



# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2022

## Coming events

1. National Days 1st and 2nd of September  
(No school)
2. Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs) beginning  
on 5th of September
3. Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations at school  
on the 9th of September
4. Parent-Teacher Meetings on 17th of  
September

## Message from Principal

Dear parents,

I would like to warmly welcome new and existing families back to Singapore International School, Da Nang, for the 2022-2023 school year. I hope you have had an excellent first month of the school year and I am excited to continue working with our amazing students and families throughout the year.

This year we have many exciting events planned such as:

The My KinderWorld phone app to improve communication between our parents and school.

Swimming programme in Terms 1 and 4

Regular STEM competitions

Outward Bound

Student Council

Bye-Bye Plastic Bags environment group

I look forward to working with you and your children this year. If you have any questions, or would like to meet, please email me at: [bradman.mccarthy@danang.sis.edu.vn](mailto:bradman.mccarthy@danang.sis.edu.vn) or contact to school office to make an appointment.

**Bradman McCarthy**

**Principal**



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## Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents,

The 2022-2023 school year has commenced successfully. It was great to see students back at school and happy to meet their friends and teachers.

First of all, I would like to thank all parents who always support the school to overcome the difficult times caused by the pandemic, as well as implement safety rules and assist students to achieve their learning goals.

Since the first day, teachers have been helping students to come to school with a prepared and comfortable mind. Students are encouraged to study with new methods of promoting students' abilities and character under the new national education program.

I hope that with the commitment of Da Nang city leaders, we will be safe from the pandemic and students can go to school in happiness and joyfulness. They can learn more new and meaningful lessons and soon become global citizens in a safe, modern and innovative learning environment.

Please note these dates in September:

- Students have two days off on 1st September and 2nd September, 2022 as public holiday of Independence Day.
- Parent Teacher Conference: Saturday morning, 17th September 2022.

Best regards,

**Vu Thi Lan**  
Principal of SVIS



## Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

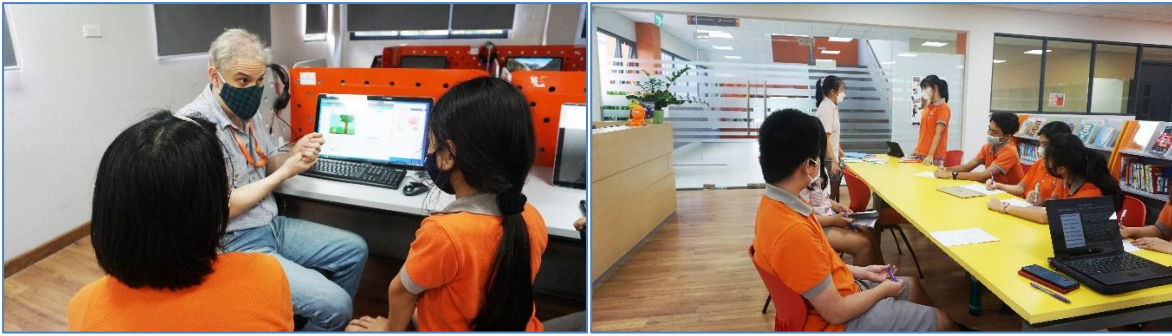
We are so excited to offer our students the opportunity to be involved with our school community by joining our Extra Curricular Activities (ECA) programme. Students from Year 1 to Year 12 can join a variety of clubs across a wide array of interests. This term we will also begin some Year-Long ECAs that will take place during our school day giving all students the chance to participate!

ECAs are the perfect way to encourage students to make learning fun and promotes wholistic learning across life and curriculum. Club sponsors choose their own activities, so they are passionate and excited to work with their student groups and share their own interests. This teacher sponsor enthusiasm promotes a fun and positive learning environment. Our Term ECAs change throughout the year so there is certainly something for everyone. We can't wait to get started!

