

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

Coming events:

Virtual Talent Show on Friday March 12

Reading month in March

Message from Principal

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back from the TET holidays. I hope that you all were able to connect with family and find some time to relax. We are very fortunate that there have been no community cases of COVID in Danang and we have been able to continue school operations with COVID restrictions in place.

We need to ensure:

- Restricting access to the school for non-essential visitors.
- Temperature checks.
- Facemasks! All students, staff and parents must wear facemasks at school. This includes entering and leaving.
- Regular hand sanitizing/washing.
- Social distancing.
- There will be no excursions, camps (OBV) or sporting activities with other schools until further notice.

Again, I thank you for your continued support and understanding during these difficult times. We need to be cautious and also implement the directives of the local authorities.

We have a number of new families joining us after the holidays. Thank you for choosing our school and we look forward to welcoming you into the school community, when it is safe to do so. Your child's teachers will connect with you via one of our online platforms.

We need to put a big focus on Learning. Traditionally Term 3, is where students will make significant progress. They should know the expectations of their teachers and have already established patterns and routines for their study. Parents please assist us with ensuring students complete their homework tasks, are reading regularly and participating on DynEd. These things will ensure students solidify their learning and make progress with their learning.

Our students need to be aware the key to successful academic results is a combination of participating in classes and commitment to regular study at home. They need to read and revise their work and importantly seek feedback from their teachers in areas they do not fully understand. Education is a partnership. Please be aware we have similar goals and like you we want your child to experience success.

Regards Christopher Bradley Principal



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Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

In February, our students had enjoyed the traditional Tet holiday with their family (from 6th till 21st February).

On February 22, our students came back the school with happiness, and readiness to study hard into their class routines with high quality. Especially, our school focused on instructing students about strict following up 5 things (Wearing mask, handwash with sanitizer, social distancing, uncrowded, travel declaration) to COVID protections and create the safety learning environment.

Beside that our school had organized the 50th International Letter-Writing Competition with the theme is "Write a letter to a family member about your experience of the Covid-19" pandemic). About 40% students had joined, there are 10 letters was selected to join the city level.

The upcoming activities in March/2021 as below:

- In March 4 Year 9 students will take part in the excellent student competition at city level
- o From March 10-19, our school will organize the middle examination in Semester 2.
- In the end of March, teacher will send to parents about the middle learning result in Semester 2.
- Teachers in year 1, year 2, and year 6 will attend the training course of the book replacement and new educational program.

Wish all the best and become winner!!!

Wish you all a Happy Lunar New Year and prosperous Year for 2021! Regards,

Vu Thi Lan

Principal of SVIS





Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents

Afterschool Clubs / ECA:

Our clubs began on Monday the 22nd of February and will continue for 6 weeks, finishing on Friday the 2nd of April. ECA's will be held from 4:00 pm until 4:45 pm. 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. Clubs we are offering this term are the Book Club, Lego Club(s), Hockey, Chinese, Debating, Music, and Yoga. We hope that these activities will help our students to strengthen their collaborative working skills, their creativity and will reinforce our school virtues as they are based around teamwork, optimism, creativity, and confidence. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, our swimming club for Term 3 will be postponed until Term 4, students that have signed up for this club can participate then.

OBV trips and Talent show postponed:

Due to the recent Covid-19 outbreak in both North and South Vietnam, SIS @ Da Nang will postpone the scheduled OBV Trips until we can guarantee it is safe to travel to Quy Nhon. As large gatherings of students are prohibited in schools, we will also reschedule our SIS Talent Show. Once we have decided on new dates, they will be emailed home and published in the upcoming newsletter. Thanks for your understanding.

Regards,

Daan Ebbers

Deputy Principal (Secondary)



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents

The first week of February saw our students participate in DynEd week and, as a school, we were able to recognise and celebrate students who have excelled with the English learning program.

Congratulations to the following students for being DynEd Champions:

- Duong Gia Bao 6L
- Alex An Aaboe 5L
- Nguyen Duc Khoi 3A
- Nguyen Tran Xuan Mai 8L
- Nguyen Dinh Nam 7A
- Adam Hamdy 6L

Also, congratulations to 3A, 5L and 6L classes for winning a pizza party for having the most hours on DynEd during the week.

We look forward to our students continuing to use DynEd to help improve their English skills at home.

Please encourage your child / children to use DynEd for a minimum of 1 hour each week at home.

Regards,

Brad McCarthy

Deputy Principal (Primary)



Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents

Congratulations to our NCC students who took the first exams of their Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies in the first week of February. We look forward to finding out their results at the end of April.

Cambridge International have confirmed that the IGCSE exams will go ahead this year in Vietnam. Students have been successfully registered and given the dates and times of their exams. Our IG2s have now finished the content for their IG subjects and are spending their lessons reviewing and practicing exam technique.

Wishing all of our high-school students a productive and positive run-up to the 2021 exam series! If you have any questions regarding the upcoming exams, please contact me via email - harriet.casswell@danang.sis.edu.vn.

Regards,

Harriet Casswell

Head of Studies (Secondary)



Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents

Welcome back to all students, I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday! I'm excited to announce that the school will be running a reading week in March. This event will be for all primary and secondary students. There will be a number of activities and competitions throughout the week to encourage and engage students in reading. A reminder that our school Libraries have many interesting and fun books that students can borrow and take home.

Regards,

Niall Elliot Reed

Primary Head of Studies (Primary)





Message from Guidance officer

Dear Parents

As we progress through the academic year, it is important that students and parents start considering options for next year. We have been given approval to commence the Cambridge A-Levels in 2021-2022 for students who have completed IGCSE 2. We are hoping to provide price packages very shortly. We will also continue with the NCC Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies next school year, as well.

To find out information about the academic programs offered at SIS Da Nang, please watch the videos in the links below. If you are interested in either of the programs for your son or daughter next year, or have any further questions, please send me an email - catherine.burgess@danang.sis.edu.vn.

Video about NCC IFD: https://youtu.be/MJtV2IY_5tQ

Video about Cambridge A-Levels: https://youtu.be/MNvFKiCwevo Video about Cambridge IGCSE: https://youtu.be/QXQdyKBiTZI

Regards, Cat Burgess

Guidance Officer/EFL Teacher



Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear Parents

Happy New Year everyone! We warmly welcome our new students and parents joining the Kindergarten this month. We wish them a fantastic time ahead and the children making good friends with their new classmates and teachers while having full of fun learning opportunities in a professional international education environment. Welcome back to all our families after the holidays. It was great to see you back healthy and ready to learn, play and grow.

We had a great chance to celebrate TET in our own way while still following Covid-19 instructions. The children enjoyed all the traditional games and activities at the fun fair run in classrooms by their teachers.

March is all about "Plants". We are going to learn and discover some scientific knowledge about Fruits, Flowers, Vegetables, Plant's habitats and Trees during our SOSE and Science lessons. Gardening project will be starting soon at the school organic garden.

Regards,

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan Head of Kindergarten

