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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



Management meeting with WASC

**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.

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to all in our school community. We have begun a new school semester and a brand new school term.

I hope everyone enjoyed the recent TET holiday, as I certainly did, as it was my first TET experience, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I continue to learn and experience so much about this great country. Life is one big journey and we have so much to learn from each other.

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to staff, students and parents for their positive contributions and participation at our recent parent teacher interviews, held in Week 2 of this term. These interviews are such a positive learning experience for all. Teachers and parents coming together to discuss the learning progress of individual students after all their hard work and learning throughout Semester 1 as reflected in the end of Semester 1 examinations. I personally would like to acknowledge and congratulate all students for their positive contributions to their studies. I'm sure, both parents and teachers are very proud of the hard work and personal improvement by many students, as reflected in the reports. As we progress to a new school semester, this is a great opportunity to reflect on Semester 1 progress, and set new goals for student learning for Semester 2. We can all strive for continual improvement in our learning, both in the classroom and in all aspects of school life. I encourage all in our school community to reflect, plan, and improve. A learning mantra I believe in, and often like to share.

The school virtues program this term is related to the theme of persistence - an important life skill for everyone. In the early weeks of this term, students will be reflecting on the virtues of perseverance, honesty, and self-discipline. Setting goals, and

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Book Fair 2016



Staff meeting with WASC



K1-K2 International

discussing the importance of always trying hard in our learning at school, and not giving up when sometimes we can feel a little frustrated or we can't do something. Parents are encouraged to discuss these virtues at home with their children. These are important Eastern values, positive foundations for the development of ongoing life skills.

I would also like to thank our school community for the support and participation in the school Book Fair. Members from WASC, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, visited SIS@SS recently. The team met with teachers, parents and students, in a busy week that was such a rewarding learning experience for all the school community.

A great success!

Yours in learning,

**Mark Priddis – Principal**

Dear Parents,

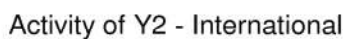
As we enter the second half of Term 3, please know the school year is going quite well. In fact, all last week we had visitors from the American accreditation agency "WASC" on campus. Their visit involved reviewing documents about the school and observing classrooms, as well as meeting with students, parents and staff. During the final presentation they emphasized how polite, friendly, and engaged the students are. While we wholeheartedly agree with the assessment, credit for their wonderful behaviour belongs to you. Many thanks.

Some gentle reminders as we move forward in Semester 2:

Parents on campus – We understand that it can be difficult to watch a child struggle with gaining a new skill. However, in the struggle there is learning. It is crucial that we allow them to do develop independence. Therefore, please make sure to depart campus prior to 8:30, the start of classes. Parents should only be on campus during class time if meeting with staff or attending an invitational event.

Dismissal / pick-up – At the conclusion of the school day (3:30 for International K-4 and high school, 4:15 for International 5-8 and Integrated), children are to be either involved with an ECA or on their way home. Those who wait for a sibling or parent to pick them up must be in the Canteen, where they can sit quietly and read, draw, or begin homework.





**Robert Madden – Deputy Principal**

**Nicola Cormack – Y2 Int'l Teacher**

Fun activities were planned all week for students from Kindy to IGCSE. All classes created wonderful Author Corner bulletin boards with their English teachers. This helped introduce students to many new authors they may not have heard of before. We had scavenger hunts, reading in the dark with buddy classes, D.E.A.R time (Drop Everything And Read), and character dress up to name a few!





Students reading books



Senior High School students checking out the Crystal Palace Hotel in Phu My Hung.



Reading Week

Thanks to all the students and parents who supported our Book Fair that was in the hall all week. We raised a lot of money and we have purchased many new books for the library! It was a super week. Thank you to Ms. Marianna, Ms. Nicola, Mr. James and Ms. Annette for all their help and hard work putting together such a fun event!

**Sharla Scott – Head of Studies (Y5 – Y9)**

Dear Parents,

**School Spirit runs high at Saigon South**

It is hard to believe we are already well into Term 3 and for that reason we come closer to the date where we will say goodbye to six of our much cherished students from the GAC and A Level programs and soon they will be joining our ever growing list of our proud alumni. On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February some SIS students and teachers went around Phu My Hung in District 7 to inspect a few venues for our end of academic year prom and graduation night which is slated for the 28 June 2016. What makes this event extra special is that some members of the IGCSE 1 class have formed a committee to help with the planning of the night as well as already starting some fund raising activities such as selling drinks and popcorn to our students on campus. We feel this is a great tradition that addresses some important school virtues such as Teamwork, Care, Generosity, Service and Cooperation. We thank the IGCSE 1 students for their kind support and look forward to a wonderful evening in June.

**Robert Gayst – Head of Studies (Senior High School)**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after a wonderful Tet holiday to continue studying and have fun with our teachers and friends. The main virtues have been Perseverance - Honesty - Discipline.

In March, besides the theme of moral education, the school has organized "Reading Week" for all students. It was such a fantastic event which included lots of well-known authors, works with various types from comic book for kids to books for senior students. The students were excited to participate.

The students were guided to summarize a work by drawing picture or writing a passage about what they like most. It is an activity that helps students to develop their presentation skill regarding work or an author's biography they love.





Ms. Trần Thị Kim Trí (Literature Teacher – Grade 6-7 Integrated Programme won the Second Place in Distinction Teacher of Secondary Level Contest.



Basketball Team members – U19

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This also helps students improve their English skills. These are educational goals of our school.

Congratulations on the achievements of "Reading Week".

**Phung Thi Tuyet Minh**

**Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies**

Dear Parents,

The U19 Boys Basketball team faced many setbacks throughout the season, but was able to bounce back and make history to win the first ever U19 Boys Basketball championship for SIS! Playing only 3 games in their short season, SIS finished with one blowout win (against EIS) and 2 tough losses (against SSIS and AMIS). After losing veteran point guard Sam to a knee injury in the final game of the season, the team's future looked doubtful. The championship tournament at SSIS was a round robin format against EIS, ISHMC, BVIS and SSIS. The boys fought hard and beat every team in an exciting tournament, with thrilling action against BVIS and SSIS. MVP performances from Andy Chu and Tuan pushed SIS to victory in the crucial moments through clutch shooting and tight defense, along with strong performances from Andy Nguyen, Bosco, Michael and Hoang. "Hard work pays off" - Mr. Quinn.

**Daniel Mitchell – Athletic Coordinator**

Dear Parents,

March was History month and Student Council helped bring history to life by having a history trivia quiz. Students had to match famous people with the flag of their respective countries. This was also a great way to introduce the students to different countries from around the world to prepare them for Culture Fest.

Culture Fest was held on March 24. Culture Fest allowed students to be surrounded by the cultures of 15 different countries. We sold delicious traditional food, had fun activities, wonderful cultural performances and a Fashion Show so we could see beautiful costumes from countries around the world. This year, we introduced BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle). BYOB required students to bring their own food container and bottle so we could reduce plastic waste.

Student Council would like to thank all the students, teachers and parents who helped make Culture Fest such a great, educational day.

**Student Council**