**Stephanie Shepperd**

Deputy Principal





### Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

It's been great to see students learning in the EFL programme this month. The EFL programme focuses on providing a fun and engaging educational program that allows students to fully develop key English learning skills. Students in the EFL programme will receive two after-school lessons, as well as support from an EFL teacher during selected English lessons. EFL will take place throughout the school year. I am excited to observe the progress made by all the students in the EFL programme. If you would like any more information, please email me at: [niall.reed@danang.sis.edu.vn](mailto:niall.reed@danang.sis.edu.vn) or contact the school office.

**Niall Elliot Reed**

Deputy Principal



### Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

I am honored to be the Cambridge coordinator for SIS @ Danang for this new school year. Our results for IGCSE and AS-level have arrived, and we are proud of our students' results.

A special mention to:

Gia Hung (AS) for scoring an "A" in Mathematics, Chemistry, and Business.

Mary (AS) for scoring an "A" in Mathematics and Chemistry.

Le Thi Ngoc Han (Jane) for scoring 6x A\* in her IGCSE subjects of Business Studies, Coordinated Sciences, Global Perspectives, ICT, and Mathematics.

Hoang Ngoc Han (Julie) for scoring 5x A\* in her IGCSE subjects of Business Studies, Coordinated Sciences, Global Perspectives, and Mathematics.

For more information, please contact me at [nils.harteveld@danang.sis.edu.vn](mailto:nils.harteveld@danang.sis.edu.vn) .

**Nils Harteveld**

Head of Studies



### Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

It has been an exciting and busy start to term 1, with swimming classes resuming in HPE lessons for the first time since 2019. This year, we are very lucky to have Ms Jiezel leading the swimming lessons in Primary, along with swim coach, Mr Hai.

Being able to swim is a very important life skill for all children to master. It has been wonderful to see so many students participating in swimming lessons. Ms Jiezel and Mr Hai have been enforcing strict rules when in the pool area to ensure that all students are safe and confident in and around the water.

During these lessons, the Year 1 to Year 5 students are taught how to float on the water, how to glide through the water, breathing techniques and the correct arm strokes. These skills will help them become confident in the water and master the basics of swimming.

**Caroline Greatwood**

Primary Head of Studies

### Message from Head of Kindergarten

It is with pleasure that we welcome the students and families of Kindergarten back to the 2022-2023 school year. We hope that you had a wonderful summer break, and everyone is ready for a fantastic year ahead.

Our Kindergarten teachers are committed to ensuring an outstanding learning experience and are dedicated to the success of each student.

The children have been learning to follow the class rules and routines for this year, they are settling and adapting well in their new environment. The students have been learning about fairy tales this week. Listening to stories being read, and roleplaying with their friends. We have seen less tears each day, and more laughter.

As we continue to ensure academic proficiency in our students, we will be developing the following key skills: confident communicators; being innovative and creative; the ability to critically-think; and work collaboratively with others. Your support and cooperation, along with our best professional efforts, will support this goal.

Please take note of the following upcoming event:

Friday, September 9th: Moon Festival celebration

**Vo Thi Thuy Ngan**

Head of Kindergarten





### Message from Guidance Officer

Hello SIS Families,

I am Christina Williams, our school Guidance Officer. During this month I was excited to visit every class to introduce myself and explain my role within our school community.

I spoke to our Primary students about the importance of feeling safe at school and why we should always be kind. I also spoke to our Secondary and High School students about dealing with stress, positive study habits and organisation skills.

Throughout the school year, I will work with our students and parents to organise school events, like Anti-Bullying Week, Child Protection Month and University seminars. I will also arrange for meetings with families to discuss the best study path for your children so they can meet their educational goals.

Please contact the school office, or email at: [christina.williams@danang.sis.edu.vn](mailto:christina.williams@danang.sis.edu.vn) if you have any questions.

**Chris Williams (Ms)**

Teacher and Guidance Officer

