



# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

October 2020

## Coming events:

**Teachers Day Nov 20**

**Sem 1 Exams Dec 9-15**

**Christmas Concert Dec 18**

## Message from Principal

**Dear Parents,**

We have 3 students Nguyen Trang Nhi Year 8, Nguyen Thai Bao Yr 6, Le Quang Minh Yr 3, will be competing at the upcoming National Swimming Championships. We wish them well and look forward to sharing their success soon.

Welcome back to Term 2, Welcome Back from Closures Due to Severe Weather. We have had a good start to the Term with a welcomed visit from Kinderworld's STEM experts Mr Chuong and Mr Quoc provided professional development for teachers and showed teachers how to effectively implement new technologies and STEM resources into the classroom. Our students are now enjoying using coding and robotics and we hope that this could inspire students to work in technological fields in the future. STEM is now timetabled into the curriculum and is a fantastic direction for SIS Da Nang and our Kinderworld schools to take. I would like to thank the staff for supporting this initiative and sharing their passion with our students.

Traffic congestion continues to be an issue. During wet weather when cars are dropping students off or picking them up could we move to the end of the drop off bay. Some people are stopping near the office and this holds up the traffic behind. We need to exercise some patience. Please do not reverse unless absolutely necessary and safe to do so. Some of our students are very small and will not be easily seen in rear vision mirrors. Please pass this message on to your drivers. This is a school zone and extreme caution needs to be applied to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Upcoming Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV) camps and events. Some students are beginning to think this is an optional activity. At SIS, we provide a holistic education that goes beyond the traditional curriculum. The soft skills and challenges students are presented with during OBV will benefit students back here at school and prepare them for life outside of school. A high number of our students have ambitions to travel and study abroad. Given the age of our students, when they travel this can be a significant challenge. When students travel overseas, they often have a positive perception of the experience but may not know or be aware of the challenges they will face, or how they will respond when confronted with such challenges. During the OBV program students are put in a challenging environment and they get to learn how they themselves respond when confronted with difficulties and how they can overcome challenges. We expect all students to participate in this program.

**Christopher Bradley**

**Principal**



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## Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

Our students have worked hard and made progress during term 1. We can see the improvement of each student. The new students are confident and getting along well with all other students. They are working together as a solid community toward our Schoolwide Learner Goals.

### Activities in October:

- Student must miss at school due to many stormy and flood days they have just completed their study program until the 9th week (1 week behind schedule).
- Year 4, and 5 have completed the Semester 1 middle Test in Math and Vietnamese and Year 6,7,8,9,10 have completed Semester 1 middle Test for all subjects.
- Some students registered to take part in Sport Competitions held by DOET in volleyball, chess, and swimming...
- Year 9 took part in STEM competition at District level on the theme "Automatic sterilizer", and won the VI prize in District Level.

### Main Plans in November:

- Carry out teaching program from week 10 until week 14
- Teacher will send report to update Parents about the learning result in Term 1.
- Vietnamese Teachers Day celebration will be held on Friday morning (20/11/2020) in the Hall.
- Teachers will train students to prepare for the Sport Competitions in the District level

Hope that parents and students are always happy to welcome their children's daily growth  
Regards,

**Vu Thi Lan**

**Principal of SVIS**



## Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a relaxing break and that students are ready for term two. We have a few new families starting with us at SIS@Danang this term and we want to warmly welcome them to our school community.

### Outward Bound

All the dates for Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV) this year have been confirmed, our High School Year 8 and 9 Integrated students, supervised by Ms Hang, Ms. Nhi and Mr. Robert will be the first group of students to go to Outward Bound in Binh Dinh / Quy Nhon.

*Please look at the table below, paper-work and further instructions will be forwarded home 6 weeks prior to an OBV trip.*



Year Levels	Dates:	Place:
Year 8A, 8B, 9A	22 Feb, 2021 – 26 Feb, 2021	Binh Dinh / Quy Nhon
Year 4A, 4B, 4L	14 - 15 December, 2020	At School
Year 5A, 5L	17 - 18 December, 2020	At School
Year 8L	25 Jan, 2021 - 29 Jan, 2021	Binh Dinh / Quy Nhon
Year 6A, 6L	1 Feb, 2021 - 5 Feb, 2021	Binh Dinh / Quy Nhon
Year 7A, 7L	12 Apr, 2021 - 16 Apr, 2021	Binh Dinh / Quy Nhon
Year 10	7 Jun, 2021 - 11 Jun, 2021	Binh Dinh / Quy Nhon
IG1, IG2, NCC	21 Jun, 2021 - 25 June, 2021	Binh Dinh / Quy Nhon

### Afterschool Clubs / ECA:

Our clubs began on Monday the 2nd of November and will continue for 6 weeks, finishing on Friday the 11th of December. ECA's will be held from 4:05 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 Gardening, Paper Art, Football, Dance, 2 Lego Clubs, Chinese, Basketball, Robot and Badminton. 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.

Warm Regards,

**Daan Ebbers**

**Deputy Principal (Secondary)**



### Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents

This month we were very lucky to have an author, Mr Shan Whittaker, come into our school to read his new book for some of our primary students.

"Too Much Stuff" is a wonderful picture book for children that teaches them the importance of recycling and reducing our waste.

It was great to see our students engaged with reading and to hear the interesting questions they had for the author.

Shan kindly donated some copies of his book in our library for our students to enjoy and borrow.

You can also find more information about "Too Much Stuff" here: [facebook/hayhaybooks](https://www.facebook.com/hayhaybooks)

Regards,

**Brad McCarthy**

**Deputy Principal (Primary)**



### Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents

This month we have been very happy to resume school assemblies. Students from IG2 and the Bye Bye Plastic Bags Group have already done some interesting and informative presentations. Well done to all of our students for being Academic Achievers and working hard to catch up with the loss of school days due to the Storms.

**BYOD: Bring Your Own Device.** Secondary students are allowed to bring a device to school and use it with the teacher's permission. If students use a device without permission, it is considered a major misbehaviour and they will receive a detention the following day. A friendly reminder to parents to please contact the school office if you need to call your child, instead of contacting them on their personal mobile phone. Wishing everyone a safe and dry November!

A reminder that the SIS exams are the following dates:

English Paper 4 (listening)	Wednesday 9th December
English Paper 1 (Speaking)	Wednesday 9th December - Friday 11th December
English Paper 2 (Writing)	Thursday 10th December
English Paper 3 (Language and Comprehension)	Friday 11th December
Mathematics Paper 1 and 2	Monday 14th December
Science	Tuesday 15th December

Regards,

**Harriet Casswell**

**Head of Studies (Secondary)**





### Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents

We have ended October with an amazing Halloween. It was great to see all the fabulous costumes on display from students. A highlight of the celebration was the fantastic whole school dance. Walking around all the classrooms, it was great to see all the creativity put into decorating classrooms ready for Halloween. This year was our first Halloween writing competition, a big congratulations to all Halloween competition winners.

Regards,

**Niall Elliot Reed**

**Primary Head of Studies (Primary)**

