

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG
NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2019

Coming events

Family Fun Day – Sat, March 16, 9-11am

OBV Y6 at Quy Nhon – 18th – 21st March

OBV Y7 at Quy Nhon – 25th – 29th March

STEM Week – Week 8

Sports Days – 10th & 11th April

End Term 3 – Friday April 12

Message from Principal

Dear Parents

Happy Lunar New Year! I wish all families health and prosperity for the New Year!

Please come and join in on **Family Fun Day on Saturday, 16th March, from 9 – 11am**. All families will receive an invitation soon.

Wear White to Unite Day

Well done to all participants in the Anti-Bullying Week activities and a big thank you to Guidance Officer, Ms Cat, for her organization. Students showed their understanding of bullying and how they can unite against it to make our school even better. This aligns with our school's underlying Virtue of RESPECT and our school rule #2, *Always be respectful*. Please check our website for more photos of what happened over the week and the excellent work that students did in designing slogans for t-shirts, posters and the mural.

Change to morning gate opening time

Thanks to all parents who have adhered to the later gate opening time. Please do not drop your children off before 7.45am as there is no supervision provided.

STEM Academy

We are very proud of our STEM Academy students, selected from Y8, Y9 and IGCSE1, who commenced a Robotics programming project at the beginning of this term. We know our students will benefit from learning programming skills and techniques with the assistance of our own expert, Mr. Ben Snitker.



Building Phase 2

As you know, work began last month on the new building. A fence to separate the work site from the garden and the pool has been erected so that Kindergarten students can safely continue their gardening projects and students will still be able to use the pool.

Anne Matley
Principal



Message from Deputy Principal

Welcome back for term three! I hope that everyone had a safe and happy Lunar New Year and I wish you all happiness, good health and prosperity in the new year. I also want to say welcome to our new students and families who have joined us for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

Table of Specifications

Earlier in the year form teachers emailed out the Table of Specifications (ToS) which provide details of exams dates and content assessed for relevant subjects for the year. If you did not receive this email, please contact your student's Form Teacher. Exam dates for Sem 2 are:

English Paper 1 – Speaking	Monday 20 – 22 May
English Paper 2 – Writing	Thursday 23 May
English Paper 3 – Language comprehension	Friday 24 May
Mathematics* **	Monday 27 May
Science**	Tuesday 28 May
English Paper 4 – Listening	Wednesday 29 May

*Students in Year 5 and above complete two Mathematics papers.

**Only students in International classes

Parent-teacher interviews

Thank you to all those parents who attended the parent-teacher interviews on Saturday 16 February. It was a good opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and discuss student progress. If you have any feedback regarding the interview process please email me.

Competitions

Congratulations to the students in the school Chess Team who have been training at break times over the past couple of months. During February the students competed in a Chess Tournament in Da Nang. It was a tough day of competition and all students tried their best. Congratulations to Hoang Ha from Year 1A who was placed second her competition.

This month, Victoria, from Year 8 International, won the first prize at the District level for Table Tennis competition. Victoria placed third prize in the finals of the competition in city level. Congratulations for all your hard work!



Lost property

There are a number of items (hats, jackets, gloves, water bottles and lunch boxes) that have been placed in the 'lost and found' lockers in the canteen. Please encourage your student to check these lockers if they are missing any belongings. It would be of great help to teachers if families put their students' names in their hats and jackets so that they can be returned to the correct person.

Chelsea Donaldson
Deputy Principal

Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

In February, our students spent a relaxing time travelling around with their families during the Tet holiday and they came back the school with happiness and readiness to study hard in their class routines with high quality. In the first week, the theme of "anti-bullying" was particularly focused on building a safe and friendly school.

In particular, our school organized a quality survey of two subjects: Mathematics and Vietnamese language to reinforce knowledge for students before taking a quality middle test in Semester 2 (March 2019).

Some good students are taking part in some talent competitions as follows:

- + There are 71 students taking the national exam of excellent students of Kangaroo International Mathematics (61 from high school and 10 from primary school)
- + Victoria, Y8 International, won the first prize of ping pong competition in District level and the second prize in City
- + Hoang Ha, Y1B, won the second prize in chess competition in District level on 21/02
- + 5 Students of Year 9 took the English examination of excellent Students in City level on 28/02
- + Swimming students are actively training to attend the District level in the middle of March of 2019 (more detailed programme will be sent to parents later)

All the best and good luck to the winners!

I wish you all a Happy Lunar New Year and prosperous Year for 2019!

Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS



Message from Head of Studies

Dear Parents

I hope everyone had a wonderful Tet holiday. I wish all of our families a happy and prosperous new year. I want to thank all students and parents for a very successful first semester and congratulate our students on their semester exam results.

After the successful mock exam series, preparation for the real iGCSE exams continues. The entries for our iGCSE 2 students are completed and the exam timetable has been distributed. It will be a challenging time, starting in April with their final exam at the beginning of June.

The High School electives are off to a great start with 2 new options for our students this term: some are working on a Microsoft Office competition with Mr. Phuc, our ICT instructor, and on Thursdays Pegasus Uni-College is offering a hospitality taster for these students which focuses on skills that you need when you work in the hospitality sector.

It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance for the Parent Teacher Interviews. Lots of learning is happening in all of the classrooms and we are working hard in term three. If any parents have any enquiries or feedback about their students in secondary school, please feel free to contact me any time; @: daan.ebbers@danang.sis.edu.vn

Daan Ebbers
Head of Studies



Message from Guidance Officer

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy Lunar New Year! I hope everybody had a wonderful holiday and is feeling refreshed after the break.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the students, parents and staff who took part in the first SIS Anti-Bullying Week. The week was a great success. The lower primary students did a great job on creating posters as did the years 3-6 with their t-shirt designs. I was extremely proud of the teamwork, and especially the slogans and words that the students had used to portray an anti-bullying or anti-cyber bullying message.

Years 7-9 had a session with rap duo 'New Fame' where the students wrote raps or poems to promote anti-bullying and cyber-bullying. Each group worked incredibly well as part of a team and performed their work at the end of the session. The girls were impressed with the students' writing skills and their abilities to use rhyme in their messages.

The IGCSE 1&2 students were tasked with creating a design for a mural in the school, promoting anti-bullying and/or cyber-bullying. The winning teams' design has been enlarged and displayed in the school.

The week was completed with 'Wear White to Unite Day' and it was very pleasing to see so many students and teachers wearing a white t-shirt to demonstrate understanding and to show their unity against all forms of bullying. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

I am currently meeting the IGCSE 1 students to talk about future educational options. If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss pathways for your son/daughter, please email Catherine.burgess@danang.sis.edu.vn

Catherine Burgess
GO and EFL Teacher



Message from Head of Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children started off Term 3 with a healthy, educational and fun activity-planting and gardening project. What a great time for all to be out in nature to explore the workings of nature and learn to develop important life skills.

Everyone was very excited to plant the seeds in their class garden bed. Watering the seeds and weeding, taking care of the baby plants were so much fun. Scientific competency was also achieved indoors through SOSE lessons such as different parts of a plant and their functions. While having fun learning about nutrition and where fresh food comes from, they develop the love of nature, responsibility, self-confidence and cooperation.

Our upcoming STEM week will be held in early March. The theme is still "I Can Build" but we are building things that move in the water this time, using recycling materials such as plastic bottles, spoons, sponges, rubber bands, chopsticks and so on. It would be great if children can bring some recycling things from home for these projects, which is a great way to enhance the children's environmental awareness.

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan
Head of Kindergarten

