



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

December 2020

Coming events:

Holidays Dec 23 to Jan 4

Term 3 Starts Jan 5

Message from Principal

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We have had a positive and productive December. Our students have completed all the required work and the subsequent semester exams. I am very proud of our students and staff and we look forward to providing exam results and Semester 1 Report Cards after the holidays.

Due to COVID restrictions we will not be able to progress with our normal parent teacher conferences. We will proceed with online parent teacher conferences on Saturday the 9th of January for the Integrated Program and Saturday the 23rd of January for the International Program. We will provide translators and will send out a time sheet to schedule interviews after the break.

Christmas is a much, celebrated holiday across the world. It is normally a time when families get together and spend time with each other. Sadly, a lot of our staff will not be able to get back to see their families due to travel restrictions associated with COVID. I want to acknowledge the commitment of our teachers and thank them for the great work they do at SIS Danang.

Our company has invested in the DynEd program to assist in the development of English skills for our students. For this to be effective students Grade 3 and above are requested to complete 3 x 20 minute sessions at home. We will have a 'DynEd Week' (Term 3, week4) to promote the program and celebrate our successes. Year 10A was the class who averaged the highest recorded times on DynEd this semester. They were rewarded with 100, 000VND worth of coupons for the Christmas Charity Fair.

We are still experiencing issues with traffic at pick up and drop off times. We ask that cars only drive one way down Vung Trung 3 Street. We also need to be mindful this is a school zone and caution needs to be used to protect the safety of our staff and community members. Could you please instruct your drivers, as well.

We wish everyone a safe holiday period and we look forward to commencing normal school operations on January 5.

Regards

Christopher Bradley
Principal



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Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

With the teachers' guidance and parents' support, the integrated students have successfully completed the Semester 1 exams.

- Year 4 & Year 5 experienced 2 days on the OBV program at school. During this, students enhanced their abilities in teamwork, leading, planning, implementing the plan and discovering & developing their limits. We hope that after this course, students will have more team spirit and confidence in themselves.
- During the Christmas and New Year holidays (from 23rd December 2020 till the end of 4th January 2021), teachers will be spending their time marking the examinations, assessment, ranking the students in Semester 1 and will update the learning results for parent meeting to be held at the end of Semester 1 (the expected day is Saturday 9th January 2020).
- 5 students from Year 8 & 9 in our School Basketball Team will take part in the District Team to compete at the city level (from 12 to 23rd January 2021).

We wish all of you have a happy Christmas and New Year holiday!

Regards,

Vu Thi Lan

Principal of SVIS



Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents

Christmas Charity Fair 2020

Our Christmas Charity Fair was a bit different due to the current Covid19 restrictions, but SIS @ Da Nang was still able to raise a significant amount of **VND 69 560 000 million** that will be donated to Caritas, Vietnam. Secondary students were very enterprising and raised a lot of money from their stalls selling food and drinks.

We hope that the students will now be more familiar with the celebration of Christmas in various countries, including traditions about Santa, decorating, and lighting the tree and the giving of gifts. Thank you to the many parents, who purchased coupons and/or donated money for this great cause.

Thanks to Mr Will for organizing a fun Christmas sing-along concert prior the fair. All our Y1, Y2 and Kindergarten students looked delightful in their Christmas costumes and enjoyed visiting the fair with their teachers afterwards.

I would like to wish all our SIS families a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2021!

Warm Regards,
Daan Ebbers
Deputy Principal (Secondary)



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents

Dear Parents After exams it was great for our students to participate in a sports competition on Monday 21st of December at school. Our student athletes competed in basketball and football against one another and all students demonstrated great sportsmanship.

This tournament was used to finalise teams for our upcoming interschool tournament to be held at our campus on the 21st of January. Our students will compete against Greenshoots, Hoi An International School and Skyline School. Thank you to Mr Ignacio and Mr Neema for arranging the competition and spending time training our students.

