



# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

November 2020

## **Coming events:**

**Sem 1 Exams Dec 9-15**

**Christmas Fair & Concert Dec  
18**

**Holidays Dec 23- Jan 4**

## **Message from Principal**

**Dear Parents & Caregivers,**

Thank you to the Peoples Committee and the Police who visited our school for Teachers Day and acknowledge the special contributions Teachers make to not only our school but the community. Thank you also to the parents and students for the beautiful flowers and cards. We have a talented group of Teachers here at SIS Da Nang and I want to thank them for the commitment they give to our students and the school.

Our school is continuing to grow and develop, we are looking for opportunities to assist our students in experiencing success with pathways to further study and their careers. In the next academic school year (2021-2022), we would like to offer the Cambridge A & AS Levels. This is the most highly recognized International program for secondary students in the world. This will assist our students in accessing Universities both locally and around the world. In some cases, the successful completion of the A- Levels will provide credit for some University courses. We will need to confirm enrolments soon to ensure we are able to recruit appropriately qualified staff for this program.

I need to further remind parents that we are no longer allowed to bring outside foods into the school for Birthday parties etc. This is due to a case of food poisoning at another campus. The only items that we can allow, are cakes and sealed packaged snack foods like chips and biscuits etc. The other option is to order foods from Pegasus catering company, which is located on our campus. Please be noted that this is available for afternoon snack only at SVIS recess time 2.20 -2.40PM and SIS recess time 3.00 – 3.15PM. Please also consult with your class teacher.

I would like to apologise in advance that we will not be able to celebrate the Christmas Fair and Concert as a community, as we normally would. We still have COVID restrictions in place preventing us from allowing a large number of visitors on to the school grounds. So parents will not be allowed to attend. We will still proceed with a modified event here at school and will post the concert items on-line to share with parents and families. Thank you for your understanding.

All parents and visitors need to be wearing a facemask to enter the school. We also need to perform temperature checks and use handwash. We need to consistently follow the rules that are set down for us and the guards will refuse entry to those not wearing masks. Could we also remind students to wear masks to and from school. Thank you for your support!



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Regards  
**Christopher Bradley**  
Principal



## Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

1. In November, the integrated curriculum focused on the 38th anniversary of Vietnamese Teachers' Day (November 20).

1.1. It is an honour that the school received beautiful flowers from the local leaders and parents from Year 1A, Year 2A, Year 3B; Year 4 and Year 6A. We thank you all for helping us celebrate our special day.

### 1.2. Results of Activities:

- All students took part in practicing and having some good performances with tittle "Gratitude for the teacher", created a very good impression on each teacher.
  - Year 9 student won the fourth prize in STEM competition with the theme "Automatic hand sanitizer" in District level.
  - Great results with swimming with our students winning 8 Gold medals and 1 Bronze medal in the District swimming competition.
  - Free tutorial classes for students who need more practice from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM. This work received positive feedback from parents, this helped students consolidate their learning.
  - Teacher already sent the learning reports for Semester 1 to Parents to update the learning progress from the beginning until now.
2. In December/2020, we will focus on reviewing for the Semester 1 examination. Please refer the examination schedule as following:
- From 14 December to 18 December: Year 1 to Year 8 (taking examination for all subjects)
  - From 18 December to 23 December: Year 9 class will take DOET examination.

We hope to receive your support to keep reminding your child at home about reviewing carefully to get the best result in Semester 1 examination.

Regards,

**Vu Thi Lan**

Principal of SVIS



## Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents

### Teachers' Day

On Friday the 20th of November SIS @ Da Nang celebrated its annual Teacher's day. As always, we would like to say thanks to all our parents and students for their generosity. Teachers were surprised by lots of handwritten cards, crafts, and lovely presents.

On top of that, all our SVIS students prepared a fantastic teacher appreciation show up in the assembly hall with incredible performances that included dancing, singing and even a fashion show.

### Christmas Charity Fair 2020

The Christmas Charity Fair is a fundraising event for charity in which the school community is involved. The money raised at the Charity Fair will go to the charity Caritas, Vietnam.

We are currently preparing for our upcoming Christmas Charity Fair that will be celebrated on Friday the 18th of December.

Due to the continuing COVID-restrictions, our company has made the difficult decision that the CCF will be celebrated with students and teachers only.

The format of the fair will be left unchanged and lots of stalls and activities will be organized for all ages by both our staff and students. KIK, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be visiting the stalls and activities with their form teachers, students in Year 3+ will be able to visit on their own.

