved children from all over Vietnam.

We thank you parents for your continuing support.

Semester 2 Examinations

Teachers now are assisting students to prepare for the Semester 2 examinations. Review materials and timetables have been sent home.

The Year 9 students completed their Semester 2 examinations in April and students from Year 1 to Year 8: will be sitting their examinations from 7 May to 14 May 2015 Please remind and encourage students to prepare well for the upcoming exam period.

Yours sincerely,

Vũ Thị Lan

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Easter Art



The Easter bunny came to school

Upcoming Dates

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23 April 2015:	Term holidays
4 May 2015:	Term 4 commences
5 May 2015:	IGCSE examination commence
7-13 May 2015:	DOET examinations Year 1 to Year 8
22 May 2015:	Grand Opening PIU-SIS
30 May 2015:	SIS Family Picnic
2 -13 June 2015: SA 2 Examinations	
3 June 2015:	IGCSE examinations completed
6 June 2015:	SVIS Parent Report Interviews
12 June 2015:	SVIS Annual Celebration Ceremony
25-26 June 2015: Senior students' Camp	
29 June 2015:	End of Year Concert
3-5 July 2015:	iPSLE Oral examination Year 6
6-10 July 2015:	iPSLE examinations Year 6
10 July 2015:	Last day of the academic year.

School Website

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MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF STUDIES

Cambridge International Examinations

Our IGCSE 2 students have begun their Cambridge International General Certificate Secondary Examinations. On the 14 -15 April students sat the Information and Communication Technology practical examination, and the English oral examination occurred on the 17 April. Examinations will continue through May.

Global Assessment Certificate

Our Global Assessment Certificate students have begun the third level of the programme and it will last for thirteen weeks. During that time the students must submit academic research papers, complete mathematic projects, and give slide show presentations. Successful completion of the program allows them admission into many colleges and universities around the world.

Singaporean Examinations

International Primary School Leaving Examinations (iPSLE) The Year 6 students will be sitting the iPSLE examinations, set by the Singaporean Examination and Assessment Board from the 3 July to 10 July. This represents the culmination of the Primary curriculum at SIS. The iPSLE is a certification of the knowledge and achievement students have attained in their primary years of schooling. Mr Mike, Mr Merijn and Mr Andrew will be taking the students for extra tuition starting in the first week back in Term 4. Tuition sessions will be every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon in the subjects of Mathematics and Science.

MESSAGE FROM THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

Kindergarten News

The recent excursions to the beach were a great success. Prep and K2 children had a fun time playing on the sand and drawing beach pictures. They were well-behaved in the excursion.

Prep students also had an interesting time at the Danang Museum on 21 April. They learned many interesting facts about our city and country.

We had a successful Sports Day. The children had a fun and interesting time playing different games such as the jumping race, toss the ball and parachute games. The children's coordination, balance and social skills are developing well. We hope you all have a wonderful term break and we are looking forward to seeing you all back for the last term of the academic year.

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