



# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VUNG TAU NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back Students, Parents and Teachers,

It is wonderful to be back at school to start the new academic year like normal. Except for a few preventative measures because of the lingering Covid situation, we have started the year with renewed enthusiasm, having our students here in person from the start, doing normal school activities again and interacting with parents who are of such great importance to us. We have had our 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Teacher Meeting with all grade levels and we would like to thank all of our parents who attended. It was good to speak with you, sharing information on student progress and building rapport all-round.

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Wishing everyone a fun filled and successful 2022-2023 Academic Year!

## Year 8L HPE Mr. Rohan

This is an exciting first term for HPE. Not only are we all back from working remotely, but we can now engage, learn and of course have fun together in our physical education lessons personally. This term we are focusing on two sports which we will cover all aspects about. Alongside the practical aspect we will also learn valuable theoretical skills each term to increase our self-awareness and knowledge of self. This term that aspect is "Healthy bodies", which has to be one of my favorites.



As most of the students know, we have started with Dodgeball in term 1 learning all the fundamental full body skills including throwing, catching, running, dodging and assessing the situation. It has been well accepted by all students and we are having a great time learning through practice. As always, I will encourage all students

to engage more with each sport we cover at home to achieve better results and understanding.

As the year 2-8 students are moving towards swimming as their 2<sup>nd</sup> sport this term I would encourage all parents to make sure students have the appropriate attire and gear such as a swim cap and swim goggles (glasses) starting from the 05<sup>th</sup> of September. Looking forward to a great year!

***A very warm welcome to Mr Rohan (HPE teacher), Ms Debbie (KIK International teacher), all our parents, staff and students. A new academic year and we trust we will not have interruptions in our teaching and learning programme and all staff and students will have a very successful year.***

**Spelling Bee Winners 2022****The Road to Winning the Spelling Bee Championship**

It was not long ago that Aletheia Isis Lauderer (Primary Level Champion), Pham Hoang Vinh Thuy (Primary 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner) and Pham Hoang Xuan An (Secondary Level Champion) were declared BIG winners in the first-ever SIS campus-wide Spelling Bee competition. These students brought great pride and honor to SIS Vung Tau and were given accolades for their tremendous achievement.

These super spellers put great effort and dedication from the inter-class round to the school competition and finally advancing in the campus-wide competition. More than a month of preparation was spent and they even sacrificed their after-school time staying in school to practice and memorize their 300-word list not to mention juggling in between their schedules the semester 2 exams.

Well done to iGCSE 2 students of academic year 2021 2022!

Our teachers and students have been working during lock-down, online and in hybrid form to ensure that students are pacing the programme well. After the return to face-to-face classes in February, it was revision and exam preparation which started in April.

The hard work, dedication, Saturday classes, after school classes, teacher motivation and peer motivation paid off in spades. The results we could not have been prouder of under the very difficult circumstances for the past 2 years.

*Congratulations*



Good day, my name is Rohan Vosloo an enthusiastic and energetic educator joining SIS – Vungtau this year. I am a South African citizen that has worked all around the world teaching both Science and HPE at different levels in different cultures. I bring over 13 years of teaching experience to the team and will be teaching HPE for years 2-8, and Science for the year 7 international students. My wish is to have all students active, busy and full of energy especially after the recent Covid years.



I am Debbie Lewis-Williams and I have been an educator for many years, having taught in various countries and in South Africa. I have been in Vietnam for the past four years teaching 4-5 year olds at an International School in Ho Chi Minh City. For the students at SIS-Vung Tau, I look forward to instilling a sense of curiosity and wonder of the world around them and so develop a love of learning and wanting to know more.

We are pleased to announce that the June 2022 provisional results have been released for the IGCSE program, and the students had another wonderful year. Once again, we had one of the best years yet, with a high rate of both A-A\* (66%) and C-A\* (98%). This shows that students are not only finding near-perfect success with average or above average scores, but we have also continued to carry some of the best results in all eight years of the program for the A-A\* category. Of those, two students achieved all A-A\* marks. Nine students had A-A\* for over half of all their IGCSEs.



These results are a testament to the students' and teachers' hard work and dedication in the two-year program. Though small, our school continuously produces results that rival even the best institutions throughout the country. Through a spirit of collaboration from everyone, we can continually help each student achieve their absolute best.

We look forward to another wonderful year ahead and would like to congratulate the members of the IGCSE class of 2022!



## First day back to school of KIK students.



It has been around 2 years since the Covid-19 outbreak and after a long holiday, students are so eager to come back to school with happy, smiling faces. They can meet their friends and teachers after a very long time.

It was awesome to see them interact, playing games and further enjoy being at school. We trust that they will have an amazing year ahead.

### Notices:

- First class starts at 8:20 am daily – all students to start classes
- Term 1 ends on Monday 17 October 2022
- Term 2 starts on Monday 24 October 2022
- SA 1 Exams starts on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Christmas Break starts on Friday 19 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023

## Year 8L Science: When angels get mesmerized by osmosis

By Peter Ngangi Nguli - Department of Science

Did you know that angels too, get mesmerized by science?

Well, that is exactly what happened during a recent science lesson with year 8L pupils at Singapore International School, Vung Tau.

In 90 minutes of curiosity in the science laboratory, the little angels discovered that science and size matter. The pupils were carrying out a science investigation on osmosis using dialysis tubing. Osmosis has many applications in real life, such as in medicine and in preservation of fruits and meat.

Dialysis tubing is a semi-permeable membrane. It allows small molecules, such as water, to pass through easily, while larger molecules, such as sucrose, are restricted. Movement of molecules across the tubing is due to concentration gradients. In their experiment designed to study osmosis, several pieces of dialysis tubing were filled with sucrose solutions of varying concentration and placed in beakers containing distilled water. These were then placed in a water-bath for 15 minutes.

What the angels found was mesmerizing - water molecules pass from an area of high concentration to an area of low concentration across a semi-permeable membrane. Small molecules, such as water, pass through easily, while larger molecules, such as sucrose, are restricted.

This is called osmosis. And yes, in osmosis, size matters!





## Assemblies are back at SIS @ Vung Tau!



Mr. Dudley leads the Assembly on Wednesday for our wonderful SIS Vung Tau Students!

## Parent-Teacher Meetings 16 August to 18 August 2022:



Parents from Years 1-IGCSE 2 had the opportunity to meet with all of the teachers of their children this week to go over school and subject expectations for 2022-2023 Academic Year