



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

Coming events

WASC Visit – Sun 5th – Tues, 7th May

Parent Information Prep > Year 1- Fri, 10th May from 4 – 5pm (Y1A classroom)

Concert Rehearsal – Tues, Jun 18

Concert and Awards – Wed, Jun 19

End Term 4 – Friday June 28



Message from Principal

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing term break and enjoyed the national days with your families. Teachers will soon begin revision of work in preparation for the Semester 2 examinations. Please support your child/ren, ensuring that they eat healthy foods, get enough rest and have a quiet place for study.

Change of School Phone Number

Please note that the school phone number has now changed to 0236 7301 777. At the moment the current phone number will give an audio message and redirect your call.

STEM Academy and CREST Award

Our founding and new STEM Academy students, under the guidance of Mr Ben, will undertake a CREST (Creativity in Research, Engineering, Science and Technology) Award, developed by the British Science Association. Students have chosen a project relevant to Vietnam and will research and design a project to display at the end-of-year concert. This prestigious award is internationally recognized by tertiary institutions and employers.

Schoolwide Learner Goals and Virtues

At assembly, Year 2L performed some excellent role-plays to demonstrate “working collaboratively” as part of being a *Confident Communicator*.

Last week’s Virtue was *Excellence* and Year 4L gave an excellent presentation! Just before the holiday break, Year 1A made a video using photos from their classroom and excursions about *Confidence* as it was the Virtue for that week.

WASC (Western Alliance of Schools and Colleges) Progress Visit

On this WASC visit, the two team members, Dr Sam Butscher and Mr Chris Capadona, will be making many classroom visits. They will talk to teachers and students about their learning. They will also meet our Student Ambassadors and with a group of parents as well as discussing with the Leadership Team, our progress in a variety of areas including Schoolwide Learner Goals (SWLGs), STEM, using data to inform teaching and our focus on explicit teaching and the use of frequent responses in order to check students' understanding during each lesson.

Pedestrian gate is open

If you or your child is walking into the school, please use the new gate, located next to security on the front gate, then along the path.



Anne Matley

Principal

Message from Deputy Principal

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and safe term break and that students are ready to get into the final term of this academic year.

Sports Day

On the 10th and 11th of April, Primary and Secondary students competed in the annual Sports Day. Students participated well and tried their best for their teams. Throughout the day students were rewarded for good sportsmanship, teamwork, communication and excellent behaviour. The final scores for the day were:

1. Yellow Team – 1500 points
2. Green Team – 1405 points
3. Red Team – 1310 points

Congratulations to the Yellow Team who were the overall winners of the 2018-2019 Sports Day!



Semester two exam dates

Semester two exams start very soon. Here is a reminder of the exams dates:

English Paper 1 – Speaking	21 – 23 May
English Paper 2 – Writing	Thursday 24 May
English Paper 3 – Language comprehension	Friday 25 May
Mathematics* **	Monday 28 May
English Paper 4 – Listening	Tuesday 29 May
Science**	Wednesday 30 May

*Students in Year 6 and above complete two Mathematics papers.

**Only students in International classes

Semester two report cards will be issued during the week beginning 17 June 2019.

Afterschool clubs

Term 4 clubs will begin Monday 6 May and will run for 6 weeks, finishing on Friday 14 June. They will be held from 4:05pm until 4:45pm. Just a reminder that 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.



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 are members of staff on duty.

Chelsea Donaldson
Deputy Principal

Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

1. During the month of April, SVIS students have carried out these tasks:

- Year 9 Integrated students completed their Semester 2 examinations designed by the DOET of Danang city from 22 April to 25 April
- Examination and Graduation Board was established to examine 10 students in Y9

- Free extra classes are open from 4.00 to 5.00 pm for all students from Year 1 to Year 9 who would like to practice and prepare for Semester 2 exams.
- The students of the whole school participated in the competition on Sports Day which was very exciting for physical training activities and promoting student's team spirit.
- The school conducted an interesting and effective experience of STEM program for Year 4 students at Danang University.
- On 24/04, DOET conducted a Survey Test in Mathematics and Vietnamese for talented students in Year 4. There were 13 students who took part in the competition and the results will be updated to parents soon.

