

## NEWSLETTER

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#### VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

#### MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

 7 August 2023 – Start of 2023-2024 school year.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SIS Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends

And so, just like that, another successful academic year at SIS BDNC comes to an end.

Congratulations to our wonderful students for successfully navigating another milestone in their educational journey and I wish them all well as they prepare to face the challenges that lie ahead next year as they progress into the next phase of their school career.

I also wish to again extend a big word of thanks to all our parents who were always a constant source of love, support and encouragement for their children. Thank you for your support also for the school and all our programmes and activities.

And last, but not least, gratitude must go to our teachers who have guided our students through this past year with unwavering dedication and enthusiasm, inspiring them to always give of their best and to reach their potential.

At the end of June we said farewell to the following teachers: Kimberly Quiliza, Erin Quizo, Savie Calantas, Maika Valino, Odezza Pangilinan, Jamaica Andres, Elzet Smit, Luo Yu, Nicola Fouche, Richard Bates, Mark Richardson, and Chris Raggatt. We thank them for their services to SIS at BDNC and wish them all the best in the next stages of their careers. Details of replacement teachers will be advised soon.

In closing, I wish all students, parents, teachers and staff a safe and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in August to another richly rewarding academic year. Stay safe always.

Mark Watling Principal



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### PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Dear parents,

We are at the end of this academic year.

I would like to thank every student, parent and staff member for your effort and dedication this year.

Congratulations to every student that really tried his / her best in the final exam. Most of our students did very well and they can all feel proud of what they achieved this year. Without supportive parents and dedicated teachers, it would not have been possible.

Congratulations to our academic champions who received their awards at the End of Year Concert and Award Ceremony. Your consistent effort paid off and I wish you all the best for the next academic year. Those students and parents that were disappointed with their final results, take the opportunity to reflect and learn from this and put in a better effort next year. In this school we want everyone to feel like a champion and to be champions in life. Best of luck to the students that will write the iPSLE exam during the vacation.

Our Prep students graduated and they are all ready for the next phase. Our Y5A and Y6LA students received completion certificates as well. Congratulations!

A few teachers and students will start the new academic year at other schools. Thank you for everything that you have done at SIS BDNC. I wish you all the best wherever you go. I little piece of you will stay behind. I hope that you remember the positive things and that you also make an impact in your new environment.

I want to wish everyone a safe and peaceful Summer break. Cherish the time with your family and spend some quality time with your loved ones.

Kind and best regards

Mr. Philip van der Walt Head of Studies - Primary School



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### **HIGH SCHOOL REPORT**

#### Dear parents

Some people have been counting down the days, and now the end of the academic year has finally arrived. As we wrap up another successful year, it's time to reflect on the many accomplishments and experiences we have shared. This final report aims to capture the essence of our journey together.

This week, we have Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled, where academic reports will be distributed. These reports will undoubtedly be viewed with mixed emotions. Some students can be very proud of their academic achievements, and their hard work and dedication were recognized at the recent Awards Ceremony. We commend these students for their outstanding performance and encourage them to continue striving for excellence.

However, we must also acknowledge that there will be some students who need to reflect on how they can improve their time management and study habits for the upcoming year. The end of the academic year offers an opportunity for self-reflection and growth, and we are confident that these students will approach the next year with renewed determination and a commitment to reaching their full potential.

Arguably one of the biggest highlights of the year was the thoroughly enjoyable End of Year Concert held on 23 June. The stage came alive with amazing performances, showcasing the talent and hard work of our students. Every performance was a testament to the creativity and dedication of our students and staff. We extend our congratulations to everyone involved in making this event a resounding success.

With the end of the year also comes the inevitable farewells. We bid farewell to a number of teachers and students who will be moving on to new chapters in their lives. While parting ways is always bittersweet, we express our sincere gratitude for their contributions to our school community. We wish them the very best in all their future endeavors, and we hope that they will carry with them fond memories and valuable experiences from their time here.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to all parents for their unwavering support throughout the year. Your partnership and involvement are crucial to the success of our school, and we recognize that the support you provide is instrumental in creating a nurturing and enriching environment for our students. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education.

As the academic year draws to a close, we want to wish everyone a wonderful, safe, and hopefully relaxing vacation. Take this time to recharge, explore new horizons, and spend quality time with loved ones. To those returning, we eagerly look forward to welcoming you back on 7 August, as we embark on another exciting year of learning, growth, and endless possibilities.

Best wishes to all for a fantastic summer break!

Ms. Lizelle MacLachan Head of Studies - Secondary



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### **INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT**

### Dear parents

This month was the last month of the school year. We finished the school year with many joyful times, including our Ed of Year Concert where our students produced wonderful performances after many hours of practice over the past few weeks. We are proud of all of them.

We wish all students and parents a happy summer holiday and a successful school year in 2023-2024.

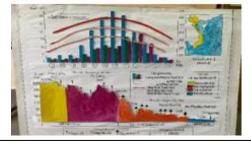
During this month, students in Y4A, Y5A, Y7A, Y8A and Y9A did some project work. Y4 and Y5A did the 'World in our Eyes', while Y7A and Y9A did 'We are for the Environment'. Y8A did 'Sliced Model Synthesizes Natural topography from Phan - xi - phang to Thanh Hoa province. We thank the teachers and students who participated in all the projects. Below are some photos.

