



# NEWSLETTER

January 2021

**Dear Parents,**

On behalf of the school community I would like to wish everyone a happy TET break and celebration.

I would like to thank Madame Minh and her committee for organizing and sharing a special TET celebrations at SIS@SS for all students and staff.

At Junior and Senior assemblies this past week, students were reminded of the meaning of TET and together celebrated through stories, song, and participation in many TET related activities.

The school has been decorated for TET and the staff are to be congratulated for sharing the message and importance of TET to the students.

No doubt the students have shared with their families that our new music room has been completed and proving very popular with both staff and students.

A big SIS@SS thank you to management for making this possible. Photos of the music room will be shared in this Newsletter.

Recently students received their semester 1, 2021 reports. I would also like to congratulate students for their positive achievements with their learning progress.

Now is a good opportunity to set new learning improvement goals for semester 2.

I would like to thank the many parents who took part in the Parent Teacher Conferences. Great to see so many parents take the choice of online conferencing or one on one meetings with staff.

Your continued cooperation and understanding with ongoing COVID-19 health and safety regulations is appreciated.

I know from my time spent in Vietnam that TET is a time for many families to travel, return to their hometowns to be with their loved ones. If travelling do so safely and a happy enjoyable TET to all in our school community.

SIS@SS will break on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February, 2021. School will resume on the 22/02/2021.

Stay safe, healthy, and positive!

Yours in learning,

**Mark Priddis – Principal**

**Dear Parents,**

As we reflect on Semester 1 we should all feel proud of the effort and growth shown by students. The children continue to be polite, hard-working, and happy. Results from the semester exams also demonstrate that learning is strong. This would not happen without school and home working together.

A few points as we begin Semester 2:

Music Room – we are very pleased to announce a remodeling of the Music Room. Upgrades include a small stage, soundproofing, improved acoustics, increased storage space, as well as new doors and windows.

Tet holiday – SIS@SS will break on Friday, 05/02/2021. School will resume on the 22/02/2021.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) – information has been sent home and shared with students. ECAs will begin the week of 22 Feb and end Friday 21 May, just prior to Semester 2 exams. A few select activities have a different timeline so make sure to check the details of those for which your child has registered.

We are grateful for your continued support of the school in providing a safe, nurturing, positive learning environment for all children. Should you ever have questions or concerns about anything feel free to make an appointment with the Office and come in for a chat.

Please have a wonderful Tết, with our sincere wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year.

Respectfully,

**Robert Madden - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).**



*Students in the new Music room*

**Dear Parents,**

January has been a very busy month in the lead up to Tet.

Year 6 International embarked on their week-long excursion to OBV. The students participated in hiking, rock climbing, and team-building activities. They learned the importance of patience, perseverance and cooperation through the activities organized by OBV. They returned with great memories and new life skills. Through adventurous and challenging experiences, they learned empathy and understanding of the self, other people and the world around them.

DynEd continues to be a large focus for our students' English Language development. We had the pleasure of hosting Singapore International @ Vung Tau students on 26 January. This collaborative excursion allowed students from both schools to share ideas and learning experiences with the DynEd programme. Likewise, DynEd teachers had the opportunity to share and discuss successful teaching strategies and engage in professional development throughout the day.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were also held this month. Parent-teacher conferences are a great opportunity to learn about your child's academic progress and growth, assessments, portfolios, and assignments. Teachers also have the opportunity to learn from parents or guardians so they can be better informed about students' strengths, needs, behaviours, and learning styles.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. I hope you have a safe and joyful holiday time with your children and families over the Tet break. I look forward to welcoming all students back when the school reopens on Monday, 22 February 2021.

