



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.

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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.

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Prep children at play

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy five weeks for teachers and students with the Semester 1 system wide examinations in English, Science and Mathematics now completed. Teachers have collated results and will be conducting Report Parent interviews after we return from the semester (Term 2) break. Teachers will be notifying you of the dates and times they will be available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress.

We are proud of all our students' achievements and recognise the effort they put into their studies. As we come to the end of Semester 1, we award students who have shown commitment and achievement above and beyond our expectations of our Schoolwide Learning Goals. These students who have demonstrated such leadership are presented with a special Principal's Award in the following areas:

Academic achievement: Samuel Lee, Pham Tuan Dung, Luong Duc Anh

Confident Communicators: Kim Joo Eun, Le Than Bao Han, Choi Seo Yun, Doan Ngoc Linh Dan, Lee YeJi, Georgia Brown

Critical Thinking Skills: Alyssa Bao

Technologically Literate: Bui Thien Minh, Ha Buu Thien

Active and Responsible Citizenship: Dash Orthman, Cloe Montoya, Hannah Montoya, Fabienne Boos, Lionne Boos, Ayana Kern, Tran Gia Han

Enrolments for the 2015-16 Academic Year

Some of our classes have been quickly filling up especially in the kindergarten and some of the primary integrated classes. If you know of anyone who would like to enroll a child into the school next year, please suggest they inform us early so as to avoid disappointment.

Ministry of Education and Training (Vietnam) Decree

As of Term 3, our Vietnamese students enrolled in the international programme will be required to undertake studies in Vietnamese after their international studies. This is a decree which we must follow.



Year 4 Science experiment



Computer time for K1



IGCSE Business students preparing for the competition

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The study schedule will be sent to parents next week. The classes will commence from 25 February. The school bus will be able to take the students enrolled in the school bus service home in the afternoons at a later time. All classes will be finished by 4:55pm.

Farewell Mr Paul

It is with sadness that our school community says farewell to our Health and Physical Education teacher, Paul Batchelor. Paul has been offered an exciting new position with KinderWorld's new project 'Outward Bound Vietnam'. KinderWorld Education Group has the licence to operate the Outward Bound Schools in Vietnam commencing in the northern province of Vinh Phuc. The Outward Bound School and eco-tourism project, an outdoor adventure education model, is the first of its kind in Vietnam. Although we will all miss Paul, the opportunity he has been offered by KinderWorld is one too good for him to refuse. Paul will commence his training with Outward Bound in Singapore next term.

Chuc Mung Nam Moi

On behalf of the staff at Singapore International School, I wish our school community a very happy 2015. We hope the year brings peace, love and abundance to all our families.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Walker

Message from the Deputy Principal

Business Competition

Students from IGCSE 2, Samuel, Cloe and Hannah, represented Danang in the first annual Singapore International Schools' Business Competition held in Vung Tau. This was a great opportunity for our students to learn from other students in our school system. Ms. Alelie's business students worked to create a marketing plan and pitch to a panel of judges. They competed against Saigon South and Vung Tau students in the competition. We would like to congratulate the winning team from Saigon South. Our students should be very proud of the work they put in to create their presentation and did an excellent job representing Danang. Although we did not take home the trophy, students were able to learn from other students in SIS schools and had a fantastic time. Danang hopes to host the competition next year and see more students from IGCSE 2 participating in this educational and memorable event.



Exam preparation



Co-operative activities



Independent study

Virtues

Students have been learning about service and flexibility. Service is the act of doing things to benefit others. These can be big efforts like what our IGCSE 2 students have demonstrated with their fundraising efforts to support underprivileged local schools with sporting equipment. We can also serve others in smaller ways that give our time or support to help others like helping a classmate who is struggling in a subject.

Flexibility is being open to the ideas and feelings of others and not being stuck in your own ways.

Flexible people consider that other people may have a different view or different ideas. As things do not always go as plan, being flexible means that we can adapt to changes and be open to doing things in new and different ways.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA)

Our ECA registrations for Term 3 will be coming home at the end of Term 2. Keep an eye out in your email and for letters to be sent home so your child does not miss out on the opportunity to participate. Registration will be until 4 March 2015. We will be offering some of the more popular programmes again, however, we will also have a few new programmes on offer as well. Programme descriptions will be provided for new programmes only so if you need a description for previous programmes, please refer to the ECA pack or contact our office staff who will be happy to send another one to you. The Term 3 programmes will commence 9 March 2015 and run six weeks until 17 April 2015. Please make a note of these dates and deadlines.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth Henderson

Message from Head of Studies

Semester 1 Examinations

Students from Year 2 to Year 9 have completed their semester exams and the marks are being recorded into the semester reports. These semester assessments provide us with information about what students have learned, or not learned, and by analysing the data we can tailor the curriculum to suit students' needs.

