

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022

Dear Parents,

We have a number of enquiries at present regarding Integrated students moving into the International program. If you are considering this option for your child, please contact the school now. This will give us some time to assess if students will require additional support with this transition and we can also provide some additional work for students to complete of the holiday period.

We have had a number of new enrolments this term. Thank you for choosing our Singapore International School, Danang. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

It has been great to have students re-commence after school Extra Curricular Activities (ECA's) after a long absence. Teachers have been excited by this as well and it is fantastic to see the high participation and enjoyment students are having. We have also some internal sporting opportunities organized by Mr Ignacio. With students playing staff in badminton, volleyball and some highly anticipated football matches coming up.

Term 4, is the busiest time of the school year. Some exams have already been completed. When need our students to focus on their exams and then we will finish the year with some wellbeing activities, field trips, more sports and finish the year on a positive note.

We have 3 exciting events coming up on Monday June 27, 2022. Included in these events will be some very high quality student performance pieces.

- 1. The Prep Graduation at 10:00am.
- 2. The Primary School Awards Ceremony at 2:30pm.
- 3. The Secondary & High School Awards Ceremony at 4:30pm.

More information will follow shortly regarding these events.

We recently had some very special visitors to the school with our owners Mr Ricky Tan, Mrs Carol Tan and Mr Stefan Tan.

Take care, Christopher Bradley Principal



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Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parent,

1. In April, our Integrated Program has carried out successfully some tasks as below:

- Year 9 student took the Semester 2 exam regarding to the general topic from DOET from April 25-29.
- Organize free tutoring for all students from year 1 to year 11 who want to review and consolidate knowledge to prepare for the final exam after school (from 4:00 to 5:00).
- 1 student in year 8 (Le Anh Thu) won the second prize in the district English competition for excellent students.
- 1 student in year 4A (Nguyen Hoang Ha) won the first prize in the online Poinsettia Vietnamese contest.
- Year 11 students have already completed the National Security Program for the school year 2021-2022 (a total of 35 lessons) from April 25-29.
- Pointing out plan and updating the schedule of the final Semester 2 exam to parents and students in order that students will have well preparation for the exam.

2. Main Tasks in May 2022

- Organized a meeting of the examination council and considered for high school graduation for 20 year 9 students on May 7, 2022.
- Organize the final Semester exam for Secondary and high school students (year 6,7,8,10, and 11) from May 9-13.
- Organize the final Semester exam for Primary students (year 1,2,3,4, and 5) from May 16-20.
- All teachers prepared a completed set of data to accurately assess student learning process throughout the school year.
- Taking consideration about completing Primary for Year 5 student.
- Please note: In order for students to get the best results on the final semester 2 exam, we hope that parents will arrange a reasonable time and remind them to review at home.

Wishing parents always happy, healthy and safe.

Wishing all students good results in the final semester 2 exam.

Regards, Vu Thi Lan Principal of SVIS





Message from Deputy Principal Secondary & High School Dear parents,

In Term 4 our students will complete end of year examinations.

Our International students from Year 1 to 8 will complete Mathematics and Science examinations and all students from Years 1 to 11 (Integrated and International) will complete English listening, writing, speaking and language comprehension examinations. Examinations will be completed on the following dates:

Exam	Date
English Paper 1 (Listening)	Thu-Fri 26-27 May
English Paper 2 (Writing)	Monday 30 May
English Paper 3 (Language Comprehension)	Tuesday 31 May
English Paper 4 (Listening)	Wednesday 01 June
Mathematics	Thursday 02 June
Science	Friday 03 June

We wish all our students the best of luck on their examinations, and please contact your child's classroom teachers if you have any questions relating to the examinations.

Thank you, Bradman McCarthy (Secondary)



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents,

We're making a big buzz in Term 4! SIS will be hosting a system-wide Spelling Bee. Primary students Y3-Y5 and Secondary students Y6+ have registered to participate in a spelling competition where one International and one Integrated winner in the Primary category and one International and one Integrated winner in the Secondary category will be chosen from our campus competition to advance to the SIS system-wide competition held at the end of June.