**Caroline Atkinson – Deputy Principal**



*Hosting Singapore International*

*@ Vung Tau students*



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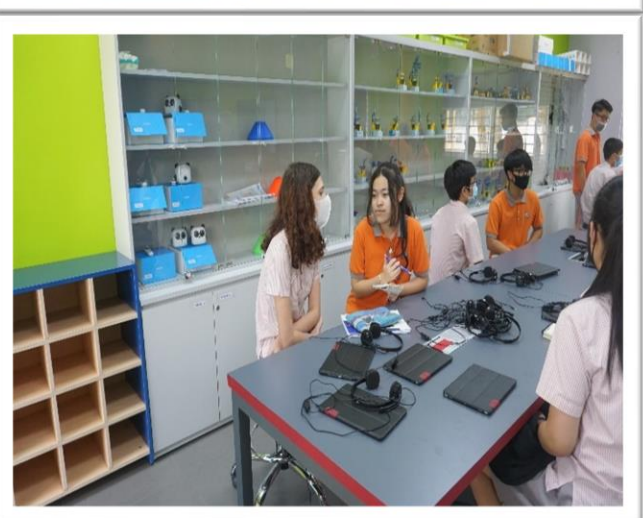
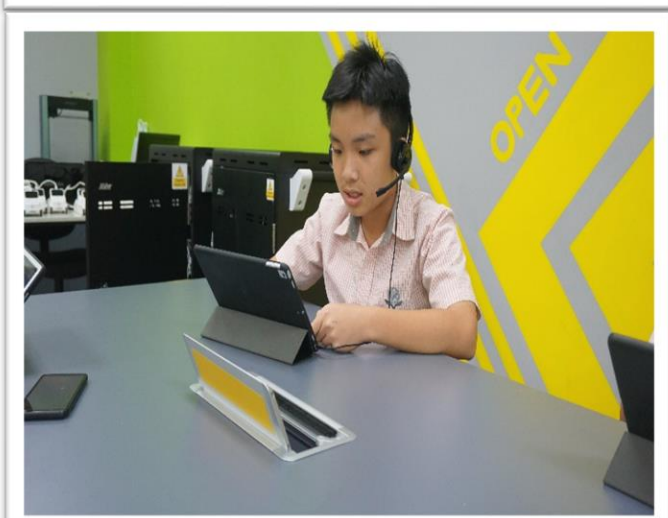
This first month of 2021, the High School students have been working hard, and begin the serious preparation and focus for their Cambridge exams.

3 of our students had chosen to write addition Cambridge exams in November 2020, and received their results for these last week. Congratulations to Liu Cheng, Vo Tran Tuan Kiet and Chiranth Pandit for a very excellent set of results.

In addition to our usual Cambridge Examinations preparation, it is important to offer other opportunities for students to demonstrate their proficiency and talents. In this regard we have given students the opportunities to engage in the Rise Program, and also have started a debate club, which will be participating in a city wide competition very shortly.

Parents Meetings will be held this week, and because of our continuing efforts to ensure student safety during this pandemic, Parent - Teacher Conferences will now be conducted online.

**Donovan Neethling - Head of Studies (High school)**



*Students during the STEM lessons*

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**Dear Parents,**

Young children are constantly learning and absorbing new information both at school and at home. It's great for them to experience familiar places and activities but they also need new experiences to teach them about the world.

Here are some ideas for ways to engage your kindergartener in exciting, new learning adventures: make it a habit to try new things as a family, such as interesting foods and games; visit new places, including museums and parks; make regular visits to bookstores to purchase new books; plan opportunities for your child to meet and play with new friends; ask your child to participate in new activities, such as food preparation or finger painting.

We hope that these ideas will help your family to find some new adventure to experience with your child.

**Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten)**



**Dear Parents,**

Our U15 Boy's Football team lost 1-3 against BVIS and fought back and tied 4-4 against ABC. U19 Boys' Basketball lost 25-53 to a deep ABC team but gave a strong effort with only 5 players. U13 Boys Football team tied against BVIS in a defensive battle and lost a heartbreaker 0-2 at home against ABC in the final minute. After winning their first game against AISVN in November, the U13 Girls team lost their final game of the year 0-4 to BVIS.

Looking forward to Season 3, SIS hopes to make Boys and Girls teams for U11 Basketball, U11 Swimming, U15/U13 Volleyball, U15/U13 Badminton and U19 Football. Signup sheets are posted outside of the Hall for any students interested in joining. Training will begin after the Tet holiday.

If you have questions, concerns or need any more information don't hesitate to ask Mr. Quinn or Mr. Seth.

**Quinn Donovan – PE Teacher**





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