



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Parents,

September has seen students really begin to apply themselves to their new academic year's subjects and requirements. ECA's also began in earnest, and we are pleased that we have been able to offer more separate and unique ECA's than ever before!

Teachers have been carefully monitoring progress during this time period, allowing us to assess each student's strengths and areas for improvement. I would like to take this opportunity to mention some of the school programs that will begin from term 2. Each of these will further highlight and improve your child's academic and social success:

1. Our English as an Additional Language (EAL) program begins in Term 2: Rigorous testing and analysis has helped the EAL team identify which students do not yet meet their year level requirements for English. These students will be placed in an intensive supplementary program to help aid their English Language development.

2. Our English Only Policy also kicks off in term. This is a policy whereby students are encouraged to practice their English Speaking skills throughout the school, in all public spaces, not just within the confines of the English lessons. This is a policy that has been proven successful in aiding in increased speaking proficiency, and we look forward to the positive impact it will have.

3. We will also begin our new House Team System. Named for the 4 sacred animals of Vietnam; Dragon, Phoenix, Turtle and Unicorn, this new system will allow students to compete not just on the sport's fields, but also every day in the classroom. Students will be awarded with points on a consistent basis, based on how well they perform in all tasks related to our School-Wide Learner.

Goals (SWLG's), and points will be tallied on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis for regular and appropriate rewards. We are excited for the challenges and opportunities this presents for students to showcase their talents day to day!

More on each of these school wide improvements will be presented in a more in-depth letter to parents, to be released shortly.

Best regards,
**Donovan Ryan Neethling, Med
Principal**



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Dear Parents,

As we near the end of Term 1, we are proud to look back on the strong start this academic year has revealed. One of the highlights so far has been the level of student engagement across the wide range of opportunities provided—each designed to strengthen our sense of community, develop skills, and, most of all, ensure an enjoyable experience at SIS.

We have seen record levels of participation in after-school competitive sports, with new teams formed for Volleyball and Cross Country. Nearly a third of all high school students have applied to earn a place in the coveted Student Leadership Council, with a large majority on track for full confirmation in Term 2. Students have also joined multiple extra-curricular activities throughout the week, a testament to our commitment to responding to their feedback and offering new and exciting opportunities. Outward Bound trips are underway, and we are sending a higher percentage of students than ever before—reflecting the clear value of this program, which continues to be a true strength of the SIS educational experience.

Each year brings new challenges, but also the character and drive of each unique student cohort. We are excited by how this year has begun and look forward to the many opportunities still ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your valuable support and positive contributions to our school community.

Best regards,
Joshua Lowery
Deputy Principal

In celebration of the National Opening Ceremony, on September 5th, 2025, The World of Children Primary and Secondary School held a warm and solemn Opening Ceremony for the 2025–2026 academic year. The event welcomed all beloved students, especially those entering Grade 1 and Grade 6.

Throughout September, in addition to focusing on review and midterm assessments for the first semester, the school organized a Mid-Autumn Festival celebration for students with various activities such as: a recycled lantern-making contest, lantern parade, lion dance performance, and classroom parties.

We wish you and your family a joyful and fulfilling Mid-Autumn Festival.

Best regards,
Vuong Y Binh- Head of Vietnamese Studies



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Dear Parents

We are well into the second month of school, and our Secondary and High School students are fully engaged and hitting their stride! With the settling-in period over, we are now focusing on deepening academic content and celebrating progress.

Teachers are delivering more complex units of study, helping students develop crucial critical thinking and time management skills. Many classes have recently completed Control Week assessments so this is a key time for students to review feedback and establish strong study habits for the rest of the year.

A vital part of success is communication so if you have any concerns about your student's workload, subject content, or well-being, please reach out directly to their Form Teacher. Communication between home and school is crucial for your student's success so we encourage you to regularly check the school's KWapp and Edupage for updates on your child's school activities, assignments and grades. We are here to partner with you!

Ryan Dalton- Head of Studies (High School and Secondary)

This term has been full of excitement and joyful learning for our primary students. Each class had the chance to go on an educational yet fun trip, which not only supported what they are learning in the classroom but also gave them the opportunity to explore, discover, and make wonderful memories with their friends and teachers. These trips are always such a highlight, bringing learning to life in the most meaningful way.

In our assemblies, we have been shining a spotlight on phonics, helping our young learners grow in confidence as readers and writers. It has been a delight to watch their enthusiasm and to celebrate the progress they are making each week. We have also enjoyed some truly inspiring presentations on our School-Wide Learner Goals, where students showed creativity, teamwork, and a real love of learning. We are so proud of all they have achieved this term!





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🌟 September Highlight: *My School* 🌟

Dear Parents,

This month, our little learners are exploring the wonderful world of school—classrooms, supplies, special places, and friendships! We're learning how to care for our things, work together, and appreciate the spaces that help us grow. From classroom tours to friendship crafts, it's all about discovering what makes school feel like a second home. Children are also practicing routines, sharing responsibilities, and celebrating the joy of learning with friends. It's a month of giggles, connection, creativity, and confidence-building!



Home Connection Tips for Families

- **School Talk Time:** Ask your child to describe their classroom or a favorite place at school. Use questions like "What do you like to do there?" or "Who do you play with?"
- **Practice with Supplies:** Let your child help organize crayons, pencils, or glue at home. This builds responsibility and fine motor skills.
- **Role Play School:** Set up a mini "classroom" at home where your child can be the teacher. It's a great way to reinforce routines and vocabulary.
- **Friendship Moments:** Talk about what it means to be a good friend. Share stories from your own school days to connect and inspire.

Best Regards,
Billy Hare- Head of Studies (Primary)

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- Create a School Book: Help your child make a simple scrapbook with drawings or photos of their school, classroom, and friends.

Thank you, families, for your continued support and love. Together, we make school a joyful place to grow and shine!



Warm regards,
Le Trang Nhung- Lead Teacher
(Kindergarten)