Just a reminder to parents that our school gates open at 7:30am and we have staff members here to supervise students in the canteen and playground before school starts. Form time starts at 8:15am and this allows students time to prepare for their first lesson that starts at 8:30am. It would be great if all students can be here before 8:15am to maximise learning time.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful break and I look forward to welcoming our families and amazing students back in January.

Thank you

Regards,
Brad McCarthy
Deputy Principal (Primary)



Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents**Exams**

Congratulations to all of our students in years 2-10 for completing the SIS Semester 1 exams. Our NCC (Y11) students also completed their mock exams and the year 1 students completed some formative assessments. Our students have done a fantastic job to catch up on lost days and online learning - thank you to teachers and parents for all your support.

Our IGCSE2 students will complete their mock exams from Tuesday 5th January - Wednesday 13th January. These students have received a timetable of the upcoming exam schedule. We wish them luck!

Rise Programme

We are very excited to announce that we are offering some of our high-school students the opportunity to take part in the RISE programme. RISE is 'on a mission to find extraordinary young people and support them for life as they use their talents to serve others'. Students who are 15-17 on 1st July 2021 are eligible to apply. Students have already received a presentation about what the RISE programme includes and letters to parents will go out in January. If you would like to find out more, please visit their website: <https://www.risefortheworld.org/>

Happy Holidays to everyone.

Regards,

Harriet Casswell

Head of Studies (Secondary)

**Message from Head of Studies (Primary)**

Dear Parents

Outward Bound Year 4 & 5

Year 4 & 5 had a great experience in outward bound this year.

Students partook in a variety of activities with their outward-bound instructors. They were able to develop skills in teamwork, communication, and critical thinking. Students had great fun staying at school overnight, behaviour from students was excellent. I wish everyone an amazing holiday. I look forward to seeing all students back in January ready for semester 2.

Regards,

Niall Elliot Reed

Primary Head of Studies (Primary)

**Message from Guidance officer**

Dear Parents

Exam Stress

Congratulations to all SIS students for completing their semester 1 exams. I hope that you managed to study as well as taking time out to relax and care for yourself. For students who are taking their mock exams in January please remember to plan your time well and keep a to-do-list in order to keep on top of your study. Rest and relaxation are also important for learning, so please schedule in time for that too. Good luck for January 2021!

Anti-Bullying Week 2021

Anti-Bullying week will take place during Week 3 of Term 3 (18th-22nd January). The theme this year is Kindness. There will be activities throughout the week focusing on how we can be kind to other both inside and outside of school. On Friday the 22nd of January we will have 'Wear White to Unite Day' where students are encouraged to wear a plain white t-shirt to school to show that they stand against bullying. Students must wear usual school pans/skirt with their white t-shirt.

Excursion to Da Nang University of Economics

The NCC and Year 10 students had a wonderful welcome from the staff at Da Nang University of Economics, where they had the opportunity to have a campus tour and a 'morning in the life of a Da Nang University of Economics student'. The students were able to meet first year university students and participate in a lesson about Artificial Intelligence

Regards,

Cat Burgess

Guidance Officer/EFL Teacher



Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear Parents

The Kindergarten has had an outstanding and wonderful first semester. It has been a delight to watch the children develop so well, both academic and socially. It is exciting to see such delightful students who enjoy school and learning every day.

The children have learned to be kind, hard-working, confident, and independent. They have not only learnt to get along well with others, but are also building strong relationships with their classmates and teachers.

We are in the process of completing the semester report cards and portfolios. These allow the parents to see their child's progress through the year and are a wonderful keepsake for the future! We hope to send them to you soon after the term break and look forward to having the opportunity to discuss your child's progress in more detail.

We are so proud of our students' achievements so far this year and feel honored to teach such wonderful children. We are confident that our students will continue to blossom and look forward to sharing in their learning journey.

Thank you very much for your continuous support and appreciation in our work.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Regards,
Vo Thi Thuy Ngan
Head of Kindergarten

