

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG
NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

Coming events

STEM Week – This week

Sports Days – 10th & 11th April

End Term 3 – Friday April 12

Start Term 4 – Monday, 22nd April

Annual Awards and Concert – Wed, June 19 (Rehearsals 18/6 and 19/6)



Message from Principal

Dear Parents

What a wonderful morning we had on Family Fun Day! Thank you to all those who attended.

Swimming Competition

Well done to all participants in the recent district level competition. Please see p4 for a list of the winners. Thanks to Mr Ignacio for coaching the team and to Ms Trinh and Ms Hang for their organization and supervision of the students at the carnival.

Bin It! #trashtag

Students can now recycle bottles, cans and juice/milk packs at school thanks to the Recycling Project of Ms Maryann and the students of Year 7 International. Y7's assembly presentation about our responsibility as Global Citizens to reduce waste was well-received by others. After the first week of monitoring usage of the green bins, Year 7 noted: "We're going to need a bigger bin!"

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics)

The next STEM challenges will be integrated into various lessons over the week beginning 1st April. Many upper primary classes have now visited Danang's FabLab for STEM activities like building a Makey makey board and DIY racing car. You can see the results of the Kindergarten STEM Day building and testing things that float on page 6. We are preparing a digital smorgasbord of all the students' work this year to show to parents and families at the annual concert. It is wonderful to see students learning new skills and applying old skills and previously learned knowledge in new situations in a creative way.

Schoolwide Learner Goals (SWLGs) and Virtues

Over the past month, Form Teachers have focused on:

SWLGs – Active and Healthy Lifestyle and Responsible Use of Social Media

Virtues – Self-discipline and Optimism

In Semester 2, we will trial a report on each student's progress towards the Schoolwide Learner Goals for Primary students only.

Study Tour 2019

We are pleased to inform you that our students from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to join the SIS Study Tour Programme to Malaysia and Singapore, tentatively from Sunday, June 30 to Saturday, July 6, 2019.

Further information on the program details and registration will be informed to students and parents in due course.

Pedestrian Gate

Over the April break, a second gate for pedestrians will be made in the front fence next to security. This will make walking into the school much safer.



Anne Matley

Principal

Building Phase 2

Block 2 and supporting facilities, which are being rapidly constructed next to Block 1, have been covered with Floor 3 in late March 2019. Block 2 with KinderWorld-Standardized Design of fully-equipped function rooms and whole-ground-floor canteen and kitchen and multi-purpose hall is expected to meet the high growing demand of schooling at SIS in the years to come.



Le Trong Khanh
Project Manager

Message from Deputy Principal

Family Fun day

Thank you to those families who attended the Family Fun Day. It was great to meet more parents and family members and see the students having so much fun. Congratulations to those families who participated in the contests and won events. We hope that you enjoy the photos in the newsletter and on our website.



End of school day

Please be reminded that the end of the school day for Kindergarten and Year 1 – 4 International is 3.10pm. Students should only remain at school after this if they catch a 4.00pm school bus. Students are not permitted to go to Pegasus after they have finished the school day unless they are accompanied by an adult.

Use of facilities after school

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to use 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 are members of staff on duty.



Sports Day

Our annual Sports Days are coming up soon. Because of the increase in student numbers we have spread them across three mornings.

- Tuesday 2 April – Kindergarten
- Wednesday 10 April – Year 6 and up
- Thursday 11 April – Year 1 to 5

Students in primary school and high school have been assigned a team that they will compete for on the day, either red, yellow or blue. Students who were here last year will be in the same colour again and have been reminded of this by their HPE teacher. It would be great if students could dress in their sporting colour on that day. If they choose not to wear their colour they should be dressed in their HPE uniform.

Chelsea Donaldson
Deputy Principal

Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

Many activities to enhance the quality of teaching and learning took place during March:

- All teachers are working conscientiously to develop their skills and teaching methods based on critical thinking and creative ability development for students.
- The examination and quality survey of the subjects will be completed by students in the middle of Semester 2 and the progress report will be sent to parents at the end of March.