Please note that this is not an ECA. Students are responsible for practicing the word list in their own time. Word lists have been distributed and students are busy studying. We all look forward to seeing the students show off their hard work in our campus competition and represent us well in the SIS system-wide Spelling Bee!

Regards, Stephanie Nicole Shepperd Deputy Principal (Primary) SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG



Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

Well done to all of our IG2 and AS level students who are currently taking the Cambridge International Examinations. These exams continue until June.

As mentioned in the February newsletter, we can now confirm that from next Academic Year, SIS Danang will no longer include ICT in the IGCSE programme and instead students will work towards gaining a qualification in IGCSE Computer Science. With a Computer Science qualification, students will be able to enhance their programming skills and learn more about databases. Learning Computer Science at IGCSE level will not only better prepare students for AS and A-Level Computer Science but will also help them secure high-level job opportunities. This subject change will only affect future IGCSE students. All students currently studying IGCSE1 will keep the same subjects next year.

On Thursday 12th April, we held a successful open afternoon about our high-school programmes for secondary students and parents. Presentations were held about IGCSE and A Levels, the NCC programme and the Year 10-12 integrated programme. If you were unable to attend and would like more information, please contact me or Ms Christina Williams.

Regards,

Harriet Casswell Head of Studies (Secondary)



Message from Head of Studies (Primary) Dear Parents,

Throughout April and May our school has been celebrating Reading Month. There have been several fun and engaging activities that involve reading for all year groups. It has been fantastic

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to see students engaged in reading. Congratulations to the winners of the primary book raffle, book design competition and Reading Month poster competition. A reminder that the school libraries have fun and engaging books, that students can borrow and take home to read. It's been amazing to see all the students partake in the events throughout Reading Month, I look forward to Reading Month next year.

Regards, Niall Elliot Reed Primary Head of Studies (Primary)



Message from Guidance Officer Dear Parents,

It is the time of year for students to be considering their plans for high school and further education. The AS Level students had a series of webinars from The Australian National University and the iG1, iG2 and Year 11 students were able to attend, an off-campus event at Pegasus College, in person, presented by Central Queensland University, as well! These opportunities were valuable in helping students think about their future and I am also available for individual student meetings to discuss the different educational options available to them.

The end of the school year brings a number of tests and exams for students, and it's important for students to understand how to study effectively so their grades reflect their abilities. A few study tips I would offer are to make a schedule and set weekly goals. Breaking down each day into manageable goals can really help make big targets less intimidating. Also, listening to music is not necessarily a bad thing. Studies have shown that listening to upbeat, instrumental songs can increase brain function. Lastly, something that can commonly get overlooked with busy schedules these days, is that being well-rested and taking study breaks are also important for learning minds to focus well. If students would like individualized study strategies, I'm here to help!

Regards, Christie Williams GO and EFL Teacher



Message from Head of Kindergarten Dear Parents

The Kindergarten continued to have an awesome month with fun-filled learning opportunities. Nursery and K1 children had interesting experiences learning about the five senses. They found out the importance of the five senses and learned how to take care of their body parts through a variety of activities and resources. They experimented with sound by making instruments, guessing what's inside a "feely" bag by using the sense of touching and tasting different flavours.

K2 and Prep explored all kinds of fun and exciting things in our Space unit this month. The students learned about different planets and their key features. We discussed facts and scientific knowledge such as which ones were hot or filled with ice, which ones were closest to the sun, and how the sun is a big burning fire star in our galaxy. We also talked about the moon and how asteroids come flying through space and make the big holes that we see on the moon when they land. We learned about what it would be like to live in space, and how we would float without gravity!

Students did an astronaut training course where they had challenges to complete such as spinning in a chair, walking on the moon, and tip toeing through moon rocks. While Prep made our papier-mache planets and a space collage, K2 completed fun art activities like "planet sun catchers" - painting with colored glue on plastic film and "my favorite planet" - decorated balls attached to an LED candle. Everyone enjoyed role play with DIY rocket ships and space helmets from recycled materials.

The children were so excited to learn about space. They truly had a BLAST!

Regards, Vo Thi Thuy Ngan Head of Kindergarten

