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Coming events

2 May: School resumes for Term 4

10 – 11 May: WASC visit

From 18 June: Sem 2 Reports distributed

20 June: Concert

29 June: Last day of school



Message from Principal

Dear Parents

I hope everyone is having a refreshing break and that students are doing some study for their examinations.

Swimming Programme resumes from Wednesday 2nd May and I look forward to your continued support so that all students participate fully in this water safety and water confidence programme. Please check the note from your classroom teacher or form teacher for the swimming schedule.

Filming by the Marketing Team at Pegasus for a **promotional video of our school** is almost complete and many, many students were filmed in classrooms, in the canteen, playing outside or in the Hall, swimming at the pool and planting in the garden. Thank you to the many teachers who allowed the film crew into their lessons to show the variety of subjects and activities which our students do each day. Thanks also to our student ambassadors, Khai and Khanh, who spoke about the wonderful learning opportunities they have experienced at SIS@Danang.

A big thank you must go to Mr Phuc who has almost completed taking the **class photos for the Yearbook**. He is very patient and works with teachers and students to achieve such a wonderful result for class and individual photos.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

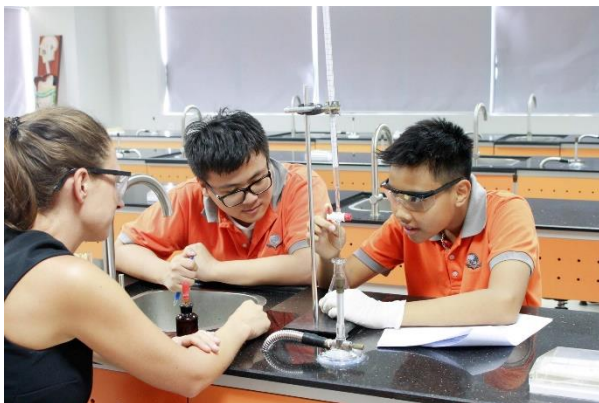
This year's WASC team will come on Thursday and Friday 10th – 11th May to see the many and varied learning opportunities and experiences provided for students and how we achieve our mission of producing life-long learners who are global citizens.

Over the two days, our guests will visit classrooms and talk to students, teachers and parents and we want to make them feel very welcome. We want to present a good image of our school and so I ask that all students are in school uniform and that the quality work of our students is displayed in classrooms and other areas.

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM)

Some parents have asked for further information about the STEM initiative highlighted in a recent letter from Kinderworld to parents. I can communicate that:

1. Key Leaders attended the recent Google STEM conference in Singapore to learn about STEM implementation from successful schools in the region.
2. A range of STEM initiatives will be phased in to KIK and SIS over the coming academic year. These will include STEM Corners for Primary and linked themes in kindergarten classrooms to guide learning activities. STEM clubs will be introduced and STEM Days will be held during the year. Teachers will also provide classroom learning activities that are multidisciplinary which are designed to promote critical thinking and to build problem solving skills.
3. KinderWorld is collaborating with our US partner, TinkRworks, to provide training for Expat and Vietnamese teachers.



Anne Matley
Principal

Message from Head of Studies

Dear Families

I hope all of you are all having a wonderful term 3 holiday. We are in full swing with exam season here at SIS - writing of the SIS International exams is complete and the Cambridge IGCSE exams will occur during May. Students have worked very hard this term and teachers have been preparing students and revising work. I want to encourage all families to work at home with your children to prepare for the exams ahead in term 4.

Thank you for everyone's support at home as we head into our final term of school.

Kelsey McDonald
Head of Studies

Message from Deputy Principal

I hope that everyone is having a relaxing and safe term break and that students are ready to get into the final term of this academic year.

Semester two exam dates

Semester two exams start soon after we get back from break. Please see below:

English Paper 1 – Speaking	21 – 23 May
English Paper 2 – Writing	Thursday 24 May
English Paper 3 – Language comprehension	Friday 25 May
Mathematics* **	Monday 28 May
English Paper 4 – Listening	Tuesday 29 May
Science**	Wednesday 30 May

*Students in Year 6 and above complete two Mathematics papers.

**Only students in International classes

Semester two report cards will be issued during the week beginning 18 June 2018.