Taking part in the excellent student exams at all levels:

- The results of the exam for excellent English students in Year 9 in City level are: 04 students won prizes Thai Hoa and Phuong Nghi won the 3rd prize; Thanh An and Tu Na won the encouragement Awards.
- There were 84 students who participated in the Kangaroo International Maths Examination on March 17, 2019. (No results at time of publication).
- 10 Primary and Secondary students took part in the swimming competition at district level on 16/03/2019. 6 students won the 1st prize and 03 students the second prize. Congratulations to students with high achievements: Trang Nhi Year 6; Trang Anh IGCSE 1, Quoc Tri Year 7, Hoang Nhi Year 7, Ga Hung Y8, Bao Khanh Year 6.
- Ngo Tuan Khoi Year 4 took part in the "Young computing" examination organized by MOET on 27th March 2019
- In addition, most of Year 6 & Year 7 students are participating in OBV program from March 18th to 29th. I hope they have great experiences in Binh Dinh Province.

Upcoming activity in April 2019:

- Students who were placed in chess and swimming competitions will continue at city level.
- Some Students in Year 5 will attend Maths Olympic and Vietnamese competitions on Primary Student Day at city level(6th April 2019)
- Attending the "quality survey" exam of Maths & Vietnamese for Year 4 students is set by MOET on April 25.
- Year 9 Students are doing revision and will take the examinations from April 23 to April 28.

All the best and good luck to the all those competing!

Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS



Message from Head of Studies

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful time celebrating Reading Month through different competitions. But the fun doesn't stop here at school. Reading at home with your kids will enhance your child's daily experiences at school and other areas of their life. When students are given the

opportunity to read at school and at home, it helps them to become more aware of the world around them and develop a lifelong love for reading.

For your planning purposes, the Semester 2 exams (SA2) for students in Years 1 – 9 will take place from May 20th till May 29th.

Cambridge exams for students in IGCSE2 span from the 2nd of April till the 12th of June (consult your child's schedule for further details). Students are unable to sit the SA2 early, but if they are away from school they can take exams upon return. Cambridge has strict rules, so if there is a chance your child will miss an exam please check with her/his form teacher.

On the 22nd and 23rd of March a selected group of teachers participated in STEM training at SIS@SaigonSouth. The teachers learned more about the global purpose of STEM education and were able to share all the work that we have done so far. In Week 7, our STEM week topic is: *Plastics and the Environment*. All classes will be working on hands-on activities for projects related to that topic and re-using objects and materials.

Thank you to those families who attended the Family Fun Day. It was great to meet more of our students' parents and family members.

Daan Ebbers Head of Studies



Message from Guidance Officer

Thank you to those who attended the third 'Coffee with the Counselor' session which was held for students and parents of IGCSE 1 and 2. The session introduced two new programs at Elmhurst College, Chicago that will take place this summer:

1. Collegiate Immersion Program (CIP) where students choose to study either Introduction to Macroeconomics or Introduction to Global Business and earn credit points for university entry in the USA.
2. Drone Building Camp (DBC) for those who are interested in STEM with possible extension for STEM Academy.

There is a scholarship of up to \$3,950 available to those who apply for the Collegiate Immersion Program, and \$500 for those who apply for the Drone Camp and stay for the STEM Academy.

Please note – the previous scholarship for those who attend the summer program and choose to go on to study undergraduate at Elmhurst College (renewable scholarship per year) is no longer available. Merit-based scholarships are available to those who apply to study at undergraduate level.

On Thursday 15th of April, directly after Sports Day, there will be a session for students and parents of **years 7, 8 and 9 to provide detailed information on the IGCSE Program**. More details will be provided nearer the time. I hope to see you all there.

Catherine Burgess
GO and EFL Teacher



Message from Head of Kindergarten

The Kindergarten had an interesting month learning all about the environment. "Caring for the environment" and "Recycling" was a strong focus in class lessons. A variety of activities was conducted during SOSE, Language Art and Science lessons to reinforce the theme.

Our Term 3 STEM activity was organized during the 2nd week of March. It was a great opportunity for everyone to learn to recycle and work with recyclable materials such as plastic and paper. The children had a fun time creating things that float on water using plastic bottles, spoons and some other materials. What fun and educational learning experiences for all when learning to make new things out of waste!

Our plants in the garden have grown up so well. K1 class have harvested their vegetables while Preps' bean, cucumber and lady finger plants have started to flower. The beach excursion for Prep classes was enjoyed greatly by the students and teachers. Everyone had a lovely time playing in the sand and taking care of the environment by collecting garbage on the seashore.

The Kindergarten Sports day will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd. There will be a variety of sports activities and water games. We will give more information about this in the weekly report.

Last but not least, we warmly welcome the new students joining our Kindergarten this month. We believe that they will enjoy their new schooling and make friends with classmates while adapting to the new environment.

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan Head of Kindergarten

