



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

Coming events

Inter-school Sports Day – 1st Nov
OBV Yr4: 6th & 7th Nov (at school)
OBV Yr5: 8th & 9th Nov (at school)
STEM Week – starting 12th Nov
Teacher's Day Assembly – 20th Nov 8.30am
School Photos – 21st & 22nd Nov
Christmas Charity Fair: Sat 8th Dec 9 -11am
Beginning Term 3 – gates open at 7.45am



Message from Principal

Dear Parents

What a wonderful way to end Term 1 with International Week to celebrate our different cultures and nationalities. Our **Schoolwide Learner Goal (SLG)**, “respect own and others’ cultures”, was the focus for that week in class and at assembly and we hope it gave a deeper understanding of global citizenship for our students.

For October the focus has been:

Virtue: Teamwork – IGCSE students demonstrated an activity from Outward Bound and showed how good teamwork enabled them to complete the task more quickly

SLG: Being an Academic Achiever- During Form Time teachers talked about perseverance, acting on specific feedback and striving for continuous improvement. Y6A reinforced this at assembly with their attempts to improve their performance of a tongue twister.

SLG: Respect own and others’ cultures

Virtue: Cooperation

Our second **STEM Week** will be held in Week 4. I know that your children will go home talking about their opportunities for critical thinking, teamwork and creativity.

The second group of students has just returned from **Outward Bound** and in Week 7 our students in Years 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to participate in an overnight camping

experience at school with team challenges and activities provided by Outward Bound staff during the day then sleeping in the hall overnight.

Our Christmas Charity Fair will be held on Saturday, 8th Dec, from 9 – 11am with all proceeds going to Operation Smile Vietnam. I hope you will keep this date free so that you can join in the festivities.

Anne Matley
Principal



Message from Deputy Principal

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

Outward Bound – High School

Year 8 and 9 Integrated students, supervised Ms Hang and Mr Ben, had a fantastic week at Outward Bound in Quy Nhon. The students camped, hiked, cooked their meals and completed a range of team building and communication activities. The group came back exhausted but excited to share their adventure with us.

The Outward Bound dates for Year 6 and 7 are:

Year 6 International and Year 6 Integrated

18 – 22 March 2019

Year 7 International and Year 7 Integrated

25 – 29 March 2019

Outward Bound – Year 4 and 5

Our Year 4 and 5 students will have the opportunity to participate in an introduction to Outward Bound program here at school. The program is for two days and one night and will be held at school. Students will participate in specially designed activities and challenges during the day and then sleep one night in the school gym. More information about this will be provided to Year 4 and 5 parents soon.

The Outward Bounds dates for Year 4 and 5 are:

Year 4 Integrated and Year 4 International

6 – 7 November 2018

Year 5 Integrated and Year 5 International

8 – 9 November 2018

Afterschool Clubs

Our Afterschool Clubs for term two began on Monday 29 October and will run until Wednesday 5 December. We are happy to provide our students with these activities to ensure they receive a well-rounded education. Students are excited to get started in the activities that we are offering this term which include Science Club, Christmas Crafts Club, Target Club and Reuse/Recycle Club.

Water bottles

Many students have started bringing glass water bottles to school. There have been some accidents with the glass smashing on the floor. I would ask that students leave the glass water bottles at home and bring only plastic water bottles for use at school.

Use of facilities after school

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to be using the playground equipment, football field or basketball courts after school. Students being picked up by private transport must remain seated at the front of the school building where there is supervision by staff.

School photos

School photos will be taken over the two days of the 21st and 22nd of November. Form teachers will inform families about which day. Please ensure that your student/s are dressed in formal school uniform for the day of their school photos.

Exam dates

Just a reminder that the semester one exam dates are as follows:

English Paper 1 - speaking exam	2 – 3 January 2019
English Paper 2 - writing exam	4 January 2019
English Paper 3 - language and comprehension exam	7 January 2019
Mathematics* **	8 January 2019
English Paper 4 - listening exam	9 January 2019
Science**	10 January 2019

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

**Only students in International classes

If you know that your student/s will be absent during the exam period, please contact the office and your students' form teacher so that make-up exams can be arranged. Students cannot sit exams early.

Chelsea Donaldson
Deputy Principal

**Message from SVIS Principal**

Dear Parents

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

Activities in October:

- Complete all subjects by the 11th week.
- Y4&5 Integrated classes have completed the Semester 1 middle Test in Math and Vietnamese.

- Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Integrated students have completed Survey tests in Vietnamese.
- Secondary Integrated students have completed the Period Test in all subjects.
- The score reports of Term 1 have been sent home to parents by Form Teachers.
- Some students registered to take part in Sport Competitions held by DOET in volleyball, badminton, chess and swimming.
- Y8&9 Integrated students attended outdoor training courses at Outward Bound Vietnam in Binh Dinh province from 22 to 26 October 2018.
- A group of year 9 students took part in a Creative Science Technology Competition with a project "Cleaning machine from recycled material" and were successful in winning the 2nd prize in District level. They will continue to develop their project and compete in City level.
- 84 students from Year 1 to Year 7 Integrated students participated in the Kangaroo Math Competition held by IEG international company.
- 205 students which is nearly 100% of students at the school have purchased health insurance.

Main Plans in Term 2:

- Vietnamese Teachers Day celebration will be held on Tuesday morning, 20 October in the Hall.
- On 21 October Year 4 Integrated- excursion to Clean Water Supply company at Danang airport
- Teachers will train students to prepare for the Sport Competitions in the District level
- Revision of Semester 1 Examinations is in December 2018.
- Before the exam starts, teachers will open free tutorial classes for students who need more practice from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM. Please contact the form teacher if you would like to register for your child to attend these tutorial classes. You need to arrange for your child to be collected after these tutorial class at 5:00 pm.
- From 10 December to 14 December, Semester 1 Examinations for Year 1 to Year 8 Integrated.
- From 18 December 2018 – 1 January 2019: Christmas and New Year Break.
- From 17 December – 31 December: Year 9 Integrated students take Semester 1 Examinations held by DOET from 7:00 – 10:00 am (No school bus on those days)
- 25 January: Term 2 ends.
- 19 January: Tentative Parent Meeting (Saturday Morning)

I hope you enjoy the rest of the term.

Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS



Message from Head of Studies

The official Cambridge IGCSE Result Certificates for the 2018 exam series have arrived and our students can be very proud of their results.

Teachers are hard at work writing and vetting the semester one examinations and are collaborating across all SIS schools.

The Halloween party on Wednesday the 31st of October was great fun and we saw many excellent costumes.

Secondary students who arrive at school after 8.30am are reminded that they need to report to the office so that they can be marked present on the attendance roll.

There have been a few recent cases of students who have plagiarized by copying and pasting information from the internet to include in their essays. This is the use of other people's words or ideas without giving proper credit. To add to the presentations about teaching about plagiarism so far this year, I will work with English and SOSE teachers to develop workshops for secondary students. These will include how to avoid plagiarism by paraphrasing and correctly citing references. This is a skill that all students need to develop for future education pathways.

Daan Ebbers
Head of Studies



Message from Guidance Officer

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope everyone had a great break!

It was a busy few weeks before the end of Term 1. We held the first 'Coffee with the Counsellor' session for parents of Year 6 and above, which gave parents an opportunity to meet me and the Head of Studies, as well as a presentation on how to support your son or daughter with 'Study Skills'. I plan to hold these sessions regularly and parents will receive an invite to the next session.

I have been holding in-class workshops with high school students regarding bullying, and IGCSE 1 & 2 students regarding 'Sexual Health' and 'Healthy Relationships'. I continue to work with the IGCSE 1 & 2 students on a weekly basis to focus on 'Future's Planning' where students have developed an 'Employability' portfolio and we will now focus on resume writing.

I have continued to meet with IGCSE 1 & 2 students and parents to discuss future plans either at SIS or overseas. If you would like some advice for your son or daughter about future plans, please do get in touch and I will set up a meeting. My email is Catherine.burgess@danang.sis.edu.vn.

Catherine Burgess
GO and EFL Teacher

Message from Head of Kindergarten

This month we celebrated the Kindergarten Multicultural Day when every child could come dressed in their national costume at school. We discussed and discovered the national geographic facts of some countries in the world as well as learning 'hello' and 'goodbye' in different languages. We had an enjoyable assembly in the hall watching class performances and afterwards tasted traditional foods. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those parents who came celebrating the event with us and brought the food to share.

Our children understood and respected similarities and differences. They were aware of being a wonderfully unique person among many other wonderfully unique people on this earth. Let's "Share our similarities, celebrate our differences".

Our Term 2 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Day will be in week 4, 12-16 November. We will continue the theme "I Can Build" but focus on building something that moves this time. We believe that **STEM** gives students the opportunity to be creative, problem solve, develop math concepts, eye-hand coordination, fine motor and inquiry skills while having fun.

Halloween was celebrated in a non-scary way and the students enjoyed dressing up, participating in the activities and going trick-or-treating to various classes in the school.

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan
Head of Kindergarten

