

NEWSLETTER



OBV's activities

Dear Parents,

A warm SIS welcome to Term 3.

The new term has begun and there are many positive learning experiences for students that will be taking place this term.

I would now like to share some of these events and programs with our school community:

Reports for Semester 1.

Student reports have now been sent home to parents. Please make sure that you discuss and congratulate your child on their progress and growth. Always a good opportunity to set learning goals and highlight areas for future learning improvement for the term and Semester 2.

Parent Teacher Conferences.

Parent-Teacher Conferences took place in week 3 of Term 3. A sincere thank you to those parents who took this opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher. A great opportunity to discuss your child's academic and social progress.

School virtues and SWLG programs.

The Virtues and SWLG programs continue in Term 3. The virtue theme is that of Persistence, with the virtues being covered of perseverance, honesty, self-discipline, optimism and commitment. Both SWLGs and virtues are presented at weekly assemblies and parent and friends are very welcome to attend these weekly assemblies.

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All students in Years 6 and 7 have now been to Outward Bound Vietnam this month. This has been an exciting and wonderful learning experience for all students. The school will continue to share the photos and power points designed by the classes on the school website, newsletter and presented at assembly time each week.

Sports Day.

A huge congratulations to Mr. Andy and Ms. Tash for their organization of the recent sports day held at SIS@SS. The student council representatives did a great job assisting too. A great day was had by all, with students having an enjoyable time, demonstrating their sporting skills and participating in the many events with great school spirit and enthusiasm.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal.



Sports Day

Dear Parents,

The second semester has begun with many activities, such as Sports Day, Grade Reports, OBV, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and Book Fair all within the first month. Hopefully your child is finding the many activities to be interesting and engaging. A few notes to share:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences – though we set aside a week specifically for parents to meet with teachers and discuss their child’s progress please know that you are welcome to set an appointment at others times as you feel necessary as communication between classroom and home is very important.
- Outward Bound Vietnam – four more classes have gone away for their OBV experience. We are very pleased with the feedback from students and staff, as well as parents. It seems that the goals of students learning teamwork, becoming more independent, and gaining new skills are all being met through this program. We have one more group, the Year 8 classes, who will go May 6-10.
- After school – supervision is not available after the end of lessons, so in the interest of safety the Playground is closed to students (the Field is sometimes used for sports clubs). This adheres to the school policy of “No Teacher, No Play”.

We greatly appreciate all that you do at home to support our efforts at school. By modeling the virtues cooperation and teamwork we can ensure a successful learning experience is had by all. Should you have questions or concerns about anything we do on campus please feel free to make an appointment with the Office to come in for a chat.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal.

Dear Parents,

Singapore International School, like most schools, is awash with data in regards to student learning. Our difference is that we strategically assist SIS teachers to be actively involved in reading and digesting data to improve student learning.

Our professional teachers specifically integrate learning activities that reflect on curricula intentions that aim to inclusively challenge student learning at all levels. Singapore International Schools are focused on continual improvement and preparing students for future academic success. As part of our focus on quality educational outcomes, supported by data, KinderWorld has introduced the International Schools Assessment (ISA) as a means of monitoring students' levels of achievement and improvement over time.

The ISA test is used by schools throughout the world and around 90 000 students participated in the 2017-18 academic year. The tests are specifically developed to provide schools with diagnostic feedback so that they can monitor the effectiveness of their learning programs. There is no 'pass' or 'fail' mark and the tests are not used for school reports cards. The test data is only used internally by SIS.

This academic year, Year 3 and Year 5 students participated in the ISA Mathematics Literacy tests and Reading & Writing tests during the mornings of Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21th of February. The ISA Tests will be introduced for Year 7 from 2019-2020. Data from these tests will help our school to monitor and compare student progress over time.

Speaking about using data to improve learning, now is a splendid time to sit with your children to celebrate their learning growth. Semester One school reports are a good place to start. Teachers are available during parent/teacher interviews and will support this important dialogue. Together we collaboratively ensure that positive student learning is our shared goal.

Thank you for your support in learning.

Thomas Annis - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).



Students participating in APMOP exam



Activities for Sports Day



Dear Parents,

During the month of February, the children spent some time discussing feelings and learning more about respecting the feelings of others. There are so many ways to help your child continue developing these areas at home. Describing your own feelings in clear, simple language provides a model for your child to do the same. For instance, you might say, "I'm happy that you remembered to put away your books," or, "I'm sad that our trip to Grandma's house is finished."

You can also help your child to cope with upsets by providing an acceptable way to vent negative emotions. You might ask an angry child to draw a picture of what they are feeling or do some physical activity, such as running or tossing a ball, until they feel calmer. Being able to share their feelings in appropriate ways will help your child communicate more effectively with the people around them.

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten)



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Activities for students during Sports Day

Dear Parents,

Season 2 is over. Another hugely successful season for the Merlions. All teams performed well at their City Championships, the boys and girls U14 football did well and were both unlucky not to come home with the trophy. The girls finished 2nd and the boys narrowly missed out on the final eventually finishing 4th. Once again another table tennis tournament was won by Singapore, this time it was the turn of the U14 team lead by team Captain Derek. The stand out performers were the U19 Girls Basketball team. This was a new team for this year and the majority of the team was made up of U14 players, they were outstanding at the tournament and beat TIS in the final. All students had a great time on Sports Day, it was very competitive and for the first time it ended in a draw between Kitsune and Firebird.

Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator

Dear Parents,

Dear Parents and members of the SIS Family,

During the past month, The Student Council have been working and planning on the upcoming Culture Fest. We been thinking on a suitable date of the event to ensure students can relax and have a fun time after their stressful weeks of examinations.

Culture Fest this year will be aiming to improve the experience of both students and visitors, thriving to be a memorable experience for all, students, parents and teachers.

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The Student Council

