



NEWSLETTER

April 2021

Dear Parents,

As we move into the second half of Term 4, 2021 I would like to highlight the following school celebrations and events.

SA2 Examinations.

A reminder to all students and Parents that SA2 examinations will take place in the early weeks of June. Please check the table of specifications, TOS for student expectations and units of study for student learning.

Cambridge Examinations.

Cambridge examinations will begin late April and continue throughout May and June. Examination timetables have been shared and communicated to all students.

School Concert News.

The school graduation and concert will take place on Thursday 24th of June, 2021 at SIS@SS. All details will be communicated to parents soon.

OBV End of year experiences.

Outward Bound educational experiences will continue until the end of the current Academic Year.

All dates and information will be shared with students concerning their OBV experience. Please contact the school office if further information is needed.

A reminder to all Parents that student information should be kept up to date. If there are any changes with any areas concerning student information please let the office know so our records need to be kept up to date.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal

Dear Parents,

As we enter the fourth and final term of the school year you are to be commended for the continued support and encouragement of your children. Their hard work and respectful behavior have led to much success, not to mention a positive school environment.

“No Hat = No Play” – As with most of the other International Schools in Ho Chi Minh City, we have adopted the policy requiring students to wear hats when playing in the Courtyard or on the Field. Reducing sun exposure in this way is a safety measure, one we are already seeing widespread support for and compliance with. If your child does not have an appropriate hat to wear please remind them it is necessary.

Semester Exams – The “SA2” exams for Years 1-9 will be taking place from 24 May through 2 -June. Students in both the Integrated and International Programs will sit for the four English exams of Listening, Speaking, Writing, and Language & Comprehension, while International students will also have exams for science and mathematics (students in Integrated will have already taken their M.O.E.T exams in these subject areas).

Please also stay aware of other updates that go home -usually via email- regarding activities, events, and deadlines such as parent survey, enrollment for AY2021-22, student grade reports, and the End of Year Concert. Should you have questions you should contact your child’s Main/Form Teacher or TA, or check with the Office Admin.

We are grateful for your continued support of the school as we work together to provide a safe, positive, effective learning experience.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).



Giving certificates for students getting high score for the Dyned programme

Dear Parents,

At the start of Term 4, several of our Junior and Senior students received recognition for their progress in the Dyned Program. These students received a certificate for moving to a new level in the program. We have continued to have an increase in certificates awarded each term and we expect this to continue throughout Term 4. The Dyned Program is an excellent tool for students to build their English proficiency and receive an Internationally recognized certificate each time they complete a level.

In Term 3, our school introduced Dyned Open study sessions during lunch breaks and an after school ECA program to give students the extra opportunity to use the Dyned program at school with guidance. We have seen high numbers of students attending these sessions and we hope this trend will continue. It is an excellent chance for students to get Dyned time during school hours.

In Term 4, we are planning to implement a Dyned Mentor Program which will offer peer support throughout the school. Students will be selected based on their commitment to the Dyned program and are available to offer one on one support to students who are in need of additional guidance.

We look forward to the continued success of the Dyned program and increased English proficiency in all our students.

Caroline Atkinson – Deputy Principal



*Presentation of Students during the weekly
Assembly*

Dear Parents,

“The final Cambridge exams for June 2021 have begun with the speaking exams for Chinese and English, and the practical exams for IGCSE ICT having been completed. Written exams start shortly in May, and all students should be making preparations based on the dates already provided to them.

One of the best preparation methods for any exam across any subject, is to focus your attention on the past papers for that subject. Not only do you get a better idea of the type of questions that will be asked, and the sections which tend to carry more weight, but you will also learn to interpret the language used. This will prevent surprises on exam day, and will enable you to answer the questions to the best of your ability.

High School OBV trips are on schedule for after the exams, and we all look forward to the fun and relaxation that comes with outdoor learning programs.”

Donovan Neethling - Head of Studies (High school)



Year 3 International students during the STEM lesson

Dear Parents,

April is the last month for SISAC sports competition for our U15 Volleyball Team, U13 Badminton and U11 Basketball and U11 Swimming. This month we've competed against AMIS, RISS, CIS, BVIS, ABC and SSIS in all sports.

Our young U11 Swim Team competed in their first meet against CIS and performed very well, placing in the top 3 in numerous events. U11 Girls basketball has won 3 games already this season while the boys are still hoping for their first win. U13 Badminton has shown lots of potential in close competitions.

Due to SISAC rules, the U15 Boys Volleyball team will be the only team competing for a league championship. The SIS sports program hopes to continue to grow after a challenging past two years. We have a bright future in all sports with lots of enthusiasm and participation from our Primary level students.

Remember to wear a hat outside when playing in the sun to avoid harmful UV rays. 'No Hat No Play' is being implemented at our school to keep us all safe and healthy as the weather changes.

Quinn Donovan – PE Teacher

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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! We hope everyone had a wonderful spring break and is returning fresh and ready for the last term of school year.

Thank you to all the teachers who encouraged their students to enter our “Living Legends” Writing Competition sponsored by Student Council this year! We had fantastic submissions and after much consideration by the judges, we are pleased to announce two winners of the competition are as follows:

- 1st Place winning Prize for Primary Students is **Kendall** from Y3 International
- 1st Place winning Prize for Secondary Students is **Arushi** from Y8 International

Please pass on our thanks and congratulations to all of your students who participated – we were very impressed by the high standard of the entries, especially since the majority of students were not writing in their native language.

Student Council continues to work on our initiatives for Term 4 so please keep watching for further updates.

The Student Council



Students with the school activities





OBV's activities for Year 7 & 8 International students