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Swimming and EFL Programmes commence 21st August

**Term 1 ends October 13** 



Assembly is on every Friday morning. Certificates for Student of the Week are presented.

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# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

August, 2017

#### VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

### **MISSION**

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to all our new students and families. I hope you are enjoying your new school. Welcome back to our "old" students – I hope you had a lovely break and have returned ready for work and to make the most of the learning opportunities here at our wonderful school.

New staff participated in a 2 day Induction in Hanoi from 31st July. We are pleased to welcome:

Ms Ruth Kavanagh – Y1 and Y2 Integrated Mr Niall Reed – Y3 Integrated Ms Ngo Hanh <u>Tri</u> – Y3 Integrated Mr Brad McCarthy – Y3 International Ms Sheila Balauitan – Y5 Integrated

Mr Merritt Fallis – Music Mr Nate Forster – HPE

Mr Donald White - HPE

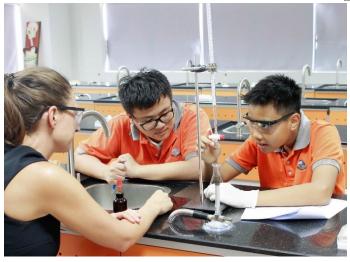
I was pleased to meet parents attending the recent Information Sessions where teachers gave an overview of the curriculum for the year and their expectations and procedures in the classroom to create the best possible learning environment. If you were unable to attend please contact the teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

It is wonderful to see that teachers' communication, photos of students and timetables can be seen by so many primary school parents who have signed up in Class Dojo. While general information is emailed to parents, teachers can send more details specific to their class through Class Dojo and Edmodo.

If you have not received emails from school or from teachers, please check that our office has your correct contact details.

Our first virtue for the year was COMMITMENT. I hope all students are committed to their studies and I wish all students a wonderful year of work and learning ahead.

Anne Matley (Ms)
Principal



Experiments form part of our science curriculum



Students in 5/6 International prepare their item about the Virtue of the Week - Commitment



Learning using MConline

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## **Message from the Deputy Principal**

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to the 2017/2018 academic year! To all our families who have returned after the summer break, we hope you had a happy holiday and enjoyed being with your family. We also want to wish a warm welcome to our new students and families who have joined us for the new school year.

## After school pick-up

I would like to thank those parents and drivers who continue to follow our pick up rules. Cars need to move to the edge of the pickup area. This is not a stopping zone. Thank you to those families who have put student name/s on display in their windscreen. This speeds up the process as the teacher on duty can read the name. A reminder also that between 3.30pm and 4.30pm the street is one way and only a right turn is permitted on exit. Your support in following this routine is greatly appreciated and ensures everyone is safe during this very busy time of the day.

#### Use of facilities after school

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to be using the playground equipment, football field or basketball courts afterschool. 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.

### Table of Specifications

Form teachers have emailed out the Table of Specifications (ToS) which provide details of exams dates and content assessed for relevant subjects for semester one. If you did not receive this information, please contact your student's Form Teacher. The exam dates for semester one are:

English Paper 1 - speaking exam	Tuesday 2 - 3
	January
English Paper 2 - writing exam	Thursday 4
	January
English Paper 3 - language and	Friday 5 January
comprehension exam	
Mathematics* **	Monday 8 January
English Paper 4 - listening exam	Tuesday 9 January
Science**	Wednesday 10 January

<sup>\*</sup>Students in Year 6 and above complete two Mathematics papers.

## Chelsea Donaldson Deputy Principal

<sup>\*\*</sup>Only students in International classes

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## **Message from Principal of SVIS**

Dear Parents and Students.

In the celebratory atmosphere of the new school year 2017 - 2018, we welcome the students' return to school after their summer holidays, and we are very glad to welcome 45 new students in Year 1 and 42 new students in Year 2 to Year 9.

We are very happy to inform the parents that the number of integrated students is 211 for this school year, an increase of 25 students.

We do our best to meet the students' demands in studying and school activities. After completing the first few weeks of the new academic year, I am pleased to report the students have settled happily into their class routines. The new students are working and socializing well with the new study environment. All of them seem to be very happy and friendly.

The learning outcomes in August and general activities were given at the Parent Meeting on 24 August 2017 for Year 1a; 1b; 2; 4; 6 and on 29 August 2017 for Year 3; 5a; 5b; 7; 8; 9.

Thank you so much for your support.

Regards

VU THI LAN SVIS Principal



Dear Parent and Students,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 academic year. As our school continues to grow and prosper we look forward to all the new learning opportunities this brings. We have welcomed many new students this year and I am so impressed with how our old students have welcomed them to our school.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate last year's IGCSE class on their excellent Cambridge exam results. They can be extremely proud of themselves as we are of them. I look forward to serving students and families as the Head of Studies once again.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable year as we help our students meet the school wide learner goals.

Regards

Kelsey McDonald Head of Studies



Commitment to learning!



Our science laboratory is very well equipped



Teamwork in Physical Education

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K2 developing their fine motor skills



KIK curriculum is play-based learning



"S" is for snake!

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## Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to all the Kindergarten children and parents to a new school year. We are so excited to have your child in our class. We hope this year will bring lots of fun and great success to your children.

The children were eager and happy to make friends with their new classmates. They enjoyed playing with the new toys and taking part in all the class activities.

We spent time discussing the class rules, routines and expectations. It seems that everyone is now settled and able to follow the rules. Some of the new students are more confident and have started to repeat English words after their teachers.

The school supplies healthy snacks and lunches for all the children. However, if you'd like to send a piece of fruit or other healthy snack for your child, that's fine. Please don't send potato crisps, sweets or chocolate for your child. We'd like to encourage healthy eating habits to all our students. We will start to return any snacks that are sent to school with sugar. Thank you for your understanding in this issue.

### Regards

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan Head of Kindergarten