The English language assessment has four components which test listening, speaking, and reading, writing and grammar. These exams are based on the Singaporean texts *My Pals Are Here* (Years 2 – 6) and *Step Ahead* (Year 7 – Year 9). The international students also sit two mathematics papers and one science paper.



Kindy play time



Learning activities



Science time

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences for primary students are from 2 March to 7 March. The teachers will provide parents with specific times. Conferences for parents of secondary students will be on Saturday, the 7 March. Please attend parent-teacher conferences, as supporting student learning really is a team effort.

The kindergarten teachers will hold their report interviews the last week of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. Teachers will be sending you a schedule early next week.

English Vocabulary Development

We continue to direct students to increase their vocabulary in all subjects. Encourage your child to read in English, Vietnamese or another language. It is one of the best ways to become a critical and analytical thinker and someone who strives for continuous improvement.

SIS @ Danang Alumni Students

We wish our two alumni students, Nhi and Hang, all the best as they undertake their tertiary studies in the United States. Nhi and Hang left for Texas, U.S.A earlier in the month.

Wishing you all a happy Lunar New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Nymark

Message from Head of Vietnamese

In December the students worked hard to achieve their best results during the DOET examination period. Students have achieved many pleasing achievements. Following is the result of semester exams:

Primary: - 100% students completed their mission of learning based on the standard of knowledge, skills of each subject. 78.83% of our students completed with High Achievement. All of our students reached their goal of completion and development capacity and quality of work. In the secondary school, more than half of our students achieved excellent results. All other achieved good results. Special congratulations to Year 8 student, Luong Duc Anh (Sam) who won second place in the finals of the "Speaking English" competition, DaNang held by the Department of Education and Training on 26 December, 2014. We congratulate Sam on his achievement.

To all our families, thank you for your great support to help us finish an amazing semester of the academic year 2014-2015 .

Parent Teacher Meetings

We thank parents for your strong support on Saturday morning, 17 January 2015. Most parents have positive feedback with new evaluations (for primary students) based on Circular 30 by the Ministry of Education and Training.

Competitions

Congratulations to our students who attended the Chess competition on 29 January. We thank Mr Merijn for his support in helping the students participate confidently.

Upcoming Competitions:

Mathematics Problem Solving Competition (online) 2 February.

Handwriting Competition (7 February)

We wish the following students all the best as they compete against students from other schools in the district:

Year 1: Nguyen Thanh Binh, Hoang Ngoc Bao Han, Luong Van Doanh,

Year 2: Ho Anh Bao Ngoc, Nguyen Huynh Nhat Anh, Tran Quang Duy

Year 3: Tran Tue Man, Vu Thi Huong Lan, Baek Soo Jin

Year 4: .Nguyen Gia Hung, Huynh Khuat Thuy Giao, Nguyen Vu Bao Vy

Year 5: Vu Duc Thao Nhi, Vo Huynh Khanh Linh, Nguyen Hoang Mai

Sincerely,

VŨ THỊ LAN

Global Perspectives News

The IGCSE 2 Global Perspective class has been working hard on their Group Project which constitutes a third of their overall grade for the two year course. Based on the topic, 'Education for All', students have researched how involvement in physical activity affects the average student. They discovered that students involved in sports and physical activity at school achieve higher test results and are more likely to further their education. With this information the students decided to try to raise money to buy sports equipment to donate to disadvantaged children in the community.

One of the projects the students undertook was the Soccer Challenge; a series of soccer games for students and teachers in the last few weeks of term. The games were an amazing success, enjoyed by all.



Term 2 Soccer matches



K2 Computer time – learning letters and sounds

Message from Head of Kindergarten

The students from Nursery to Prep class have been learning about “Healthy Food’ and “Recycling”. The older students are able to recognise the international sign of recycling and distinguish different colours of recycling bins.

Students are able to name the food groups, some healthy food and explained why we need to eat different kinds of food every day.

This month we celebrated ‘Book Week’ where we encouraged students to appreciate books and stories.

They have been able to show and tell about their favourite books and characters.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday.

Warm regards,

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

PIU News

Next term, the Pegasus Culinary team will have a “Top Chef Competition” during the last two weeks of the SIS Extra-curricular Activity cooking classes for all students who sign up for the March 18 or 19th classes. The winner will receive a scholarship for any Extra-curricular cooking class offered by Pegasus International College. This competition is only open to the students who participate in the class.

Students and Parents: Please sign up for Culinary Classes starting on 18 March or Baking classes starting on 19 March.

Upcoming Events:

2 February: DOET Online Mathematics competition

6 February: End of Term 2 and TET holidays

7 February: Handwriting Competition

18-22 February: Chuc Mung Nam Moi

25 February: School Resumes (Term 3)

1-7 March: Parent/Teacher Report Interviews



Play time



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This month's snapshots



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