

28 August, 2015

Dear Parents,

We warmly welcome all our new families to our school community and welcome back our long standing parents and children. We look forward to meeting with you all personally in the near future.

We also welcome new teachers. Ms Tiffany (Primary teacher), Mr Philip (Primary teacher), Ms Ngan (Mandarin teacher) and Ms Ly Na (Integrated Mathematics- secondary)

We congratulate staff members who have been promoted to new roles. Ms Cate - Deputy Principal, Ms Kelsey - Head of Studies, Ms Thuy Van – Leading Teacher of SVIS Programme and Ms Nhan, Lead Teacher of the Nursery class.

Our school has grown considerably this year. We have an enrolment of 330 students with several of our classes now closed to new enrolments.

After completing our second week of the new academic year, I am pleased to report the students have settled happily into their class routines under the guidance of our dedicated and enthusiastic teachers. We appreciate your support in ensuring the students are wearing the correct school uniforms under the system wide Singapore International schools' uniform policy.

### **Swimming Schedule**

We are happy to have the new pool. Swimming classes are scheduled to commence on 8 September.

### **Parent Teacher Information Mornings**

There will be Parent Information meetings for all parents (SIS and SVIS) on Saturday, **19 September**. At these meetings the teachers will be informing you of their classroom expectations, homework policy, parent communication channels, schoolwide Virtues Programme and examinations and student assessment schemes.

It is important that parents attend these meetings so we can all work together to help our students achieve their best results.

### **EFL (English as a Foreign Language) Lessons**

At the start of every academic year, we have new students who need extra support with their English language skills; speaking, reading, listening and writing.

The EFL programme is run by qualified EFL teachers who assist the students to reach the year level standards.

If you have been notified that your child needs the extra support, the teachers and I strongly recommend that you take up this offer so your child can eventually participate fully in all curricular programmes. Lessons will commence on Monday, 31 August. The programme will run for the full year.

### **Parent Social Committee**

We look forward to starting an SIS Parent Social Committee this year. If you are interested in being part of a committee, please inform the office staff.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

The Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) for Term 1 will commence on 14 September and finish on 23 October. Further information will be sent to parents within the next week.

### **Afternoon Pick Up**

We appreciate your patience, understanding and help to make the Afternoon Pick Up smooth and most importantly safe for you and your students. We would like to remind parents of the procedure for Pick Up. Parents and drivers of Kindergarten children need to park in the designated parking lot.

Please do not stop to park at the roundabout but move directly, using the leftmost lane, to the parking area.

Parents and drivers picking up Primary and Secondary students drive through the roundabout, on the rightmost lane, closest to the curb. Parents can help by writing **the name and year level of the children to be picked up and placing it in the car window**. This will be especially helpful in the rainy season. Ms. Cate will help by calling out students' names. We need your help to ensure the safety of all.

### **Early Dismissals**

Please send a note or call the school if you intend to pick up your child early. This is especially important for students taking the school buses as time is spent accounting for children. Students will require a 'Permission to Leave the School Grounds' pass to exit the school grounds early. Security will not allow students to leave without permission. To obtain this pass the student must present an explanatory note or confirmation phone call from their parents/care taker to the reception desk in Administration.

### **Late Arrivals**

Students who arrive at school after 8:30am must report to the Administration to sign in. Parents are required to provide a note outlining a valid reason for their lateness.

### **Absences**

On returning to school from absence a student must produce a note of explanation from their parents to their Form class teacher on their first day back at school. For all absences, parents are requested to ring the school to notify the office on the day of the absence. This is especially important for students who use the school bus service.

### **School Web Site**

We update the school web site monthly with important dates, photos and news for your information.

<http://danang.sis.edu.vn/>



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### **Upcoming Dates**

2 September: National Day Holiday

19 September: Parent Information Morning (All parents)

Wishing you all a very happy year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Walker (Principal)