



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020

Coming events:

Saturday (Wed timetable): May 30
Children's Day: June 1
Exams SIS: June 8 – 12
School Photos: June 10-12
Exams SVIS: June 15-19
Sem 2 Reports: June 26
End of term: June 26



Message from Principal

Dear Parents,

It was an exciting start to the month when Primary and Secondary returned to school, followed by Kindergarten. To see the children's happiness in meeting their friends and teachers again and to hear the noise of the children at play was wonderful.

I really want to thank parents for their support at home to ensure that students had online access and were ready to learn each day. Thank you also to the wonderful admin and support team who ensured the school was ready for the students' return.

The teachers did an amazing job to switch to an online platform so quickly and now they are putting in just as much hard work for the additional lessons and Saturdays in order to catch up any curriculum content that was missed.

Students continue to show flexibility, diligence and self-discipline in their studies and I can assure you that all students will be well-prepared for their examinations in June.

We are very proud to announce that both the **Year 10 Vietnamese High School** and the **NCC International Foundation Diploma Level 3 (Year 11)** will commence in the next school year. Please contact Ms. Tuyen at the school office for more information.

Anne Matley
Principal

Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents,

For more than 3 months, students had to stay home to prevent Covid-19, and so the school organized for students to study online with the active support of parents. The study program has been conducted regularly as planned.

On May 4th 2020, teachers were happy to welcome students back to school! All teaching and learning activities have continued in an absolutely safe and quality environment. Teachers both have been teaching new lessons and spending time making up lessons to review the basic knowledge that students studied online at home, making sure all students understand the lesson content in the best way.

Since May, all students have been tested and assessed regularly in the classroom, so teachers could help them correct where they may have misunderstood. Particularly, students in grades 4 and 5 took the mid-test of Semester 2 of Mathematics and Literature on May 19, 20. The test results show that students did very well, most of them are Excellent and Good, only 2 students are still at Average level in Math.

In mid-June, the school will complete the program of this school year and review for students before conducting the 2nd semester examination for all grades from June 15th – 20th 2020.

On behalf of the school, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the great support from the parents for helping teachers to fulfill the assigned tasks, especially during the time students were at home to prevent Covid-19.

Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS



Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

Since school resumed, our teachers and students have worked extremely hard to make sure we were able to catch up with the curriculum with additional lessons after school and on Saturdays. I would like to thank you again for your continuing support while school was delivering online lessons in Term 3.

I am proud of our students and the preparations they are making for examinations. I am sure that their hard work will pay off and teachers will be helping students to reduce their stress levels these upcoming weeks.

We will deliver the following SIS exams for Semester 2.

Monday 8 June	Tuesday 9 June	Wednesday 10 June	Thursday 11 June	Friday 12 June
International Years 1-8 Mathematics	International Years 1-4 Science Years 5-8 Mathematics part 2	Integrated Y1-9 and International Y1-8 English – Writing	Integrated Y1-9 and International Y1-8 English – Language and Comprehension	International Years 5-8 Science

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

The speaking and listening results will be based on formative assessments and evidence collected from each class over the term.

Semester 2 Report Cards will be issued on the last day of school on the **26th of June**.

Yearbook 2019-20 is in production now and will be ready before the end of term. School photos will be taken from 10 – 12 June and all students will receive an individual and class photo.

Daan Ebbers
Deputy Principal (Secondary)



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear parents,

We have had a fantastic month of May with our happy students back in school. I would like to thank all of our amazing families here for supporting us during the online learning period. With all your help, support and encouragement we had great attendance with our live Zoom lessons and this allowed teachers to continue teaching the curriculum.

See some examples below:

Let's look at some examples:

The **playful** puppy played with the **red** ball.

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Adjective



It was amazing to see that we had over 80% of our students, from Nursery to iGCSE2, attending lessons and submitting classwork every day. This could not have been achieved without the incredible support from our families.

All our teachers are excited to keep delivering quality education in our classes for the remainder of the school year and into the future.

Bradman Philip McCarthy
Deputy Principal (Primary)

Message from Guidance Officer

Dear parents,

SIS@Danang is proud to announce the new NCC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in International Studies to the pathway for students who have completed IGCSE2. It is a one-year pre-university course aimed at developing student's academic skills and cultural awareness in order to best prepare them for a move to university education in an English environment at home or abroad. The course has excellent prospects offering direct entry into over 70 universities worldwide.

Students from other schools who have completed Year 10 can also enroll if they pass the Placement Test. If you know anyone who is interested, please contact the school office.



Catherine Burgess
GO and EFL Teacher

Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

It has been great seeing everyone back in school. Thank you to our students for staying so positive during these uncertain times.

Due to the global pandemic, the June 2020 IGCSE exams were cancelled worldwide to ensure the safety of everyone involved. We are delighted and relieved to say that our students will still be receiving valid grades and qualifications from Cambridge this year. IG2 teachers here have collected a wide range of evidence of student achievement and the final results will be moderated and then released in August. Thank you so much to our IG2 students and teachers who have worked very hard to adhere to the guidelines and adjust to updates from Cambridge.

Harriet Casswell
Head of Studies (Secondary)

Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear parents,

Welcome back everyone! The Kindergarten was happy to be back to school and had a wonderful time seeing their friends and playing with all the new toys in their classrooms.

This month, teachers covered the theme “Plants and Flowers” which was missed during term 3. We spent time focusing on the scientific knowledge such as parts of a plant, the life cycle of a plant and what plants need to grow healthily. We practiced taking care of plants by planting the seeds during our STEM activity. Everyone was so excited to watch the germination and see the growth of the seedlings and they enjoyed watering the baby plants as well.

Children’s Day will be celebrated in class on Monday 1st June. We will have some special snacks and surprises on the day!



Vo Thi Thuy Ngan
Head of Kindergarten