



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

April 2023

Dear Parents,

With the public holidays behind us the end of the school year is fast approaching. Students are working through the last few units and revising in preparation for Semester 2 Exams, with those in High School already completing a number of Cambridge Exams. It is quite a busy time of year.

As you are aware, there has been a recent increase in the cases of Covid in Ho Chi Minh City. Please know that we continue to follow health guidelines to reduce contact and lessen the possibility of spread on campus. These steps include:

- Wearing a face mask when arriving to or departing from campus
- Requiring a mask for anyone who may be exhibiting symptoms
- Recommending the wearing of masks in large or mixed groups
- Encouraging staff to wear masks
- Use of hand sanitizer before & after contact of shared items
- Frequent disinfectant of shared surfaces & spaces

Students who feel unwell should stay home from school. If they have moderate or severe symptoms they should be tested at a hospital or clinic. In the event of a positive test the school is to be notified.

The health and wellbeing of students is our most important priority. Should you have questions please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Respectfully yours,
Robert Madden - Principal





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Dear parents and students,

The Crimson Phoenix flower clusters are gradually blooming on every branch all over the country as a signal: Summer is coming!

2022-2023 has been an exciting school year when all teachers and students come to school to happily work and learn every day. Before summer comes students of all grades will have the second semester exam to assess their learning progress. Next, all classes will have musical rehearsals to celebrate the end-of-year Concert.

More than ever, all parents and teachers want their children to achieve the best results after a year of hard work. Therefore, please try to stay healthy, and know how to prevent COVID-19 (always do 2K: wear a mask - disinfect) during the hot season so as not to affect the second-semester exam and the School's end of year concert

Summer is coming! The 2022-2023 school year is coming to an end.

The study and practice of knowledge must be difficult for them. I hope you all will take good care of your health to achieve the best results in the final exam in the last days of April and early May of this school year 2022-2023!

Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies



Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations to all our Dyned certificate recipients for Term 3! We had a very successful term, surpassing the number of certificates earned during Term 2. Thank you parents and guardians for your ongoing support at home. Don't let up during Term 4 and keep encouraging students to do Dyned 20-30 minutes, 5 times per week.

Ryan Dalton - Dyned Coordinator



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Dear Parents,

Our sporting fixtures are winding down, as we get closer to the semester exams. Our sports teams have done an excellent job the past term and going in to this term, with a great set of results across Badminton, Basketball, and Volleyball. We have some championship tournaments coming up to end the season, and we wish all our team members the best of luck.

The Annual End-Of-Year Concert is also fast approaching, and students have already begun practicing in earnest. I have been lucky enough to get a sneak peek at most of the class's practices and they look very exciting! More information about the Concert, tickets, times and dates will be sent out to all parents in due course.

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal



Dear Parents,

In KIK, students spent most of the month of April exploring space and our solar system discovering the planets, stars and constellations, rockets, and astronauts. Listening to stories daily about our universe helped sparked curiosity about this theme in many of our students.

As we celebrate Book Week, here are some tips to get your child interested in reading as it is a skill required for lifelong success, develops vocabulary, increases attention span, and promotes stronger analytical skills. Reading with your child at home is great for spending special time together. An older sibling can do this, too. Make reading part of your child's night-time routine. This habit helps them learn to associate reading with relaxation and develop a motivation to read.

Show your child that reading is everywhere – practice reading menus, road and shop signs, or food labels in the supermarket sounding out letters in simple words or spelling them. Act as a role model and read in front of your child. Watching you read shows your child that reading is important.

Barbara Borbely – Head of Studies (KIK)



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Dear Readers,

It's hard to believe that we are already in Term 4!

We are delighted with all the wonderful books and reading-related activities that were brought to our school for the Book Fair. Reading aloud to children is one of the most important activities to develop skills for reading success. When reading aloud to your children, encourage them to ask and answer questions about what they've heard and to retell the story in their own words. This will help your child to develop a deeper understanding of the stories and to make connections between books they've read and their personal experiences.

Now that we are approaching the end of the school year, teachers will be completing the instructional units listed in the Table of Specifications and beginning to prepare students for their end-of-year exams. For more information about what will be covered in the exams or tips on how to study, please check in with your child's teachers.

Even though we are nearing the end of the year, there is still so much left to learn and experience in school before the summer break. We are looking forward to finishing this year on a high note.

Antinena Amon - Head of Studies (Primary)



Dear Parents,

Term 4 has started on an exciting note with many upcoming events. As students are preparing for the final examinations, they must remember the importance of revision and good study skills. Students are encouraged to make a clear and feasible study plan. This will allow students enough time to revise the content and skills they learned this year, pay more attention to the parts they struggle with, and ask for help before the examinations. Of course, it is also important to stick to the study schedule or make adjustments where needed. Students can also explore different study techniques to find the ones that work for them.

Students might also need more motivation and encouragement during the last few weeks before exams, and teachers will be sure to offer support where needed. Lastly, study breaks can be valuable to help students focus, and we hope that the exciting events in Term 4 will allow students to relax in productive ways.

Elri Nieuwenhuis - Head of Studies (Secondary)



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MY KINDERWORLD APPLICATION

We would like to inform that from Term 4, School Year 2022 – 2023 onwards, letters, emails, information and requests stated below will be solely communicated via My KinderWorld App:

- School Events
- Announcements / Messages from School and teachers of your child's class
- Daily Class Attendance
- Termly Meal Menu
- Photo Albums
- Absence Request
- Early Dismissal Request
- Change information request

There will be no longer letter or email communication between School and Parents regarding the above particular matters.

My KinderWorld App can be downloaded from the Apple App Store (Click [here](#)) and Google Play (Click [here](#)). Or you can scan QR code below for quick installation:

1. App Store



2. Google Play



Should you require any assistance, please contact the School Office.