



NEWSLETTER



Tet's decoration



Parents, Teachers and Students in Preparatory Integrated wrapping Chung's cake for Tet 2019

Dear Parents,

As Term 2 comes to a close and wish everyone in our school community a very Happy New Year.

2019 is now with us and I would like to acknowledge the hard work and positive contributions to student learning at SIS@SS, by staff and students which has been most appreciated and valued by all associated with the school.

Semester 1 examinations have now been completed and reports will go home early term 3, with Parent Teacher Conferences taking place in week 3, term 3, 2019.

Parent teacher conferences are always a great way for teachers and parents to come together to discuss student learning and set new learning goals for the new term ahead. This too assists students to reflect on their learning and strive for future improvement in their studies.

The schools virtues program continues, with the theme being that of Persistence. A hard word to understand and pronounce which basically means always trying to do your best and not giving up, when something feels too difficult or boring. The virtues taught next term will be perseverance, honesty, self-discipline, optimism and commitment.

TET holiday is fast approaching, so on behalf of the staff I would like to wish everyone in our school community a happy and safe TET holiday.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal.

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Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the new semester please be advised of several reminders regarding school facilities, as well as important upcoming events.

Events

- Extra-Curricular Activities - ECAs for Semester 2 will begin 4 March and run until 31 May. Some sports calendars may vary, so check with your child's coach to make sure.
- Tet holiday – classes will end 25 January and resume 11 February.
- Semester 1 Grade Reports – reports will be sent home Week 2 of Term 3.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences – Parents are invited to make an appointment with their child's teacher(s) Week 3 of Term 3. Additional information will be provided along with the grade reports.

Facilities

- Playground & Field – these areas are closed prior to 8:30am and after 3:30pm (except for sports teams or ECAs). Students may not use these areas during closure as staff supervision is not available.
- Courtyard – students may play in the Courtyard after they finish lessons until 5:00pm. However, Football/Soccer is not allowed due to safety concerns.

Thank you again for your support throughout Semester 1. Best wishes to you and your family for a happy, healthy 2019/Year of the Pig.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal.



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to all in our school family!

The 2019 year of the Pig stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can collaboratively help write that success story by working with all learners to set goals. This is the perfect time to directly speak with your children, explicitly reflecting on and celebrating what went well in Semester One and what they plan on doing to achieve more in Semester Two.

The upcoming TET break is a splendid time to touch base and continue building strong and open discussions with your sons and daughters about their learning. A year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a forward progression enhanced by former experience. Please make the most of it and know that teachers, administrators and staff at SIS @ Saigon South are available to support you. We appreciate this honor and look forward to the many learning opportunities ahead such as Student STEM DAY, TET Celebrations, OBV Excursions and so much more.

Thomas Annis - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).



Excursion to "Green Farm" in Dong Nai for Integrated Students



Dear Parents,

As we approach the halfway point in the academic year, students have been completing their semester exams. For high school, we use these exams as an indicator of final performance levels, and what can be improved looking forward towards the official Cambridge Exams.

Please make sure to join us at the upcoming parent's meetings to discuss areas of academic improvement or even how to maintain your child's already high standard, as we move forward into the last few crucial months of revision and study.

Donovan Neethling - Head of Studies (High School)



Dear Parents,

This year the KIK has been proud to begin incorporating STEM teaching methods and activities into each classroom. Each KIK class has been able to participate in fun and engaging activities, including: building plane shapes with Popsicle sticks, building solid shapes with straws, making paper cup towers and creating paper airplanes. They have also had the opportunity to practice designing various structures such as schools, bridges, boats and houses. We are so grateful for all the donations given to us by parents for use in our new Early Childhood STEM Center. It has been wonderful to receive such a wide array of materials and we look forward to using all of them in our STEM activities throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more about the types of items you could contribute, please contact your child's form teacher for a complete list.

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten)



Dear Parents,

Season 2 is now coming to an end with the City Championships taking place just before the TET holiday. All teams have enjoyed good seasons and will be hoping to perform well at their tournament. The U14 Table Tennis team are huge favorites to reclaim their title for the 6th year in a row with unbeaten captain Derek and sidekick Harry looking in great form. The U14 girls Soccer and U19 girls Basketball are entering teams for the first time in a number of years which is brilliant news for the development of girls sport at SIS. Last year's U11 mixed doubles champion Shenna will be looking to retain her title with new partner Prakhar. The U14 boys football and U19 boys basketball will be looking to improve on last year's results. A very exciting few weeks ahead.

Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator



Activities for Students during the
STEM Day