



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2019

Coming events

Mon, 2 Sept – National Holiday
12 – 13 Sept – Mid-Autumn Festival assemblies and performances
Fri 11 Oct – Term 1 finishes
Please note that Semester 1 exams are from 9th – 19th December, 2019

Message from Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome back everyone and a very special welcome to our 120 new students and their families. I hope everyone had a refreshing break. It was wonderful to see all the happy smiling faces on the first day of school.

The total enrolment for our school is now more than 550. It is very exciting to have been using the new building since the first day. If you missed the time lapse video of the building project and the video from the First Day of School you can find them on our website.

I know that Form teachers and class teachers have already sent their letters of introduction with the best way to contact them and it was wonderful to see so many at our recent Parent Information meetings.

The Leadership Team welcomes Mr Daan (Deputy Principal), Mr Brad (Deputy Principal), Ms Harriet (Head of Studies Secondary) and Mr Niall (Head of Studies Primary). You can read their introductions and a little about their roles in this newsletter.

I would like to introduce several new staff: **Ms Tyla** Holmes is teaching Year 1A and 1B Integrated classes; **Ms Caroline** Greatwood is teaching Year 2A and 2B Integrated; **Ms Laura** De Klerk is on Year 3A and 3B Integrated; **Ms Xiaoyun Huang** is Chinese teacher who has transferred from SIS@Gamuda Gardens; **Mr Neema** Riazi is teaching Y6 International; **Mr Nicholas** Kock is the secondary ICT teacher; **Ms Laura** Drake is secondary English; **Mr Robert** Blair Phillips, secondary English teacher, has transferred from SIS@Saigon South; **Ms Jodi** Shuck is teaching Prep and **Ms Kelsey** Ambrose is the teacher of the new K1/K2 International class. The new teacher for Y3B is Ms Le thi Ngoc **Thuy**.

Principal

Anne Matley



Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Welcome back to the 2019/2020 academic year! To all our families who have returned after the summer break, I hope you had a happy holiday and enjoyed being with your family. I also want to wish a warm welcome to our new students and families who have joined us for the new school year.



Attendance

Please adhere to our SIS Attendance Procedure to ensure greater safety for your children.

1. If your child will be absent or late please call the office or email Ms Lanh (Administrator to the Principal), lanh.nguyenthi@danang.sis.edu.vn, and copy in the Form Teacher
2. If you have not already let the school know that your student will be absent or late, a staff member will ring you between 8.45 – 9am to confirm
3. If the phone call is unanswered an email will be sent before 9.15am

OBV

On the following dates our students will have the opportunity to participate in a program organised by Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV).

30 th of September till the 4 th of October 2019	Year 7	Quy Nhon
4 th of November till the 8 th of November 2019	Year 9, IG1 and IG2	Quy Nhon
24 th of February till the 28 th of February 2020	Year 6	Quy Nhon
TBA	Year 4	SIS @ Da Nang
TBA	Year 5	SIS @ Da Nang
1 st of June till the 5 th of June 2020	Year 8	Quy Nhon

After School Clubs

We have put together our after school club list for Term 1 2019-2020. Clubs will begin Tuesday 3rd of September and will run for 6 weeks, finishing on Monday the 7th of October. They will be held from 4:05pm until 4:45pm. 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.

**Thanks,
Daan Ebbers
Deputy Principal**



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Hello and welcome to our new and existing families to the 2019 / 2020 school year here at SIS@Danang. I look forward to another exciting year and working with our school community as Deputy Principal.

The beginning of our school year has been very exciting and has seen our new building, Block B, open with many great facilities for all our students to utilize and enjoy. Block B has 16 new classrooms; a Computer Room with touch screen InkNoe computers, Art Room, Maker Space- an area dedicated to STEM activities and a large Multipurpose Hall. We also have an additional Library and Science Lab for our students to use.

The growth in our school has also seen some changes to our morning and afternoon procedures. School gates on Vũng Trung 3 open at 7:45am and there is now an exit on Trương Minh Giảng to help with the flow of traffic. In the afternoon the exit to Trương Minh Giảng is reserved for the 14 school buses until 4:10pm. After 4:10pm cars are free to use this exit. It is also important that cars continue to move to the end of the pickup area. Please continue to use the footpath when walking out of our school grounds with your child / children to help keep everyone safe.

