

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER JUNE 2021

Message from Principal

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

I want to start by acknowledging and thanking our students (your children) for the fantastic effort they have put in this year. Both throughout the year and during on-line learning, our students have worked hard and demonstrated their love of learning. They have been well supported by their teachers, who have done great work themselves this year.

At this time of the year we have to say goodbye to a number of staff, who will be moving on:

A special mention to SIS 'Fan Favourite' Mr Daan Ebbers (Deputy Principal), who has been here for over 8 years. His professionalism, commitment and care for our students and staff is going to be missed. He will be replaced by Mr Brad McCarthy (Secondary) and Ms Stephanie Shepperd (KIK & Primary), who will both be full time Deputy Principals next year. We also welcome Mr Guy Jenkins into a Pedagogy coaching position to assist in the training and development of our teaching staff.

We must also say goodbye to Teaching staff who are leaving: Ms Kelsey, Mr Neema, Ms Petra, Ms Megan, Ms Barbara and Mr Albert. We wish them well on their journey and thank them for their contributions to our school. We are also farewelling a number of Assistant Teachers Ms Ha, Ms Minh Thu, Ms Ngoc Anh, Ms Thu Van these people have been a big part of our school and our community. We wish them well and hope they may rejoin us in the future.

In preparing for the new school year SIS Danang will be going through some improvements over the summer including painting and general upgrades. We will be continuing to invest in computers and a range of technologies and resources.

I want to congratulate our NCC students and IGCSE 2 students, who have completed your studies with us at SIS Danang. We look forward of hearing your successes in the future.

I am aware that people may not get the opportunity to travel over the holidays. But we live in a beautiful place and there are many things to enjoy in our local area. Please support local businesses where possible.

Please be safe and take care.

Regards Christopher Bradley Principal



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Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

The Integrated Program in June 2021 has focused on reviewing, evaluating, and classifying students at the end of the school year. Almost students has successfully completed their learning and training tasks in the school year 2020-2021.

Although we has experienced many difficulties at the beginning and the end of the school 2020-2021. Students must follow up Covid – 19 restrictions by online learning but until now the school year has completed successfully. There are 32 students who has got high achievement in excellent and talent competition at district and city levels, and they also has been received the certificate by DOET and Da Nang People Committee.

We would like to say thank for your supports and concerns during the year. That is a huge effort from our teachers and students to keep teaching and learning well in the school year 2020-2021.

I hope that Covid pandemic will pass soon and return a peaceful atmosphere to everyone so that our students and their families can have a summer full of joy and happiness.

Regards, Vu Thi Lan Principal of SVIS



Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

STEM:

With the incorporation of Coding and Robotics into our STEM curriculum this academic year, the students at SIS Da Nang have been having a great time learning all about the UBtech robots, mTiny and Codey Rocky during their STEM class each week. I am so happy with the roll-out of this STEM equipment, as it included 2 very well-established programs that were introduced in all our year levels, both the Mblock and UBtech programs have created more coding opportunities, improved critical thinking skills and have taught our students the skills that are needed in the 21st century. I can't wait to hear how the STEM curriculum is being further developed in the coming years at SIS @ Da Nang.

Farewell message:

Over the past 8.5 years, I have had the pleasure of teaching many of the SIS students and have loved getting to know the SIS parent community. As this is my last year here at SIS as Deputy Principal, I want to take the opportunity to say thank you to Kinderworld and the SIS @ Da Nang school community. It has been wonderful, and I have loved seeing the school grow over all those years. Da Nang has a very strong and capable admin and teacher team, and I am sure this campus will continue to be very successful in the future. I also want to take

this opportunity to congratulate all our students for another successful year and especially our very first NCC graduates. Good luck, Goodbye and I will leave you with this quote from Dr Seuss "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened!" Best wishes, **Daan Ebbers**

Deputy Principal (Secondary)



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. Although it has been a challenging year, our school community has worked together to continue to provide outstanding education to our students.

This year I have been lucky enough to be working with our DynEd teachers to implement this new programme in our school. This allows all our students to practice the four language domains of English – listening, speaking, reading and writing – both at school and at home. It also allows our Integrated students to have the opportunity to learn Mathematical and Science vocabulary in English.

Congratulations to Ngo Nguyen Bao Chau in Year 5 International for completing 54 hours on DynEd to become our Primary *"DynEd Champion"*, and to Nguyen To Huong (Nina) in Year 8 International for completing 87 hours on DynEd to become our Secondary *"DynEd Champion"*.

I hope everyone has a safe and restful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming you back to our school in August.

Regards, Brad McCarthy Deputy Principal (Primary)

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Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all our IG2 and NCC students for completing their assessments this summer. Thank you to our Operations Manager, Ms Huu, who worked with the local authorities to make sure that we provided a safe environment for our students to take their exams during the current lockdown restrictions. All students were very responsible and followed our instructions, meaning we were able to complete the exam series safely and with no issues.

Results for the NCC Education Level 3 Foundation Diploma will be released on 30th July. IG2 results will be released on 12th August.

We are very excited to welcome our first AS Level class in August. Students will study four subjects out of the choice of five: Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language, Business and Mathematics. Pre-reading has been sent to students to prepare for these courses over the Summer.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Summer break. I am looking forward to hopefully seeing students back on-site for the start of the school year in August.

Regards, Harriet Casswell Head of Studies (Secondary)



Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents,

A big congratulations to all Year 5 students this year, who are graduating to secondary level. From all the primary team at SIS we would like to thank Year 5 for their hard work and effort during this school year. We are very proud of the students and would like to wish them the best in high school.

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Throughout the school year it's been fantastic to see students actively engaged in reading. To keep up this engagement and maintain students reading progress, please encourage your child to read aloud at home for ten minutes each day. I would like to share some resources that students can use at home to practice reading at home.

https://www.getepic.com/ https://readtheory.org/ https://www.raz-kids.com/ (Year 1 – Year 2)

I wish you a great holiday and hope that you come back refreshed ready for the new school year.

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



Message from Guidance officer

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all staff and students for a successful academic year despite some challenges. A special congratulations to our first NCC graduates who will be receiving their results at the end of July. We wish them well as they continue their academic journeys at universities in Australia, Singapore, and Vietnam.

This year's summer break is particularly deserved as students have had to adapt to a new way of learning and school life this year. Please take time to relax as much as possible, have fun, and take a proper break so that students can come back to school in August feeling refreshed and ready to take on the new challenges ahead.

Stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you back at school in August.

Cat Burgess Guidance Officer/EFL Teacher

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Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear Parents,

The Kindergarten teachers have finished their semester 2 report cards where the progress of students is reported and assessed from the time they spent at school. It has been a wonderful experience and a pleasure teaching your children this year. Our wonderful students have developed so well socially, emotionally and cognitively.

Congratulations to our Prep students who have successfully completed their last year in the Kindergarten and are ready for their new journey in the Primary school. We wish them luck, health and happy learning.

Thank you, parents, for your continuous support and appreciation to our work!

We wish you a safe and relaxing summer break with your family. We hope to see everybody again at the start of the new school academic year of 2021-2022

Regards, Vo Thi Thuy Ngan Head of Kindergarten

