



#### 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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At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:

- Academic Achievers
- Confident communicators
- Critical Thinkers
- Technologically literate students
- Active and Responsible citizens



Visitors from Brunei

Dear Parents,

The end of our first term for the new academic year is approaching. As we prepare to move into term 2, I would like to share and reflect on the following.

#### \*School Communication.

An important area of education is that of communication between parents and the school. Parent school partnership is significant for all areas of student learning. I encourage all parents to please contact the school if there is any changes to student information or concerns with regard to their learning. Open honest communication between parents and the school is so important to ensure positive student learning and continuous improvement.

#### \*Virtues program.

The school virtues program is a positive strength at SIS@SS and is implemented into the curriculum on a daily basis at school. This term's virtue theme is that of getting along. Students are learning about the virtues of care, integrity, patience, generosity and teamwork. Virtues are introduced at weekly assemblies and reinforced in the classrooms. Positive learning experiences for young global citizens.

#### \*With thanks.

Thank you so much for the recent positive response with regard to the request for parents and cares to pick students up from school when their school day is completed. This has greatly improved. At 5.00 pm each day the playground is closed and children are not supervised. Many children become very distressed when not picked up on time.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Yours in learning,

**Mark Priddis – Principal.**



Weekly Junior Assembly



OBV training



Students present virtue  
"Integrity"

Dear Parents,

We hope you are feeling as good about the start of the year as we are. Students seem to be quite happy, as usual, and new staff consistently express how pleased they are to be here. When everyone feels so positive about their environment it can only lead to great things happening. We look forward to seeing how the year progresses.

A few notes:

Drop off/pick up – please be advised that supervision is not available prior to 8:00 or after 17:00. Therefore, it is important that students are not brought to campus too early or left to be picked up too late. If this does occur you may receive a written reminder of the campus hours and policy regarding supervision. Your cooperation in this matter of child safety is greatly appreciated.

End of term reports – written reports will be sent home at the conclusion of Term 1. These will provide insight into student proficiency and progress, and will be followed up with opportunities for parents to meet one-on-one with teachers.

Questions or concerns – if you would like to discuss school-related issues you are asked to make an appointment with the front office. Forms are available to indicate the topic, person with whom you would like to speak, and times you are available. This process will allow us to more efficiently serve your needs.

As always, we are extremely grateful for the trust you put in us to look after your children. This is a duty we take very seriously, and strive to do to the best of our abilities. Working together we can ensure each child moves towards reaching their highest potential.

Respectfully,

**Robert Madden - Deputy Principal.**





K2 Int'g students



Reading to younger students



Students reading books together

Dear Parents,

The first month of Kindergarten has been so enjoyable. The boys and the girls have done a great job separating from you and adjusting to our daily routine. Although there is some initial crying at arrival time and during some transitions, all of them are beginning to attach to their new teachers, exploring their new classroom, and meeting new friends. Our themes in September provided rich opportunities for children to get to know more about each other, talk about their families and friends, look at their five senses and think about how their bodies work. We continue to review classroom rules and procedures, learn how to play with each other nicely as well as how to communicate with other people appropriately.

**Le Trang Nhung – Teacher of K2 Integrated Class**

Dear Parents,

Our school is continuing to use a wonderful reading support program called RAZ-Kids. Students are using this in their classrooms and at home as well. This is a great resource to help build, reading, speaking and comprehension skills in English. Students are able to access this program online and their reading progress is tracked. With this program there is the option to have your student listen to the story or they can read it aloud and practice themselves. After completing a story, they are asked comprehension questions evaluating different reading skills. Once the students have successfully read and answered their questions correctly they are able to advance to the next reading level. RAZ-Kids is an extremely beneficial reading program and if you have any questions please feel free to ask your child's teacher.

**Danielle Hoyer - Head of Studies (Y1 – Y5)**

Dear Parents,

There is no doubt that reading is very important for Chinese learners. To learn this language, does not mean that to cram to learn a lot of grammar and new words, it will be very boring. It make students lose the motivation.

As we know, reading, can help them out. But inappropriate reading, or unsuitable reading materials, make it worse-the children feel frustrated and discouraging. Parents want their children to read, but it seems very difficult.

Recently, a reading APP (ios/ android) WAWAYAYA become popular in many international school in a worldwide range.





Outward Bound Vietnam



Y1 Int'g Class in Opening Ceremony



Flag Raising Ceremony

The teachers in SIS found it to be very useful for Chinese learning after careful trial. It has more than 1 thousand of Chinese books, all leveled according to American language teaching system, from level A to T, 20 levels. So that students take graded reading way to see where are they, but also see their own progress. Each reading material is with quiz. In this APP, each Chinese characters can be found in the pronunciation and meaning, as well as strokes order.

In SIS, classes will try out this APP, they are Y8 Int'l, Y9 Int'd, IGCSE 1. Parents who are interested can search and download it from apple store or google play. Also can contact Mr. Phillip for further inquiry.

**Phillip Lin - Head of Studies (Chinese)**

Dear Parents,

The students have been at school for 7 weeks now. It is a busy time! After first week, getting to know new teachers and new friends, but nowadays, the students are familiar with the classrooms, teachers' voices as well as teachers' lessons. The children learn, play with each other, having fun. School likes a second home.

Besides the lessons, the school hold extra activities that help the children to have appropriate life skills in real life. The outdoor activities are for students from Grade 6 to High School. They can participate in these activities with the members of Outward Bound Viet Nam (OWBVN). Although the time for OWBVN is not much but OWBVN certainly helped the students quickly to integrate into the group activities, have many creative activities and have more confidence of themselves in real life.

The youth nowadays should be encouraged to take part in outdoor activities of Outward Bound Vietnam.

**Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh  
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies**

Dear Parents,

The U19 Volleyball season is underway. The Merlions started their season against the Australian International School and both the boys and girls put in very encouraging performances. Under new coaches, Ms Tash and Ms Elri, the girls battled hard but ended up narrowly losing 2-1.





"The perfect play" Designated setter, Tru, setting up Criss for an unstoppable spike!



Student Council AY 2017-2018



Spirit Week: "Crazy Hair Day"

The boys came out comfortable 2-0 winners in their match and it seems like Mr Rick's extra lunch time training sessions are working. There are two upcoming volleyball games as SIS take on Saigon South International School and Canadian International School in the space of 4 days. U11 and U14 Basketball is about to start with the boys and girls making the trip to Nha Be to play the American International School next week. Veteran coaches, Mr Quinn and Mr William, will be accompanied this year by Mr Aaron and Mr Jerome respectively. There are also a number of new squad members who are very excited to start the season. We wish them all the best of luck!

**Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator**

Dear Parents,

Spirit Week is coming up!

There will be events and themed days for the whole week, all involving students and staff. This is to give everyone a chance to get to know each other in their house team and generate friendly competitions.

On Monday, we are starting off with a ribbon activity where everyone will have to try & keep their house coloured ribbon for the entire week. On Tuesday, it is Crazy Hair Day, to allow everyone's creativity to shine! On Wednesday, there is going to be an amazing Treasure Hunt. Get it on and win lots of house points. On Thursday, we are back with another themed day, Crazy Socks Day. Friday finally marks the end of the week, KIK students are going to be engaged with fun activities, planned just for them. A huge bursting celebration will end with a school-wide show stopper. Get ready to vote for your favourite teachers with Teacher Dunking.

Student council wishes everyone to have a great time!

**Angela Guidici - High school Teacher**