



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024

Upcoming dates:

2 & 3rd September - School Closed for National Holidays
6th September - Outward Bound Parent Information Session at 3pm
17th September - Moon Festival Celebrations
20th September - Cross Country / Fun Run House Competition

Message from Principal

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break. We were delighted to welcome everyone back to SIS@Da Nang for the start of the new academic year on Monday, August 5th.

It has been a fantastic start to the year, filled with excitement and enthusiasm. We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly elected School Captains: Konstantin Afanasyev, Ngo Tuan Khoi, Yang Seo Eun, and Nguyen Ho Lam Tran. These students were selected for their leadership qualities, academic achievements, and commitment to serving their fellow students. We are confident they will be outstanding representatives of our school. These students went through an application process including interviews and school speeches, before being voted in as our School Captains.

Congratulations to these students, and we look forward to you Leading our students this year.

Bradman McCarthy

Principal





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Message from SVIS Deputy Principals

A warm welcome to parents, teachers, and students to the new school year 2024-2025!

In the joyful atmosphere of the first day of school on the morning of August 5, 2024, the school welcomed 30 Year 1 students and more than 320 students across various levels. After a month of summer holidays, the school was once again filled with cheerful laughter, handshakes, hugs, a mix of anxious feelings, and lively performances to commence the new school year. These moments created an exciting and warm atmosphere, marking the start of a school year filled with joy and hope for success.

On August 15, 2024, the school successfully organised the first parent-teacher meeting of the year. The participation and contributions of parents are always a great source of encouragement and motivation for both the school and students. The school hopes that with the close cooperation between parents and teachers, we will work together to create the best learning environment for students.

The 2024-2025 school year promises to be a year of many breakthroughs. One of the key goals the school is aiming for is to continue transforming teaching methods to focus on learners' abilities while developing soft skills. This approach will help students cultivate holistic qualities including morality – intelligence – physical fitness – aesthetics, equipping them to keep pace with the constant changes in society and achieve greater success in the future.

On this occasion, the school's management board would like to extend our best wishes to our teachers for good health and continued contributions to the school's ever-developing educational mission. We wish all students a school year filled with academic success and personal growth. We also wish parents health, happiness, and success!

Thank you and best regards,

Ho Thi Thuy Van/ Huynh Pham Diem Hang

SVIS Management Board





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Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

We are excited to inform parents that our Extra Curricular Activities program is growing and changing this year. Students and parents spoke on their surveys, and we are listening! Secondary students want more ECA opportunities within the school days, and we have expanded our program to introduce even more Year-Long Clubs including; Student Council, Student Publications, Music Club, English Support, Art and Design Studio, Bye Bye Plastic Bags, Math Olympiad and Library Study Time for both Primary and Secondary.

We also have the regular afterschool clubs as we have had in the past and in Term 1 we have included some well attended student favorites like Lego Club, Minecraft Education, Ball Hockey, Sewing Club and even more!

Our afterschool ECA program correlates directly to our School Wide Learning Goals giving students an opportunity to learn beyond the classroom and during the regular school day. These clubs promote not just goals like active citizenship and technology literacy, but also give students an opportunity to build community and interact with other students they might not see during the regular school day.

If your child has already joined our ECA program, we greatly appreciate your participation in these fun learning opportunities. If your child has not yet joined an ECA, please know that ECAs are hosted in each Term, and we hope you will consider encouraging your child to join.

Stephanie Shepperd (Ms)

Deputy Principal





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Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our House competitions, a new and exciting way to foster school spirit, teamwork, and healthy competition throughout the year! Every student and teacher will be part of one of our three House teams—Red, Yellow, or Green.

Throughout the year, there will be numerous opportunities to earn points for your House. Whether participating in sports, excelling in academics, or demonstrating our school virtues, every effort will contribute to your House's success. Points can be earned for achievements in the classroom, showing improvement, and engaging in academic challenges.

Moreover, living by our school's core virtues—respect, responsibility, resilience, and kindness—will also play a crucial role. Acts of kindness, leadership, and integrity will be recognized and rewarded, reflecting the true spirit of our school community. Every contribution, big or small, will bring your House one step closer to victory.

To keep everyone informed and motivated, the House points for each team will be updated on the TV display outside of the office each week. Students and staff will be able to track the scores and see how their House is performing.

The House that accumulates the most points by the end of the school year will be awarded the prestigious House Competition Trophy, a symbol of excellence, teamwork, and school pride.

So, let's rally together, bring your enthusiasm, and make this year an unforgettable journey of growth, learning, and fun. Prepare to cheer for your House, work as a team, and may the best House win!

Niall Elliot Reed (Mr)

Deputy Principal





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Message from Guidance Officer

Dear Parents,

My name is Ms. Chris and I am the Guidance Officer on campus. I support students in different ways.

1. Make sure that all children on campus feel safe, they know how to stay safe and what to do if they need help. Student protection is everyone's top priority and during our first couple of weeks back at school, I informed students of my role and that I, like every staff member on campus, am here to support them.
2. Offer wellbeing support. At times, students may struggle a bit, and it is helpful for students to get tools for various reasons; for example, managing social situations, tips to alleviate stress, self-care practices, mindfulness exercises and more.
3. Plan future pathways and opportunities. No two students' paths are the same and it is a pleasure to work with students to help them discover the way to a successful future best suited for them.

One way to help students reach their goals is to be organized. Throughout August, I have worked with high school students to set goals and steps to take to make their plans a reality.

If you would like to contact me for any reason, please do not hesitate to do so at christina.williams@danang.sis.edu.vn.

Thank you for your support,

Ms. Chris Williams

Guidance Officer and Teacher





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Message from Head of Integrated Kindergarten

Dear parents of the Kindergarten,

Welcome back to all our Kindergarten students and parents for AY 2024-2025!

We warmly welcome new families and friends joining us this school year!

The children have been adapting well to their new class and made friendships. There have been less tears and more laughter all around. While we focused on class rules and expectations, the children were also introduced to Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes. They explored these through fun educational activities during the school day, including English language and literacy, Art, Music, STEM, Maths and play. It was a great transition into the new school year, and lots of fun had by all.

Thank you very much for joining us at the Parent Information Day. We would like to express our appreciation for your continuous support.

In September, we will be celebrating the Moon Festival, with great performances and craftwork!

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

Head of Integrated Kindergarten

