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Year 2 students are proud of their written communication skills.

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# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

May, 2015

## 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.

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL Dear Parents,

Although all our school terms are incredibly busy, Term 4 is the most challenging as our teachers prepare the students for the of End of Year Examination period, the Cambridge International Examinations, final assessments for the Global Assessment Certificate, the international Primary School Leaving Examinations (iPSLE- Year 6) and the Department of Education and Training examinations. Our teachers are also working on the End of Year Concert and Graduation programme and we all continue to work on our school improvement plan through our WASC report. At the end of the term, the staff will be developing the Schoolwide Action Plan for the next academic year.

I am thankful to have such a committed staff who work relentlessly through the challenges each year presents. At the end of this year we will have our second cohort of Global Assessment (GAC) students graduate. These students are currently applying for courses into universities abroad.

#### **Upcoming Parent Meetings**

Prep to Year 1 Parent Meeting:

We will be holding a Prep to Year 1 parent meeting on Wednesday 3 June from 4:15-5:00pm. The Year 1 teachers will be able to answer any queries you may have about the curriculum, schedule and procedures in Year 1.

Year 8-IGCSE 2 Parent Information Meeting:

We will also be holding a parent meeting for parents of students who will be enrolling in the Cambridge IGCSE class in the next academic year on Wednesday, 10 June. At the meeting we will be informing parents of the IGCSE course, A levels which we hope to be able to offer in the 2016-2017 academic year as well as the GAC (Global Assessment Certificate).

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Helping Hands nurturing the environment



Students actively involved in HPE



Prep children model the latest fashion in hats

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#### Parent Survey

We thank the parents who participated in the online Parent Survey that went out early in the month. The survey for the parents of students in the primary, secondary and high school has been extended to 29 May. The Parent Survey for parent of the kindergarten children was released on 19 May and will close on 5 June. Your feedback is important to us as it not only helps us with our Schoolwide Action Plan for the next school year, but it also gives us a point of reference as to how we can improve our policies and practice.

### **Appointments with Staff Members**

Parents who would like to discuss timetabling, curriculum or other issues with staff members, we ask that you make an appointment through the office first. Our teachers and office staff are very busy and do not always have time to discuss matters without a prior appointment.

# Grand Opening of Pegasus Mixed Education Development

On Friday, 22 May, the KinderWorld Education Group were proud to have the official opening of the Mixed Education Development at our Phu My An campus.

The morning commenced with speeches from Ms Jeanette Fuller, Supervisory Principal of the Singapore International Schools, Vietnam, Mr Rick Tan, Chairman of KinderWorld Education Group, representatives from the Ministry of Education and Training and Danang People's Committee. Representatives from Pegasus International College and Edinburgh, Napier University signed the Letter of Intent. We were proud of the performance our choir, Year 1 and 2 International and Year 3 students, with the song 'When I Grow Up'.

We congratulate the KinderWorld Education Group for this achievement fulfilling the vision 'to be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten through to University Foundation level combining Eastern values with international education to produce global citizens.'

## End of Year Concert and Graduation

All classes are practicing their performances for the End of Year Concert which will be held on 29 June at Trung Vung Theatre from 6:00pm-9:00pm. We hope to see our parent community there to enjoy and support our students on the night.

#### Family Fun Picnic

We appreciate the effort the management and staff of the Hyatt Regency put into making our Family Fun Picnic a memorable occasion. It is always a pleasure to see our



What else can we build?

# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG , May, 2015

Families get together to relax and meet other families of the school community.

**Singapore Tops World's Most Comprehensive Education** The findings in a recent Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) study has placed Singaporean Education top in the world's most comprehensive education rankings. It is interesting to note that the five top scoring countries are Asian.

We wish all our students a very happy Children's Day and trust they enjoyed the special buffet provided.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Walker



The rules of the game are .....



# GAC students applying higher order thinking skills

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# MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We are pleased to announce that we passed our surprise Cambridge inspection on Tuesday, 5 May 2015. These inspectors can show up at any time to check that we are in compliance with the regulations as a testing centre. Cambridge, iPSLE, and ACT inspectors can arrive, unannounced, to review questions with the examination officer and check facilities and procedures. This way they are able to ensure that all of their centres are following the policies and procedures required to be a centre for these various examinations. We risk compromising our students examinations and lose of licenses for these programmes if found that we are not in compliance. The Cambridge inspector reported, "This is a very well-run exam centre with experienced and professional staff."

Well done to those IGCSE teachers involved in the Cambridge examination process.

### MESSSAGE FROM HEAD OF VIETNAMESE

This month the integrated programme focused on revision for the Semester 2 examinations.

Before sitting the examinations, students practiced and reviewed the concepts taught throughout the semester.

We are pleased to announce that the students have achieved excellent results.

Our students will continue with their studies in order to finish the school year 2014 - 2015 curricular.

Results for Semester 2 examinations:

Primary: 100% students achieved excellent and good results. There were no poor and weak results.

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Year 3 students lead the Friday Assembly



Year 4 students are ready for the SA2 examinations

#### **Upcoming Dates**

1 June:	Children's Day and SIS Has Talent
2 -13 June:	SA 2 Examinations
3 June:	IGCSE examinations completed
6 June:	SVIS Parent Report Interviews
12 June:	SVIS Annual Celebration Ceremony
29 June:	End of Year Concert
3-5 July:	iPSLE Oral examination Year 6
6-10 July:	iPSLE examinations Year 6
10 July:	Last day of the academic year.

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Secondary: 62.5%: Excellent – 37,5%: Good – 0%: Average/ Poor/ Weak.

There will be a parent meeting at 9:00 am on 6 June, 2015 for all parents of the SVIS students. The school-year closing ceremony will be held on 12, June, 2015. Yours sincerely,

Vu Thi Lan (Head of Vietnamese)

#### **MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF STUDIES**

The 2014-2015 year has been productive for the teachers and students. For the second year we have implemented the Global Assessment Certificate programme which allows students to earn college credits and potential admission to colleges and universities around the world. Another event our students prepare for is the International General Certificate for Secondary Education Cambridge International Examinations.

The students learn Business, Mathematics, Science, Information and Communication Technology, Global Perspectives and English for two years prior to sitting these challenging examinations. Success in these programmes is the long-term destination for the younger primary and secondary students, therefore common topics and themes are woven into lessons from an early age.

It is exciting to see teachers introducing techniques for students to expand their own knowledge. From making electronic portfolios, giving slideshow presentations, creating their own Impressionistic artwork, competing in the Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship, or organising fund-raising events to supply local schools with sport equipment, our student body demonstrates our goal of being academic achievers, confident communicators, critical thinkers, technology literates, and active and responsible citizens. From kindergarten to high school, students really are involved in a process that can grow them into prudent, mindful and prepared citizens.

#### **Kindergarten News**

We have opened another room for our Prep students. The students will continue to work in their three groups, but will now have the extra classroom for some activities.

The children are getting excited about the End of Year Concert and Graduation. We look forward to see you all at the concert on 29 June.





