Thank you to the families who have put students' name/s on their windscreen as this speeds up the pickup process. When waiting for transport our students will be sitting at the front of our school in the shade and they are not permitted to exit the school ground unattended.

Brad McCarthy
Deputy Principal



Message from SVIS Principal
Dear Parents

In the atmosphere of celebration of the new school year 2019 - 2020, we welcome students returning to school after the summer holidays with family. Especially, I would like to give a warm welcome to new students who join with us in this school year. I would like to give deepest thanks to those parents who put their trust and continual support on the school. At the beginning of SY, we do our best to meet the students' demands in studying and school activities. After the first two weeks of the new academic year, the students had already settled happily into their class routines. The new students are working and socializing well with the new learning 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 2019. Thank you for all the good feedback from these meetings.

Thanks and regards
Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS

Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)
Dear Parents

This year, I am very excited to take on the role of Secondary Head of Studies. I have been at SIS since January 2017 and have teaching experience in Vietnam and the UK since 2012. This year I will be focusing on the curriculum, behaviour and data collection for our students in year 6

and above. I am also teaching Global Perspectives to many of the secondary students and have a key role in the organisation of the IG programme.

In assemblies this year we have already covered the Virtues of care and integrity and have had important presentations about expectations and plagiarism. Students have led presentations concerning the environment, recycling and about a trip to the Student Leader Convention in Singapore that the IG students took last year.

There are lots of opportunities for our students to develop their extra-curricular interests such as the *Bye Bye Plastic Bags* environmental group, the Community Team and multiple sports teams. I look forward to a positive and exciting year ahead!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Parent Information Session and I enjoyed meeting some of you afterwards. If you would like to contact me my email is harriet.casswell@danang.sis.edu.vn.

Harriet Casswell
Head of Studies



Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parent and Student,

Welcome to all students. I hope you all had a wonderful break. I am delighted to take on my new role as HOS Primary and I look forward to serving students and families.

In my new role as Head of Studies Primary I will be doing my best to support students and teachers in creating a positive learning environment in which students are able to work towards and ultimately achieve their academic goals.

TOS (Table of Specifications)

Form teachers have emailed the Table of Specifications (ToS) in the coming weeks 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:

Semester 1	
English Paper 1 - Speaking Exam	Mon – Wed / 9 – 11 December
English Paper 2 – Writing Exam	Thursday 12 December
English Paper 3 – Language and comprehension	Friday 13 December
Mathematics* **	Monday 16 December
Science **	Tuesday 17 December
English Paper 4 – Listening exam	Wednesday 18 December

*Students in Year 6 and above complete two mathematics papers

** Only student in international classes

Niall Reed
Head of Studies

Message from Guidance Officer

Dear Parents

Welcome to all students to the start of a new academic year! I hope that you had a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for new challenges this year.

As Guidance Officer, my role at school is to support students to learn in a happy and safe environment, as well as providing educational pathways advice for our high school students. This year I endeavor to keep providing this support to students through one-to-one sessions, or group presentations.

If you would like to book an appointment to discuss educational options for your son/daughter, please contact me via email: Catherine.burgess@danang.sis.edu.vn

Safety

I have visited all year 1-4 classes to present to them about safety in and out of school. This included what to do if you get lost, leaving school and safety around strangers. I would love to have your support in talking to your child about how to keep safe both in and out of school.

Plagiarism

The secondary school students have all been re-informed about the rules around plagiarism at SIS. If you are worried that your child may have plagiarised in their work, please inform the school so that we can support the student in using material in the correct way.

Coffee with the Counsellor

Each term I will be holding a 'Coffee with the Counsellor' meeting with parents of secondary students. Each session includes a presentation on a topic (study skills, study pathways for example) and gives you the opportunity to meet with me and other members of the leadership team.

Thanks,
Catherine Burgess
GO and EFL Teacher



Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year 2019-2020. A warm welcome also to all the new Kindergarten students and families and the new K1/2 International class.

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

The Kindergarten children had wonderful first few weeks of school. They have settled in well and are familiar with class and school routines, becoming more relaxed and confident. The children showed their readiness for the new academic year through a variety of play-based learning opportunities.

Moon Festival will be organized in the second week of September. More information will be sent to you in the coming weekly reports.

Please read and sign in the weekly report sent home every Friday in the Student Handbook to acknowledge that you are aware of your child's schooling.

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan
Head of Kindergarten

Snapshots

