



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

# NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

## Upcoming Events

- 10/2: School resumes
- 17/2 to 21/2: 6A and 6L Outward Bound at Binh Dinh
- 18/2 to 20/2: ISA exams for Years 3, 5 and 7
- 22/2: Family Fun Day
- 24/2 to 28/2: 7L Outward Bound at Ha Long

## Message from Principal

Dear parents,

The first semester officially ended on the 10th of January, and we have now begun our term 3 learning. I wanted to say a big congratulations to all of our students for completing their semester exams. Our students performed well and in the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science, our students exceeded expectations with their results.

All parents should have received a semester report card that gives you an overview of their learning progress and behaviour since the start of the school year. We encourage you to review these reports with your child and discuss any areas for improvement. I would like to thank parents for coming to our meetings; your active engagement in your child's learning journey plays a vital role in their success.

I hope you all have a restful Tet Holiday and the new Lunar Year is filled with love, laughter and prosperity for all.

Kind regards,

**Bradman McCarthy**

Principal



## Message from SVIS Deputy Principals

Dear Parents,

On January 23rd, the Singapore International School at Da Nang held the 2025 Tet Fair in a lively and vibrant spring atmosphere. This annual event aims to recreate part of the beauty of Vietnam's traditional Tet culture while organizing a meaningful event to connect students, teachers, and parents.

With the theme "**Green Chung Cake, Peaceful Tet holiday**," this year's fair included a variety of exciting activities, alongside great performances, attracting enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, and parents.

There were colorful booths with Tet decorations, traditional dishes such as "banh Chung"(Chung cake),"banh Tet", and candied fruits, as well as folk games like "Ném còn" (throwing the ball through a ring), "nhảy sạp" (bamboo pole dance), lô tô (bingo), calligraphy writing, and picking spring fortune card. Together, these activities created a joyous and meaningful celebration.

### Chung Cake Wrapping Contest

A highlight of this year's Tet Fair was the Chung cake wrapping contest, which drew significant attention and participation from students, parents, and staff. Participants experienced the traditional process, from selecting leaves and arranging the sticky rice and fillings to tying the cakes with bamboo strings. The neatly wrapped cakes were not only a testament to skill but also a symbol of unity and togetherness.





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## Calligraphy Writing

The image of a calligrapher dressed in a traditional long robe and turban in the corner of the fair added a nostalgic touch. Participants could request calligraphy to bring blessings for a new year full of health, prosperity, and happiness.

## Bamboo Pole Dance & Spring Fortune Picking

This was one of the most exciting parts of the fair. The bamboo pole dance combined with spring fortune picking brought immense joy and laughter to students. The rhythmic clacking of bamboo poles, accompanied by cheers and applause, created an energetic and bonding atmosphere. After completing the bamboo dance, participants could engage in Spring Fortune Picking. Each spring fortune offered meaningful blessings, symbolizing a year filled with good luck and peace.

The 2025 Tet Fair, with its theme "Green Chung Cake, Peaceful Tet holiday," was not only a fun-filled event but also an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of Vietnamese traditions while fostering connections within the school community.

The fair concluded with joy and beautiful memories, leaving an unforgettable impression of a spring filled with love and sharing.

On behalf of the school, we wish all parents and their families a new year of health, prosperity, and success.

**Ho Thi Thuy Van/ Huynh Pham Diem Hang**  
SVIS Management Board





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## Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

This year's Christmas Charity Fair was an afternoon of fun for students and parents alike! The afternoon brought festive performances from our KIK students and our school band to sing everyone into the Christmas spirit.

Staff and teachers came together to host stalls like Crazy 6's, Feed the Snowman, and Football Toss welcomed students to try their skills and earn some fun prizes. Tasty treats from our campus Bye Bye Plastic Bags, Student Council, and Pegasus Bistro kept bellies full and sugar levels high! The highlight of the fun was our Charity Raffle where prizes valued at over \$1500 were raffled off to raise money for our partner Caritas Vietnam. We are so grateful for the enthusiasm of students and parents to make our raffle the biggest fundraiser of the event.

Overall, the Christmas Charity Fair raised over 65 million VND for Caritas Vietnam, a worthy organization whose aim is to end poverty and improve living conditions for marginalized people in Vietnam.

We have other exciting events coming up this spring but always look forward to the next Christmas Charity Fair!

## Stephanie Shepperd (Ms)

Deputy Principal





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## Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

### Victory for Our U11 Boys Football Team!

Congratulations to our Under 11 Boys Football Team for their fantastic win against APU School! The team displayed outstanding skills, teamwork, and determination on the field. We are so proud of their hard work and sportsmanship. This is an excellent start to what promises to be an exciting football season ahead!

### U14 Boys Football Team Show Spirit Against APU

Last week, our U14 boys football team faced a tough opponent in APU. Despite their determination and teamwork, the match ended in a close loss. The team played with incredible energy, demonstrating sportsmanship and resilience throughout the game. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing them grow stronger in the upcoming matches.

### Excitement for Post-TET Sports!

As we prepare for the TET holiday, the anticipation for our sports teams' return to action is growing. The post-TET calendar promises a packed schedule of thrilling competitions from football to basketball and volleyball.

We encourage all students, parents, and staff to join us at future matches and show their support. Together, let's make this sports season one to remember!

### Niall Elliot Reed (Mr)

Deputy Principal





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## Message from Head of Integrated Kindergarten

In spirit of the traditional Vietnamese Tet holidays, the Kindergarten has been working hard during lessons to learn about making Tet decorations such as paper lanterns, fans, cherry blossom art and spiral snake craft. The colourful and outstanding decorations were used for the Tet Fair to add beauty to the festive atmosphere.

The children had a fun-filled day at the Fair with their classmates and teachers. This year, we offered a variety of outdoor and traditional activities such as zodiac animal race, drumming, hula hoops, biking, ball pass and making cherry blossom art with playdough.

Everyone was excited to choose their own favourite activities while having fun and making new friendships with other classes.

The food stalls were run by Prep students who worked as shop assistants, while the other students bought their own snack with coupons.

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the celebration, we would like to wish you and your family a Happy and Prosperous Lunar New Year. Chuc Mung Nam Moi.

## Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

Head of Integrated Kindergarten

