



# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

## Coming events

**International Week** – final week of term  
**Fri 11 Oct** – Term 1 finishes

**Please note that Semester 1 exams are from 9<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**OBV (Y9+) 4- 8 Nov**



## Message from Principal

Dear Parents

### Mid-Autumn Festival

What a wonderful celebration we had learning so much about the traditions, originating in the time of harvest in Vietnam. Please check the website for all the photos and videos.

### Inter-School Sports Day

A big thank you to Mr. Ignacio for his organization of this secondary event. Visiting teams from HAIS, Greenshoots and St Nicholas marvelled at our new Hall where 4 games of badminton could be played at a time as well the new artificial grass on the football field. While Danang Dragons won (again!) all involved appreciated the social opportunity in friendly competition and it was great to see the sportsmanship displayed in both winning and defeat.

### STEM

Many classes have already visited the Fab Lab in Danang. There will be several STEM after- school clubs and the STEM Academies- junior and senior- have just commenced their CREST Award. Congratulations to the STEM Academy students who received a CREST Award from the project they finished at the end of last year. Initiated by Science Association in the UK, this is an international award, recognizing student achievement in research, enquiry and creativity through collaboration and teamwork.

You can see the photos from the recent “Wild Creations” STEM Week in this newsletter and on our school website.

**Principal**  
**Anne Matley**

## International Week

During the last week of term, every class will participate in some way. One of our Schoolwide Learner Goals (SWLGs) is for students to “understand and respect own and others’ cultures” by learning to respect and celebrate difference and diversity. “We all sing with the same voice”!

## Bye Bye Plastic Bags

I would like to commend the commitment of this student-led group, well-supported by Ms. Megan, in raising awareness about the need to ban single use plastics to save our environment.

This group of about 20 secondary students ran a successful September challenge for students and staff and a Monday Market where products like, bamboo straws, toothbrushes and reusable cups were sold. Look out for their stall at the Christmas Charity Fair and support this initiative!

Term 1 finishes on Friday, 11th October, and I hope all students can relax and do some study to be ready for exams before the Christmas break.

**Principal  
Anne Matley**



## Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

It has been another busy month here with teachers using the Frequent Response cards and some teachers using Swivl in the classroom so that they can reflect on the video later. Both HPE teachers and I attended first aid and CPR training this month to ensure we have skilled people to deal with the unlikely event of an emergency. This was an intense course, run by BNH Hospital Bangkok and Family Medical Hospital, that allowed all of us to refresh our skills.

**Brad McCarthy  
Deputy Principal**



## Message from SVIS Principal Dear Parents

After completing the eighth week of the new academic year, I am pleased to report the students have settled happily into their class routines. Students have demonstrated their own talents and performance abilities and were very interested in finding ways to develop in the most positive way.

Currently, students are learning to use additional software about experiential activities and STEM topics to help them expand their global vision and real life. Primary students have taken the quality test of Vietnamese (on September 18) and Math (on September 25) and Secondary school students have a once-only test in all subjects. This helps teachers to accurately assess the learning ability of each student to make supplementary teaching plans for the weaker students in term 1. Student report card in the middle of Semester 1 will be sent to parents in October 2019.

Students in year 7 took part in OBV in Binh Dinh from September 30 to October 4, 2019. Form teachers (Ms. Ly Na - class 7A and Ms. Phuong Nhi - Class 7B) also joined with students to supervise and support students during their stay in Binh Dinh. Students who were not able to attend went to school as normal. (These students were guided and educated about OBV life skills in class).

**Thanks and regards**  
**Vu Thi Lan**  
**Principal of SVIS**



#### **Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)** **Dear Parents**

One of the highlights for September was the Inter-School sports day on 19th September. Students from Years 7-9 took part in competitive games of soccer and badminton against Greenshoots, Hoi An International School and St Nicholas School. All the students had a great time and something that was commented on a lot was our first female soccer team fixtures. The Inter-Schools sports conference will continue in Terms 2, 3 and 4 and our students will travel to other schools to compete in a range of sports. Thank you to Mr. Ignacio for all his hard work and organization.

Year 7 students left on Monday for the Outward-Bound course in Quy Nhon, accompanied by Ms. Nhi, Ms. Ly Na, Mr. Daan and Mr. Guy. This is our first trip of the year; students in Year 6-IG2 get the chance to spend 5 days taking part in many different outdoors activities such as kayaking, hiking, camping and survival skills. We are looking forward to hearing their stories and seeing photographs on their safe return.

Wishing you all a wonderful October break.

**Harriet Casswell**  
**Head of Studies**

#### **Message from Guidance Officer**

Thanks to all parents who attended the Term 1 'Coffee with the Counselor' session which focused on Online Safety. It was great to see such a good turnout. For those who were unable to attend I hope that you received the information via email. The next session will be focusing on Future Pathways at SIS, providing information on the education programs that are offered here in Da Nang. I hope to see many of you there!

If you would like to book an appointment to discuss your son/daughters Future Plans, please contact me via email: [Catherine.burgess@danang.sis.edu.vn](mailto:Catherine.burgess@danang.sis.edu.vn)

Thanks,

**Catherine Burgess**  
**GO and EFL Teacher**



**Message from Head of Kindergarten****Dear Parents**

"I can build structures and landmarks" was the focus of our STEM challenge. Students worked with a variety of materials such as Legos, wooden blocks, foam blocks and bricks to build beautiful landmarks from around the world such as Big Ben tower, London Bridge, The Eiffel tower, the Pyramids, and the Dragon Bridge. The challenge gave students the opportunity to apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills, creativity, and practice collaborating with others. Such a fun learning opportunity for all students and teachers as we were able to work together to achieve this goal!

Our gardening project is underway as the favorable autumn weather gets cooler and rain provides water for the plants. Students have been excited to help plant seeds in the soil and watch as small seedlings begin to sprout. A weekly trip to the garden allows the children a chance to see the plants grow and flourish while helping to maintain the beautiful garden.

This month our students have been spending several weeks learning about each other and our families. Students worked on projects to show members of their family and learned vocabulary to use such as mother, father, sister, brother, etc. Everyone enjoyed learning about different families through photos and various projects in each classroom

**Vo Thi Thuy Ngan  
Head of Kindergarten**