



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Principal

Dear Parents,

It is fantastic to have students back on campus, happy and learning. I would like to comment on the outstanding behaviour of our students. Many teachers are reporting the good behaviour and how hard students are working in class. Our staff are working hard to ensure we continue this enthusiasm with quality teaching. We recently, had our AS-Level students attend classes on the weekend to help prepare them for upcoming exams.

The uniform is an important part of Singapore International Schools. We need to ensure our students are wearing the school uniform correctly. This includes both formal and sports uniform. Proper closed in shoes are needed as a safety requirement. For students grade 1 and up they need fully closed in shoes and should not be wearing sandals, flip-flops or Crocs. This creates an issue when they are playing sport. Also, students are required to wear a hat while on the playground. Water bottles are another essential piece of equipment for students to have. Please ensure that hats, water bottles and any personal items are labelled with your child's name and class.

We have a new Chinese Teacher, Ms Song Mei. She will be taking primary classes and has been positively received into our Chinese department. Please make her feel welcome and part of both the school and wider Danang community.

The King Hung Anniversary holiday falls during the holidays on April 10&11. This is a special time for Vietnamese people. For International staff and parents this is a good opportunity to reach out to our Vietnamese friends and find out more about the King Hung's and the traditions here. I hope that students, parents and school staff have a well-deserved Easter break. We are looking forward to returning to a busy Term 4, on Monday, April 18, 2022.

Please note, there is also a long weekend coming up in May with Monday & Tuesday May 2 & 3 being public holidays for Liberation Day and Labour Day.

**Take care,
Christopher Bradley
Principal**



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Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parent,

In March, it has been great to see all students were able to return to school, the number of students attending school is increasing day by day. Currently, it has nearly 80% of students go to school, the percentage is highly increasing about 40% than the beginning of the month. Some students were infected with COVID 19 (F1/F0) and quickly recovered to return to class.

- All teachers in Year 3, 7, and 10 attended the training course of new textbooks to give suggestions on selecting a suitable set of textbooks for students of year 3, 7, and 10 in the next school year.
- Organize reviewing, testing and assessment of students' learning quality in the middle of semester 2 in all subjects (Secondary) and both 2 subjects; Math and Vietnamese (Primary level) from March 21-30.
- Update the assessment of each student's performance in the middle of Semester 2 to parents so that parents can have extra supports for students and teachers to achieve the better results at the end of the school year.

Main Task in April of 2022:

- Some Year 5 students will take part in Math and Vietnamese Olympic competition in the Primary Student Festival.
- Some excellent students in Year 4 participated in the "quality survey" exam in Math & Vietnamese - organized by DOET.
- A number of Year 8 participated in the District-level Excellent Student Competition in 3 subjects: Math; Literature; English on April 9.
- Year 9 students are preparing to review for the Semester 2 exam scheduled from April 25 to 29.

Wishing parents and students always happy, healthy and successful!

Regards,
Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS

**Message from Deputy Principal Secondary & High School**

Dear parents,

A school wide learning goal at SIS is to be an **Academic Achiever**. This means to show academic growth and to strive for continuous improvement. After Semester 1, I am proud to say we are a school that demonstrates academic growth.

In English we have 94% of all students receiving a minimum of a C grade, 68% of students are receiving a minimum of a B grade and 15% of students receiving a minimum of an A grade.

In Science we have 95% of all students receiving a minimum of a C grade and 28% of all students receiving a minimum of an A grade.

In Math we have 96% of all students receiving a minimum of a C grade and an amazing 40% of students receiving a minimum of an A grade.

Congratulations to all students for being **Academic Achievers** and thank you to all our parents for supporting the learning journey while students were at home throughout semester 1.

Thank you,
Bradman McCarthy (Secondary)



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents,

Learning is in full swing here at SIS, and we are already looking ahead to Term 4. We will begin our afterschool Extra Curricular Activities (ECA) program in the last term. Teachers have put forward several activities for students of all grade levels to choose from. We are offering a greater variety of clubs to interest our secondary students. We hope parents will motivate them to join us. Next term we will offer STEM Drone Challenge, Basketball, Speech and Debate, Dance Club and many more! After school clubs are a great way for students to learn something new and have fun doing it. They also help to improve important social skills beyond the academic classroom. Please look at the offerings and encourage your child to join us after school in Term 4.