### Ms. Kim Tri Head of Vietnamese





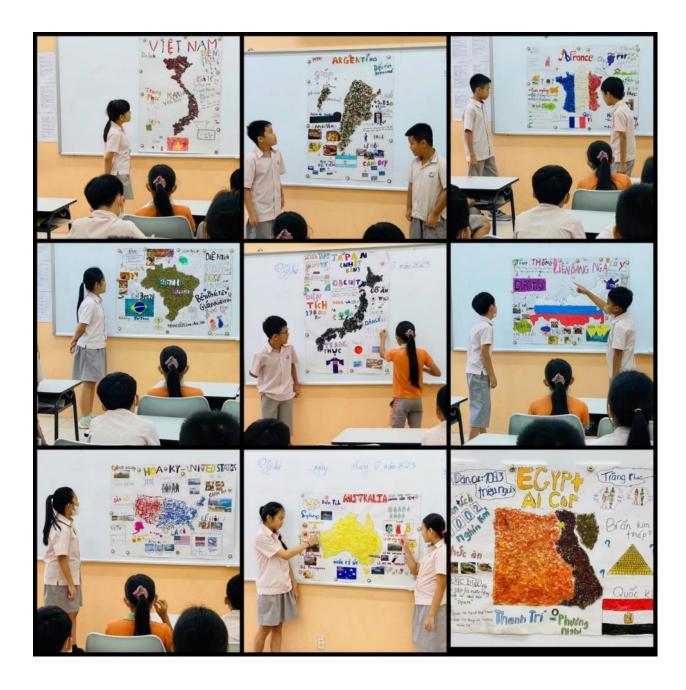






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### MERIT AWARDS SEMESTER 2 - 2022-2023

Merit Awards go to students who have achieved the following averages:

- 1. International average of 85% or higher in English, Math and Science combined.
- 2. Integrated 85% or higher in English.

Year	International	Integrated
1	Dinc Derin	Nguyen Bao Ngoc Lien Huong
	Lin Xuan Ru	Nguyen Khanh Quynh Dan
	Luong Gia Thinh	Nguyen Ngoc Minh
	Momoe Nakano	Tran Luong Thanh
	Nguyen Hoang Khoi	
	Nguyen Tri Lap	
	Tam Nhu Owen	
	Tran Le Anh Phuc Wu Ying Zhu	
2	Doan Quang Hung	Huynh Duong Khang
	Duong Tran Minh	Ly Bao Khang
	Luong Ly Ngan Lan	
	Wang Ze Zhi Thomas	
3	Celine Nguyen	Dang Quynh Vy
	Nguyen Ngoc Thien Kim	Nguyen Duy Bao
	Tee Kah Fuh Eric	
4	Arya Kumar Satyam	Doan Minh Nguyen Phuc
	Ayumi Nakano	Nguyen Duy Phong
	Nguyen Hoang Thien Kim	
	Pham Vinh Dat	
	Wang Meng Xi	
	Wang Zun Han	
5	Pham Hoang Thanh Nguyen	Dang Song Thu
		Hoang Bao Kim
6	Le Ho Ngoc Nhi	Tham Pham Tuyen
	Phan Dang Huynh Anh	
	Vo Phuc Nhu Y	
7	Marcia Ancilla Junarta	
8	Nguyen Mai Khoi	



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### **STEM UPDATE**

As the school year draws to a close, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have had in our STEM program. This year has been filled with exciting lessons, engaging projects, and remarkable achievements. Our commitment to promoting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education has truly blossomed, thanks to the combined efforts of our dedicated educators, enthusiastic students, and supportive heads. Here are some highlights from the past year:

- STEM Lesson Innovations: Our teachers have worked tirelessly to incorporate innovative teaching
  methods into their STEM lessons. From interactive simulations to hands-on experiments, our students
  have had the opportunity to engage with STEM concepts in dynamic and immersive ways. By fostering
  creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, our lessons have empowered students to
  become active learners and develop a genuine passion for STEM.
- Project-Based Learning: Project-based learning has been a core focus of our STEM program.
  Students have collaborated on various interdisciplinary projects that integrate multiple STEM
  disciplines, enabling them to apply their knowledge to real-world challenges. These projects have
  ranged from designing sustainable solutions for environmental issues to constructing and
  programming robots. Through these experiences, our students have honed their teamwork,
  communication, and research skills, preparing them for future success.
- STEM Competitions and Events: Our students have actively participated in numerous STEM
  competitions and events throughout the year, showcasing their talents and representing our school
  with distinction. Our students have consistently demonstrated their dedication, ingenuity, and
  commitment to excellence. These events have provided invaluable opportunities for personal growth,
  fostering confidence, resilience, and a competitive spirit.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue expanding our STEM program, exploring new opportunities, and enriching the educational experiences of our students. We remain committed to fostering a love for STEM, nurturing critical thinking skills, and preparing our students for the challenges of the future.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the students, parents and teachers who have supported our STEM program throughout the year. Your dedication and enthusiasm have made this journey a remarkable one.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer break and looking forward to an even more exciting and successful year ahead!



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