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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



Dr. Nguyen Hoang Khac Hieu visited to present a psychology briefing.

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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.

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with

Dear parents,

As we approach the end of our 2016/17 academic year I would like to highlight the following school events and initiatives as we move forward into the month of June:

On behalf of all staff I would like to congratulate all students for their hard work and excellence in the recent SA2 examinations and those high school students completing their Cambridge examinations. Exams will continue for the next few weeks for our GAC students. We wish them every success.

It is important to note that pleasing student results are a personal reward for hard work and commitment to student learning. Once again, well done to all students, we are very proud of your achievements.

A reminder to all parents that School reports will go home in the last week of school. Communication will be shared through emails and student handbooks as a reminder to all parents.

We are well and truly in the midst of concert fever. Classes are busily preparing their items for the concert. Our school is alive with excitement in anticipation of this popular school celebration. Parents are to be thanked for their cooperation and assistance with all costume requests, and for supporting teachers in the many organizational needs for the concert.

The virtues program for term 4 continues, with the theme of creativity being taught and celebrated. This will really be reinforced and experienced come concert time. Looks like a rewarding and exciting month of June ahead.

Yours in learning.

Mark Priddis – Principal

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Students in the psychology briefing



Singing performance at SIS Got Talent



Dance cover performance

Dear Parents,

As we move through Term 4 the students will have many different activities to engage in. These include not only the SA2 exams, but also things like the End-of-Year Concert, Swim Carnival and Spelling Bee.

In addition, many classes will be taking an excursion. We hope that, by doing these things following exams, interest and engagement remain high.

The most important event after exams, of course, is the End of Year Concert. The theme this year is "Celebration of Cultures", and will be held Saturday 24 June at the HCMC Opera House. The Juniors (Kinder to Year 3) will be in the early afternoon and include awards presentations and a graduation ceremony for the Prep students.

The Seniors (Year 4 and up), which include awards and graduation of A/GAC students, will be in the early evening. More details will be provided as the concert approaches.

We again offer you our sincere thanks for the trust you place in us by allowing us to help educate and nurture your children.

Working together as a team we can ensure everyone has a positive, meaningful experience here at Saigon South, enabling them to contribute to and improve their community.

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal

Dear Students,

Summer is approaching so fast and before we say goodbye to each other before summer break, all of integrated students have been completing their final exams with so much effort and hard working. These attempts were made to achieve positive results on the exam and fulfill Teachers and Parents' expectation.

After that, there are going be so many activities and practices to prepare for the upcoming Gratitude Ceremony on 16th June and the Year End Concert on 24th June.

I hope you and your family would have a great and meaningful summer vacation together!

Mme. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies

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Dear parents,

The Year 8 International class had a tremendously fun excursion to Can Gio national museum. We walked through the dense, gloomy south Vietnamese swamp lands and learned a lot about the war that was fought there. It was a first class group experience.

The students spent May in preparation for the SA2 exams. We've done this all semester through reading of novels, working on projects and completing book work, as well as reviewing all grammar and vocabulary.

In addition to preparing for the SA2s, the year 8 International are preparing for their end of the year concert dance! Our class will focus on ancient Egyptian culture. The dance is intricate and very difficult, but practice has been rewarding and the students are working really hard to create a spectacular dance representative of ancient Egypt. We have a very exciting month of June ahead of us!

Much love and best wishes from year 8 International!

Aaron Solloway – Year 8 Int'l Teacher

Dear Parents,

Cambridge Exams are nearing their end, with only 12 exams left. At this point, as students begin to realise the stress is about to end, and their long summer begins, it is time to turn our attention to more enjoyable activities. Whilst exams have ended for IGCSE 2 and AS/A, this by no means indicates teaching has ended, as teachers will continue preparing students for the following academic year.

Teachers have planned a few interesting excursions for high school students, both fun and educational. Students, especially GAC, have begun thinking of their upcoming Prom Night, and of course, all students are vigorously preparing for the end of year Concert.

Donovan Neethling – Cambridge Coordinator

Dear Parents.

It is almost June! Time really does fly as students now only have one more month of school left until summer break officially starts! After examinations, the Student Council will bring back our annual exciting activity, Zorb! For now, remember to stay healthy and study hard! We wish you the best of luck!"

Angela Giudici - High school Teacher



SIS@SS Got Talent 2017 Champion



Singing performance



Piano Performance

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Student Performing at "Got Talent"



SIS@SS Football Team vs CIS Team

Dear Parents,

Learning does not only take place on campus and in class, it can happen anytime, anywhere. To master Chinese as a second language, one truly needs to review and practice occasionally. If not, the knowledge will disappear quickly. This is why some learners are still struggling after many years of Chinese study.

In recent years, new educational platform or pedagogies are being made known, such as Khan Academy, Schoology, and other varieties of online learning tools. It is easy and simple to find related games or apps on Google Play or App Store. Many are free, but some still require a charge.

In SIS, the Chinese teachers have already adapted some educational activities or apps in their classroom teaching, such as Wu Kong Xue Zi or Quizlet, through which students can check their learning outcomes.

Students can also use Ipads or their mobile phones for learning, whereas others may use these technologies for their own leisure purposes. Hopefully parents and teachers can take advantage of the readily available resources to create quality learning experiences.

Phillip Lin - Head of Chinese

Dear Parents,

U14 Girls' Volleyball went extremely well this year. This year the girls moved up from Pool B into Pool A. This means that our players were competing against schools with more established volleyball teams and greater competition. The season went by quick with us entering the championship with three wins and only one lose.

The championship was held at SSIS on Thursday, May 4th. Through determination and teamwork, our girls manage to win second place for the first time in a Pool A championship! In another first, this was the first time we had defeated SSIS's A-Team! The team worked really hard that day and throughout the year leading to the championship. I am really proud of all of the hard work our players have put in this year and in the years past leading up to this point. Thank you parents for your continual support.

Daniel Mitchell - Athletic Coordinator

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