On April 7th and 8th, SIS at Da Nang will hold a campus Peace Day to bring awareness to peace around the world. Students will work during their Form time classes to discuss how we can encourage peace in our community and in our world. Students will create a peace dove craft to be displayed in the corridor to remind us daily of how we can help contribute to peace at home and around the world.

Please remember that Covid regulations do not allow us to have parents on campus for drop-off or pick-up. KIK parents may enter the gate to pick up their students near the office in the front foyer. All other parents please remain outside the gates and wait for your children to come to you. If you need to access campus for any reason, please call the SIS front office to make an appointment.

Please also note that students are not permitted to play on the playground after school. Our staff are working in other areas to provide our students with the very best education and cannot provide supervision at this time. These measures are in place to help ensure the safety and good health of all our students. We look very forward to welcoming parents back to campus in the future when we are able and appreciate your understanding.

Regards,

Stephanie Nicole Shepperd
Deputy Principal (Primary)



Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

Well done to our high school students for staying motivated while completing the final preparations for their exams. **IGCSE and AS** level final exam timetables have already been distributed to students and emailed to parents - the first exams are in Term 4 Week 1. If you have any question regarding the exam series, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Harriet Casswell
Head of Studies (Secondary)



Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents,

I'm excited to announce that the school will be running a reading month starting mid-April. This event will be for all primary and secondary students. There will be several activities and competitions throughout the month to encourage and engage students in reading. A reminder that our school Libraries have many interesting and fun books that students can borrow and take home

Regards,

Niall Elliot Reed

Primary Head of Studies (Primary)



Message from Guidance Officer

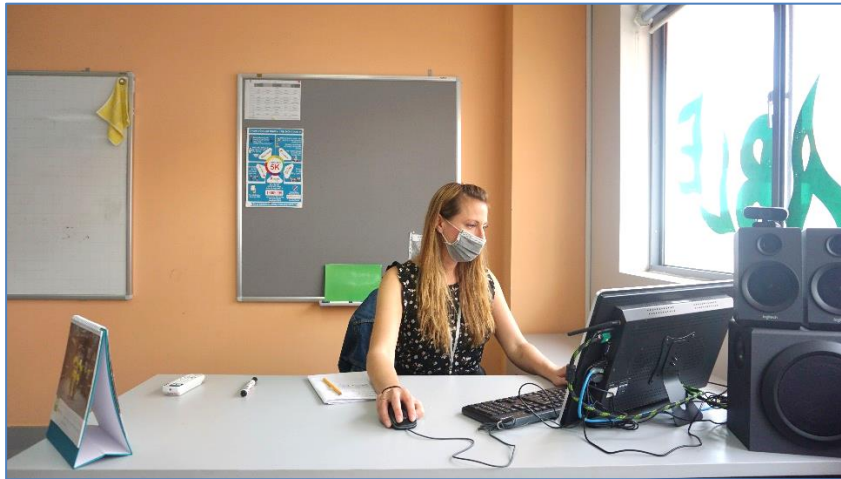
Dear Parents,

I would like to inform parents and students that I am going on maternity leave at the end of March. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Ms. Christina Williams, who will be taking on the role of "Guidance Officer" while I am away. Should you need any support or advice regarding your son or daughter, please contact Ms. Christina via email: christina.williams@danang.sis.edu.vn. I look forward to supporting you again next academic year.

Regards,

Catherine Burgess

GO and EFL Teacher



Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear Parents

It was exciting for our Kindergarten's first few weeks back. It was wonderful to see the children happy and healthy. All the children get on well with their classmates and teachers while adapting to the new environment and learn to follow the rules. The students' engagement and participation in lessons and activities has been shown daily.

We have learned about being kind and gentle and diversity around the world and how we can use it inside and outside the classroom.

Plants and how they effective our lives were the theme of the month. Prep students had fun-filled nature walks around campus and see our very own vegetable garden and had the opportunity to plant their own seeds in the classroom to nurture and watch grow and eventually plant in the garden.

K1/2L painted pictures using milky glue on black cardboard, then covered glue with salt. We used watercolors and colored our pictures. Children were amazed by how colors spread through salt. This fun activity taught students that we can use a variety of materials, even things like salt and glue to create beautiful artwork. Children also learned how salt interacts with watercolors, and how to be mindful of where they put glue on paper.

Nursery and K1 have learned about animals. "Building houses for animals" was an interesting STEM activity enjoyed by all classes.

Overall, it has been a fun happy month for us all in the Kindergarten.

Regards,
Vo Thi Thuy Ngan
Head of Kindergarten