Afterschool clubs

Term 4 clubs will begin Monday 7 May and will run for 6 weeks, finishing on Friday 15 June. They will be held from 4:05pm until 4:45pm. Just a reminder that private transport will need to be arranged for your student if they are participating in any clubs as they will not be able to catch the school bus.

This term we are offering a variety of new activities including colour by number, fitness, doodling, volleyball and dance. We also have Minecraft club running again.

Use of facilities after school

A reminder that students are not permitted to be using the playground equipment, football field or basketball courts after school. Students being picked up by private transport must remain seated at the front of the school building where they are supervised by duty teachers.

Lost and Found

Please label items of clothing and other belongings with name and class so that lost items can be returned to students. Classroom teachers have permanent markers and can help the students with this if they ask. The Lost and Found is located at the canteen lockers. Each locker door is clearly marked with lost property items inside. This should be the first place students look if they are missing any items. Please encourage your student to do this.

Chelsea Donaldson
Deputy Principal

Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

During the month of April, SVIS students have carried out these tasks:

1. Year 9 Integrated students completed their Semester 2 examinations which is designed by the DOET of Danang city from 19 to 23 April
2. Examination and Graduation Board was established to examine ten students in Y9
3. Gifted and Talented Academic Competition
 - **Tran Quang Duy** (Y5B) won second prize for Mathematics
 - **Than Duc Tri** (Y5B) won second prize for Vietnamese
 - **Nguyen Hoang Nhat Uyen** (Y5A)- Highly Commended Certificate for Vietnamese
 - **Pham Tuan Dung** (Y8) won third prize for English
 - **Vo Thanh An and Vo Huynh Khanh Linh** (Y8) - Highly Commended Certificates for English
4. Free extra classes are open from 4.00 to 5.00 pm for all students from Year 1 to Year 9 who would like to practice and prepare for Semester 2 exams.
5. The school conducted a Survey Test in Mathematics and Vietnamese for talented students in Year 4.

Coming activities in May

Semester 2 exam for students in Years 6,7 & 8 will be from 7 May to 11 May and 14 May to 18 May for students from Years 1 to 5.

After the semester 2 examinations, students will start to practice their performances for the End of Year concert.

Teachers will collect academic evidence to assess students' progress this year; review the primary graduation for year 5 integrated students and continue to review the secondary graduation for year 9 integrated students.

To help our students achieve their best results for the Semester 2 examinations, we would like parents to encourage the students to spend some time revising their work during the holidays and term 3 break.

The tentative date of the parents meeting for SVIS students is on 9 June and for the SVIS closing ceremony, tentatively 15 June 2018.

Regards

Vu Thi Lan
SVIS Principal

Congratulations to Tran and Bin Bin who won the Microsoft (MOSC) competition and well done to Khai who also participated.



Message from Head of Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children had a great morning at our annual KIK Sports Day. Everyone excitedly enjoyed a day out in the open. We started the fun-filled day with some action songs when everyone moved to the tunes and warmed their body up before participating in various races and games namely Bean Bag relay, Noodle Hockey, Tug-of-War, Obstacle Course, Parachute, Hula Hoop and Volleyball. The splashy water activities were so cool too and it was so much fun playing with classmates and getting soaked in such a nice weather. Water balloons, spaying bottles, toys and even the sprinklers were all enjoyed by our students.

The value of sport has been widely recognized as equally important as academics. Everyone had the opportunity to develop a love of sports, both physically and emotionally - exercise, make new friends, have fun, learn to be a team member, learn about fair play, improve self-esteem, and of course learn to respect authority and rules.

Pretending play is another key activity that we do in our Kindergarten. Working with the theme “Money”, we had the chance to play shopping games with the pretend food, cashiers and money. The children acted as shop assistants or customers. Counting the coins and paper money was such a good way to boost their numeracy and critical thinking skills.

Over the last few days of March, K2 and Prep students had a wonderful time harvesting the vegetables after taking care of them for nearly two months. The kids were very excited to pick the vegetables and were very proud of their products. After collecting, K2 students brought the vegetables home while Preps made sandwiches using the lettuce that we planted in our garden for the morning snack! The sandwiches were so yummy! They all loved the lettuce and now know how to make a healthy meal!

I hope you are having a lovely and safe break. School will resume on Wednesday 2nd May.

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

Head of Kindergarten



Snapshots

