



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGON SOUTH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful start to the school year it has been! The children are enthusiastic about their learning and being together with friends, improving their skills and increasing their knowledge daily. Staff are eagerly collaborating across programs, subjects, and year levels to provide the best environment for education possible. Combined all of that with the support and encouragement received from home and we can rest assured that 2022-23 will be a year to remember.

As you know we continue to follow Covid protocols. This includes limiting visitors on campus and wearing masks when entering and exiting school. While this can sometimes be inconvenient we all agree that it helps to reduce the risk of children becoming ill. Your ongoing cooperation and patience is appreciated.

Recently our Vietnamese Studies lesson have begun. These are very important to the development of mother language as well as gaining valuable content knowledge. We expect that all students who are eligible participate and take advantage of the learning opportunities provided.

For your planning purposes please be advised that our Term Break will begin from Tuesday 18 October, with lessons resuming Monday 24th.

Should you have any questions feel free to contact the Office or make an appointment to come in for a conversation.

Respectfully Yours,
Robert Madden – Principal



Students listen very attentively during the weekly Assembly

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year 2022-2023!

Today, your beloved school is pleased to welcome each happy student back to school after a challenging year, overcoming difficulties due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In the jubilant atmosphere of the first day of school, each student's face was bright and cheerful with teachers and friends, it is very lovely!

The classroom door opened, tables and chairs were neatly arranged, and the classroom was decorated in a friendly manner. The environment is very friendly and close. At school, there are teachers and friends who will always stand by the children's side in all learning activities, fun activities, etc. to help them grow up day by day.

In the school year 2021-2022, with many difficulties and challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers of Singapore International School have made great efforts to teach and learn online during Semester 1. Now entering the new school year - the school year 2022-2023, our school with the highest determination, the teachers and staff will together with dear students strictly implement the rules of disease prevention.

In the future, a new school year will have many difficulties and challenges. However, this is the fifth school year the 4th and 5th grade students are able to practice life skills at the school by OBV coaches. From grades 6 to 12, students will participate in the OBV extracurricular program in Quy Nhon. The beautiful city of Quy Nhon with the deep blue sea and mountains and the life of gentle and friendly people is the hottest tourist attraction of Vietnam. Thereby, they will be trained in necessary skills for life and community activities.

At the same time, students can also participate in learning STEM project. Learning through STEM projects will help them master sustainable scientific knowledge for future development.

Therefore, all students of Singapore International School actively welcome the new school year 2022-2023 in the joy of meeting teachers, friends and accompanying with fun learning activities during the school year.

Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies.





Dear Parents,

As we start off this academic year, it would be a good idea to remind students of some guidelines in place to ensure their safety:

- When on recess and on the field, it is important that students wear a hat. In Ho Chi Minh City, the UV index averages very close to concerning levels, we want to ensure students suffer no ill effects from excessive sunlight.
- When on recess, students should not be playing without the supervision of a teacher. Students must also listen carefully to the instructions of the teacher while on recess.
- If a student wishes to leave school early and has the permission of their parents to do so, they need to report to the front office before exiting. In order to support parents in their child's wellbeing, we keep track of the students at all times.

The first Vietnamese Flag Raising Ceremony and singing of the national anthem of Vietnam, will take place on 5 September.

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year and to all the new members of our KIK family and all returning students!

I am looking forward to a great year filled with learning and exploration. Each 3-4 weeks, your child will explore a new learning theme.

Teachers will prepare activities across the curriculum that relate to each theme. We will be teaching Phonics preparing our students for school using the British Letterland program focusing on the sounds the letters make rather than the letter names.

Look for more information about what your child is learning each week in their Student Handbook. Please remember to sign it and return their folders every Monday.

The Student Handbooks along with messages and letters from the principal are the best way to stay informed about all of the wonderful activities we are doing in school.



Students are so excited with the activities in class

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (KIK)

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to both new and returning students. It has been such a fantastic start to the new academic year. We will spend the first few weeks reviewing school rules and routines to help students adjust to being back at school and starting this academic year on campus.

Teachers are currently busy conducting beginning of the year benchmark assessments. These assessments take place in Prep through Year 8 and will allow teachers to determine the current literacy level of each student. Based on the results, teachers will be able to create differentiated plans for literacy instruction to support the needs of each of our wonderful learners. If you wish to discuss your child's literacy skills, please feel free to contact their form or English subject teacher for more information.

We encourage parents to be actively involved in their children's education and daily learning. Working together as a school family, we can ensure that children are happy and successful at school.

We look forward to a successful year ahead.

Antinena Amon - Head of Studies (Primary)**Dear Parents,**

The new academic year started with great excitement as students were happy to see each other after the vacation and eager to start learning.

The Cambridge IGCSE and A Level results have been released and we are very proud of all of our students for working diligently despite difficulties in the previous academic year. Students who would like to rewrite their examination can do so in October and November. The registration forms for that will be distributed soon.

Sports teams will start practicing soon and students have been asked to sign up for football, badminton, volleyball, basketball or swimming teams. Students and parents are asked to pay close attention to team practice times to make sure that students are picked up at the right time.

With so much excitement about being back at school and so much to look forward to, we encourage students and parents to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Elri Nieuwenhuis - Head of Studies (Secondary)

Students' activities at school

