



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2018

Coming events

Public Holiday – Mon 3rd Sept
STEM Day KIK – 5th -6th Sept
STEM Day – Thurs 6th Sept
Parent Meetings – Sat 8th Sept 9 -11am
Moon Festival – 21st Sept
End of term – Fri, 13th Oct



Message from Principal

Welcome back everyone and a very warm welcome to our 140 new students and their families. I hope everyone had a refreshing break. It was wonderful to see all the happy smiling faces on the first day of school.

The total enrolment for our school is now 460 so we have additional buses. Due to the extra traffic, Vung Trung Street is now a one-way street each morning from 7.30am – 8.30am as well as in the afternoon.

I know that Form teachers and class teachers have already sent their letters of introduction with the best way to contact them. Usually the best time to contact teachers by phone is from 4pm – 5pm.

I would like to introduce several new staff: **Mr Will** Parsons, transferring from SIS@Gamuda Gardens is teaching Year 1A and 1B Integrated classes; **Ms Kelsey** Ambrose is teaching Year 2A and 2B Integrated; Reinhardt Kuhn (**Mr Ray**) is on Year 4 International; **Mr John** Kane transferred from SIS@Gamuda Gardens to teach Year 5 Integrated; **Mr Benjamin** Snitker is teaching secondary Science; **Ms Melissa** Viljoen is teaching Prep; **Ms Maryann** Meggelin is teaching secondary SOSE and **Ms Angela** is an additional teacher for Chinese Language. Mr Merritt has had to return to his home country due to poor health and **Mr Michael** Caven is here part-time, teaching Music Theatre and movement.

Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV)

Our first group of students, IGCSE and Year 8 International, has participated in this wonderful programme at Quy Nhon to build soft skills in teamwork, leadership, cooperation and develop self-esteem, confidence and resilience. This great adventure includes hiking,

camping out, bouldering/scrambling and other fun and educational outdoor activities. The second group of Year 8 and 9 students participates at the end of October.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) STEM is about using evidence and mathematical techniques to understand the natural and human world and improve people's lives. Eight teachers attended the STEM training in Ho Chi Minh City and all staff are very excited about the first STEM Day for our students on 6th September. Over the year we will gradually introduce more aspects and skills to make it a multi-disciplinary problem-solving exercise so that students can learn about the design process and can continue to use and develop critical thinking skills through practical projects.

Anne Matley
Principal

Message from Head of Studies

Dear Parent and Students

Welcome to the 2018-2019 academic year at SIS @ Da Nang.

As our school continues to grow and prosper we look forward to all the new learning opportunities this brings. One of these opportunities will be STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Some of the staff participated in STEM training in Saigon and brainstormed ideas on how to implement STEM into the existing SIS curriculum. SIS Da Nang will have its first STEM day on the 6th of September, where students are working on problem solving, critical thinking and different hands-on activities for half a day in their classrooms. This is an amazing opportunity for all our students to work on projects together. We have also welcomed many new students this year and I am so impressed with how friendly and welcoming our "old" students are.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate last year's IGCSE class, Trieu and Tung on their excellent Cambridge exam results. They can be extremely proud of themselves as we are of them.

I look forward to serving students and families as the new Head of Studies. I hope everyone has an enjoyable year as we help our students meet the Schoolwide Learner Goals.



Daan Ebbers
Head of Studies

Message from Deputy Principal

Welcome back to the 2018/2019 academic year! To all our families who have returned after the summer break, I hope you had a happy holiday and enjoyed being with your family. I also want to wish a warm welcome to our new students and families who have joined us for the new school year.

Outward Bound

A total of 31 students in Year 8 International, IGCSE 1 and 2 and four of our teachers have just returned from a fabulous week at Outward Bound at Quy Nhon. The students had four nights and five days of hiking, team building activities, camping and other fun and educational outdoor activities. While at times challenging, the students and teachers had a great time!

The Outward Bound dates for other year levels are:

Year 8 Integrated and Year 9 Integrated

22 – 26 October 2018

Year 6 International and Year 6 Integrated

18 – 22 March 2019

Year 7 International and Year 7 Integrated

25 – 29 March 2019



After school pick-up

I would like to thank those parents and drivers who continue to follow our pick up rules. Cars need to move to the edge of the pickup area. This is not a stopping zone. Thank you to those families who have put student name/s on display in their windscreen. This speeds up the process as the teacher on duty can read the name. A reminder also that between 3.30pm and 4.30pm the street is one way and only a right turn is permitted on exit. Your support in following this routine is greatly appreciated and ensures everyone is safe during this very busy time of the day.

Use of facilities after school

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to be using the playground equipment, football field or basketball courts afterschool. Students being picked up by private transport must remain seated at the front of the school building where there is staff supervision.

Table of Specifications

Form teachers will be emailing out the Table of Specifications (ToS) in the coming week which provide details of exams dates and content assessed for relevant subjects for semester one. If you did not receive this information, please contact your student's Form Teacher. The exam dates for semester one are:

English Paper 1 - speaking exam	2 – 3 January 2019
English Paper 2 - writing exam	4 January 2019
English Paper 3 - language and comprehension exam	7 January 2019

Mathematics* **	8 January 2019
English Paper 4 - listening exam	9 January 2019
Science**	10 January 2019

*Students in Year 6 and above complete two Mathematics papers.

**Only students in International classes

Chelsea Donaldson Deputy Principal



Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

In the celebratory atmosphere of the new school year 2018 - 2019, we welcome 252 students in 13 classes (from Year 1 to Year 9) returning to school after their summer holidays and we are very glad to welcome 48 new students. Thank you for your trust and continual support!

We do our best to meet the students' demands in studying and school activities. After completing the first two weeks of the new academic year, I am pleased to report the students have settled happily into their class routines. The new students are working and socializing well with the new study environment. All of them seem to be very happy and friendly.

The learning outcomes in August and general activities will be given at the Parent Meeting on 8 September 2018. We are looking forward to hearing good feedback from parents in the meeting.

Thanks and best regards

**Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS**

Message from Head of Kindergarten

Welcome back to the new school year. I believe everyone had a great summer holiday and is now ready for another fantastic year ahead. We have a STEM Day already planned for September 5 – 6 on the theme "I Can Build".

The Kindergarten children looked very refreshed. Everyone has settled down well since the beginning of the school year and are getting used to the class rules and routines. This month we focused on the themes about the children themselves, school, class, friends and body.

It was great to see children in Nursery class becoming more relaxed and independent in class. Holding the spoon to feed themselves and cleaning up the toys after playing have been some of their achievements so far.

While K1 were able to make short presentation in front of the class such as, "My name is...", "I'm....years old", "I'm from...", K2 students were working hard to create good habits right from the first day. They walked up and down the stairs nicely and learned how to wait in line without pushing or jostling each other.

Prep classes have been learning different virtues every week to encourage students to behave well. The children had an awesome time making an egg float in salt water and constructing human lungs with balloons and recycled plastic bottles during Science lessons. This is a good way to boost their high order thinking skills while having fun learning.

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan
Head of Kindergarten