2. Coming activities in May

- Semester 2 examinations for Year 1 to Year 8 will be from 13 May to 17 May
- After the semester 2 examinations, students will start to practice their performances for the End of Year concert.
- Teachers will collect academic evidence to assess students' progress this year.
- Review the primary graduation for year 5 integrated students and continue to review the secondary graduation for year 9 integrated students.
- **Please take note that:** To help our students achieve their best results for the Semester 2 examinations, we would like parents to encourage the students to spend some time on revising at home.
 - ❖ The expected date of the parents meeting for SVIS students is on 8 June 2019.
 - ❖ The expected date for the SVIS closing ceremony is 14 June 2019

Thanks and Regards

Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS



Message from Head of Studies

Dear Parents,

At the end of Term 3, SIS @ Danang had a very successful STEM week. Students from Kindergarten through to high school enjoyed participating in hands-on learning that aligned topics across STEM subjects and connected to other curricula. The main focus during the week was on Plastics and the Environment and the students worked on different challenges relating to this topic and finding alternative solutions to the use of plastic. For the building challenges they also used recyclable materials. It was impressive to see such creativity and team-work demonstrated through their final products that were created and showcased during that week.

As we have just started Term 4, students are working hard and developing excellent learning skills and knowledge in all areas of cognitive, social, physical and emotional growth. It is hard to believe that the end of year exams are coming up quickly and I hope all our students will use the month of May to prepare.

This month our IGCSE 2 students have been very busy preparing for the Cambridge IGCSE examinations. I am very proud of the preparations the students are making and am sure that their hard work will pay off. Exams can be a trying undertaking for students and teachers will be helping students to reduce their stress levels. If you have any questions about specific subjects, please email the subject teacher who will be able to assist you. I am also available to address any general concerns you have at daan.ebbers@danang.sis.edu.vn.

Daan Ebbers
Head of Studies



Message from Guidance Officer

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year! I hope everyone feels well-rested after the break and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

Thanks to those who attended the third, 'Coffee with the Counsellor' session at the end of term 3 for parents of year 8 and up. The students were also invited to this special session as the focus was on the IGCSE program. Mr. Daan and I presented information on the structure of the IGCSE program, the subjects offered and how to transfer from the integrated program. If you would like further information, please see the presentation that has been sent out via email or contact me.

We also had a couple of special guests at school at the end of term. The first was Dr. Troy from Elmhurst College, Chicago. Dr. Troy came to speak to our high school students about the opportunities at Elmhurst College. He gave a very interesting presentation on the area, what it is like to study at Elmhurst and also about the Summer Collegiate and Drone Camps which provide amazing opportunities for our students to gain knowledge and experience on an international university level. Again, if you or your son/daughter is interested in attending Elmhurst for either of the summer programs or in the future please let me know.

The second special guest we had visit us was Dr. Florence Cotel, an inspirational speaker who spoke to years 7 and above about her extremely interesting life story. Florence has a PhD in Neuroscience, has cycled the length of South America on a bike that she built, and has started up her own organization called 'BLISS' which brings scientists from different fields together to share information, amongst many other things. She was extremely empowering and taught us all that 'we can do anything'.

If you would like to have an appointment with me to discuss the future plans of your son or daughter, please contact me via email: catherine.burgess@danang.sis.edu.vn

Catherine Burgess
GO and EFL Teacher

Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear Parents

Kindy Sports Day theme was Active and Healthy lifestyle. Children could develop their gross motor skills through games like noodle hockey, bean bag toss, flag tag and playing with the parachute. They experienced team spirit through friendly competition in relays and the tug-o-war. Although the children were a little bit tired, they were happy to cool off with some water play and develop fine motor skills using spray bottles and catching water balloons as well as wading and splashing in the toddler pools.

Riding Bikes: Children have also been riding bikes and trikes as part of their outside play time. This improves their coordination and fine motor skills as well as an opportunity for the teachers to reinforce road safety.

Swimming programme: has now started and teachers will have already informed you about what to bring on swimming day. We encourage all students to participate.

Gardening is very popular with our children and fits in very well with the end-of-year concert theme Planet Earth. Look at what we have grown!

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan
Head of Kindergarten

