



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGON SOUTH

NEWSLETTER

April 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4, SY 2021-2022.

It has been an exciting to begin a new school term with all classes in attendance. The students look so happy and enthusiastic to all be back at school.

As Covid-19 regulations improve in HCMC with regards to schools and restrictions we will continually keep parents updated.

I would like to share the following information highlighting special events and learning experiences for Term 4, 2022.

• **Vaccinations.**

SIS@SS has been informed by the HCMC health authorities that vaccinations for students 6 years of age to 11 years of age will begin early Term 4, 2022.

When specific dates are known to us all information will be shared with parents.

• **Covid-19 health and safety procedures.**

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank students, staff and parents for their ongoing support and assistance with continued covid-19 health and safety procedures at SIS@SS.

I am so proud of everyone's efforts and your continued efforts are valued and appreciated.

As regulations begin to relax, we will keep all in the school community informed.

• **SA 2 and Cambridge examinations.**

April, May and June are the months for ongoing Cambridge examinations in the high school and years 1 to 8 SA2 examinations. Please make sure students are well prepared for these examinations.

The TOS for grades 1 to 8 and the timeline for the Cambridge examinations has and will be shared with students and parents.

If you need any further assistance with anything concerning your child's learning at SIS@SS please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Best regards,

Mark Priddis – Principal

Dear Parents,

We continue to be pleased with student compliance of the “5 K Safety Measures”. Over the past several weeks we have seen a dramatic drop in the number of Covid cases, and life on campus is slowly returning to normal. Your continued support of our practices aimed at reducing exposure and minimizing the impact on learning is greatly appreciated.

A few other important notes that you should be aware of:

- **Swim lessons have returned!**

We are most fortunate to have retained the services of a highly qualified swimming instructor – Mr. Thai Khuong Ho, for the remainder of the year. He will be working with students from K1 through Year 6 to increase their water safety awareness and improve swimming proficiency. Class teachers & TAs will continue to attend lessons to provide additional supervision and support.

- **Semester 2 Exams will be taking place.**

From late May through early June students in Years 1-8 International & 1-9 Integrated will have their SIS Semester 2 exams. These are based on content the students have learnt since returning from Tet break, and time will be devoted to review as needed. Check with your child’s teacher for specific dates

- **Special Events Week**

The last week of each year is designated for special events, such as Sports Day or Spelling Bee, which are held in addition to usual subject lessons. Once the activities and days are finalized we will share the information for your planning purposes.

As always, should you have any questions please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or the front office for further information.

Warm regards,

Robert Madden
Deputy Principal / Pedagogy Coach



Dear Parents,

“The June Series of Cambridge exams is now underway. Students in IGCSE 2, AS and A Levels are preparing everyday with rigorous revision courses, for their upcoming exams. I remind all students to make sure they bring the correct apparatus such as calculators to each exam. Students in IGCSE 1 are continuing with study as usual, and are preparing for their upcoming Semester 2 exams.

The Graduation and Awards Ceremony is also taking place soon, and we look forward to being able to recognize the academic performances and achievement of many of our students, across the majority of official subjects.”

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal



Students are so excited with the activities in class



Dear Parents,

In Kindergarten we have spent the month of April with the exploration of space and the solar system. We learnt about the 8 planets finding out where each planet is in relation to the sun and made space themed arts and crafts.

In Prep students studied the stars and they attempted to make the constellations using geo boards and elastic bands. In K2 we made rockets and practiced counting backwards from 15 ready to launch them into space.

The beginning of Term 4 also meant that a few new students joined our Kindergarten classes. The older students show a lot more confidence joining activities and they have been lovely welcoming their new classmates helping them adjust.

In K1 students were so interested to learn more about their five senses and their phonetical knowledge have been progressing with the help of Letterland characters such as Munching Mike, Dippy Duck and Noisy Nick.

The return of swimming lessons in Term 4 has definitely been a highlight as most students were thrilled to be able to jump in the pool in this hot weather.

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (K1K)

**Dear Parents,**

It's hard to believe that we are already in Term 4! Now that we are approaching the end of the school year, teachers will be completing the instructional units listed in the Table of Specifications and beginning to prepare students for their end-of-year exams.

For more information about what will be covered in the exams or tips on how to study, please check in with your child's teachers.

Even though we are nearing the end of the year, there is still so much left to learn and experience in school before summer break. We are looking forward to finishing this year on a high note. We are so proud of all the hard work that our students have done during this difficult year and so grateful for the ongoing support from all of you as well!

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Year 1-5)

Students' activities at school

