



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

September 2020

Coming events:

ISA Testing for Grades 4,6, & 8.

Autumn Festival: 1/10/2020

End of Term 1: 14/10/2020

Term 2 start: 19/10/2020



Message from Principal

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you to the new school year. It has been fantastic to have the students and their positive energy back in the classrooms. They have been quick to pick up their patterns and routines at school. It is important students do the same with regular study at home. This will be important with the new Dyn Ed Online English Program.

There have been some changes with the leadership of the school with the departure of Ms Anne Mately, who is returning to Australia. We would like to thank Ms Anne and wish her well in spending time with her family.

I know that Birthdays are a special time where we like to share the occasion with friends. Previously, at school we have been able to have parents bring food to share with other students to celebrate Birthdays. However, due to an incident of food poisoning a new Food Safety policy has been developed and we are no longer allowed to bring cooked food from outside the school. Cake, packaged foods and items from Pegasus are still acceptable during the afternoon snack time.

During COVID we need to restrict the number of people accessing the school site. As such, parents and community members will need to make an appointment to visit teachers or accessing office staff. Please note, parents of KIK students will continued to be allowed to drop their child off and pick them up. We apologise for any inconvenience and look forward to resuming normal operations when safe to do so.

Pick-up and Drop times are very busy at the moment, with high volumes of traffic. We would like to trial that high school and secondary students be allowed (choice) to be picked up in the afternoons from the back gate from 4:00 to 4:15pm. We are doing this to try and reduce the congestion at that time in the afternoon. At all other times students will need to wait at the front of the school. In a case, where high school and secondary students have younger siblings they will need to wait at the front of the school. Also, in the event of wet weather all students will need to wait at the front of the school. I thank you for your patience and understanding.



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I look forward to continuing on the good work of Ms Anne and am excited by the opportunity of working with the SIS Da Nang community.

Christopher Bradley
Principal



Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents,

The school is so excited to inform parents about: Student returning to school after nearly 1 month of online learning due to Covid, most students followed the school rules and displayed their talent, and personality to the work provided by their teachers and developed in the most positive direction.

Currently, teachers are reviewing the learning results of students from the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year until now to improve students with limited knowledge in the online learning process and understanding the lesson content and know how to apply this knowledge into the practiced aspects of life.

In coming up time, all primary and secondary students will be reviewing and taking the mid-semester test. Student progress report will be sent home in October 2020 (end of term 1).

Regards,

Vu Thi Lan

Principal of SVIS



Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

First of all, I would like to say that we are so happy to have all our students back on site. I am extremely proud of our staff for continuing to teach high-quality lessons through MS Teams for the first 4 weeks of Term 1. Although Online Learning might not be ideal for everyone, it allowed our students to continue their studies and upgrade their tech skills by submitting digital documents, videos, working together virtually, and familiarizing themselves with the use of digital media. As mentioned prior, now students are back at our campus we will ensure that our school continues to follow the policy set by DOET in regards to taking temperatures, hand washing, and social distancing to ensure our school continues to be a safe place.

This Academic Year STEM continues to be further integrated at SIS. Each student has a designated STEM lesson each week that is part of their timetable and we are implementing 2 new Coding and Robotic programs for all our levels at SIS. Both programs, Makeblock and UBtech focus on the basics of coding, robotics and will prepare our students for the jobs of tomorrow.

To support both programs, the company has purchased a set of 25 iPads that have STEM apps installed that can directly connect to some of the robotic kits purchased. The iPads will benefit our students in many ways as it enables endless opportunities to create hands-on learning experiences.

Our staff is looking forward to October, as we will have 2 STEM specialists visit our campus. They will facilitate training opportunities and help further develop STEM to ensure our students are exposed to creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication to develop important skills that are beneficial in the 21st century.

Warm Regards,

Daan Ebbers

Deputy Principal (Secondary)



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents,

It was great welcoming back all our families to school and seeing all our students again. Thank you to all your support during the online learning period.

This year our Year 3 and above students are beginning DynEd lessons – a blended learning programme that complements the main English curriculum in our school. After our students complete individual levels within DynEd, they will receive English Language Certificates showing their English proficiency score against the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). While the students are working through activities set on their ability level on the computer, there is still a large focus on communication and speaking as students will be using microphones and headsets to record their own voice. Students can practice listening, speaking, reading and writing skills at their own pace from home while being supported by outstanding classroom teaching.

Regards,

Brad McCarthy

Deputy Principal (Primary)



Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear parents,

Welcome back and thank you to all our secondary students for their hard work during online learning, which has meant that we have largely been able to keep on track with the curriculum and exam preparation this term. Welcome also to our NCC students this year. This is the first

year that we are running the NCC programme; it is a one-year university preparation course which students can enroll in after IG2. I wish everyone good health during this time.

Regards,
Harriet Casswell
Head of Studies (Secondary)



Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all students. A big well done for all the great work students completed during online learning, they have made great progress to becoming technologically literate students. I would like to welcome our new primary teachers Ms. Erin (Y4A), Ms. Stephanie (Y4B) and Mr. Kyle (Year 3A & B) to the school. I wish everyone a fantastic year ahead. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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