On the day of the fair, money is not exchanged, instead, we sell coupons valued at 10,000 VND each. Coupons will be on sale in the front office starting on the 7th of December 2020.

Warm Regards,

**Daan Ebbers**

**Deputy Principal (Secondary)**



### Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

**Dear Parents**

November was an exciting month for our students with basketball and swimming events happening.

Firstly, congratulations to our secondary boys basketball team – SIS Dragons. We hosted the Le Loi Greyhounds in a closely fought match. Our team were narrowly beaten 30 points to 24, but our students showed great spirit and sportsmanship during the match. Thank you to our classes that came and supported our team; it was a great atmosphere, and we look forward to a rematch soon.

We also had our swimming team compete in the Ngu Hanh Son swimming competition. Congratulations to all students who represented our school, and a special mention to the following students:

	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Year Level</b>	<b>Awards</b>
1.	Le Quang Minh	Year 3	Two Gold Medals
2.	Vu Tuyen Hoang	Year 3	One Bronze Medal.
3.	Le Thao My	Year 6	Two Gold Medals
4.	Nguyen Thai Bao	Year 6	Two Gold Medals
5.	Nguyen Trang Nhi	Year 8	Two Gold Medals

Regards,

**Brad McCarthy**

**Deputy Principal (Primary)**



### Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents

A reminder to all students and parents that our SIS exams are scheduled in December. Students need to review content thoroughly and communicate with their teachers if they need extra help. Well done to all of our students and staff for successfully catching up on any content missed due to online teaching and storm days.

Our high school students will also be taking mock exams in the coming weeks - please see dates for all exams below. Good luck to all of our students in the upcoming exam season!

SIS Exams Y2-10		
English	Paper 1 Speaking	9-11 December
	Paper 2 Writing	10 December
	Paper 3 Language and Comprehension	11 December
	Paper 4 listening	9 December
Mathematics	Paper 1 and 2	14 December
Science	Paper 1	15 December
<b>NCC Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies (L3IFDHEs) (Y11) - Mock Exams</b>		
Developing English	Speaking	14-15 December
	Writing	14 December
	Listening	15 December
<b>Advance Notice: IGCSE 2 Mock Exams</b>		
	All Subjects	5-13 January

Regards,  
**Harriet Casswell**  
Head of Studies (Secondary)



### Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents

Students in year 4 & 5 will have their outward-bound learning experience in December. They will be partaking in several different activities in school, led by members of the outward-bound team. Students staying at school for one night is part of the outward-bound program. Outward bound continues to be very popular with students. I look forward to sharing the photos from outward bound with the school community.

#### Outward bound dates:

**Year 4** - 14 – 15 December 2020 @ School – 1 night

**Year 5** - 17 – 18 December 2020 @ School - 1 night

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



### Message from Guidance officer

Dear Parents

Student wellbeing is very important, especially with the pressure of exams which are fast approaching. A reminder to all parents and students to make sure that you are keeping well. Maintain a healthy diet, lots of water and lots of sleep. Plan study time and keep a to-do list, to help you keep on top of things. Rest is very important, so make sure that students are taking a break away from studying, have some fun, get outside, or do something active. This can help students to maximize their study time and keep focused. I wish everyone good luck in their exams! Please remind students that if they are feeling stressed and need support, they should come to see me.

Regards,  
**Cat Burgess**  
Guidance Officer/EFL Teacher



### Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear Parents

We would like to take this opportunity to say “Many thanks” to our parents for the lovely flowers, gifts and best wishes on the Vietnamese Teachers’ day.

This year, we have embedded Letterland in our Phonics program to reinforce the alphabet letters and sounds, which prepare our children’s reading readiness skills.

Letterland was created to teach phonics using a story-based approach. While the Phonics stories give children a friendly logic for remembering all 44 letter sounds, simple stories about the Letterland characters ensure correct letter formation.

Children in all classes were doing their best to become academic achievers and confident communicators. While K2 and Prep were learning to read words, K1 and Nursery learned to practice self-help skills, such as washing hands, cleaning up the toys and feeding themselves during lunch.

Prep International has been putting their rubbish to good use by recycling items, they would normally put in the bin into new things. As part of their STEM lessons, they have been using their imaginations, creativity and practical skills to create a whole range of items from pencil holders to rockets!

We have made Razkids accounts for our Prep students to use during their ICT times. This is a great online reading program with a variety of topic-based leveled books. We will send detailed login information home as soon as the children know how to use it well at school.

Regards,  
**Vo Thi Thuy Ngan**  
Head of Kindergarten



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