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INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL**  
*Since 1986*

## **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.

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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**



Decoration welcoming 2016 Lunar New Year

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy new year. 2016 is with us, and we have begun the year with many successful learning experiences at SIS@SS.

End of semester examinations have now taken place, and I wish to congratulate all students for trying so hard and for doing their best with their learning.

Teachers are now preparing report feedback for students and parents. Term 3 will commence with opportunities for parents to communicate with their child's teacher concerning student learning with parent teacher interviews. A great experience for teachers and parents to come together to discuss their child's learning progress and identify areas for improvement. Information regarding these important education events will be communicated to parents via email and school letters.

As you are no doubt aware, the schools virtues theme for this term has been that of Organization. Focusing on the virtues of cooperation, responsibility, diligence, service, and flexibility. These virtues relate so well with school life at SIS@SS, particularly now, as we prepare for student reporting and parent teacher interviews. The skills taught and learnt, are such powerful life skills experiences for us all to reflect on, and apply to our daily lives.

Virtues education is celebrated weekly at SIS@SS, at our various assembly times. Parents and friends are always welcome to come and join us at these times.

As you are no doubt aware, Tet holidays are fast approaching. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all in our school community, an enjoyable, safe holiday.

Yours in learning,

**Mark Priddis - Principal**

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Happy New Year 2016

Dear Parents,

As we come to the close of the first semester, I am happy to report that students are making wonderful progress. This is true not only with their academics, but perhaps more importantly with their behaviour. It is truly a privilege to come here each day to see smiling, happy children helping each other, being courteous, polite, and working well together.

A few items of importance to note:

There will be no school from Friday, February 5 through Sunday, February 14 in observance of Tet. Term 3 begins Monday, February 15. With the new term there may be changes in Extra Curricular Activities. Updated information will be made available.

Parent-Teacher conferences will take place shortly after our return from the Tet holiday. This will be an opportunity to chat with teachers about your child's accomplishments during Semester 1, and also to identify goals for Semester 2.

Please be reminded that parents are expected to remain off campus during school hours (8:30-3:30), except for appointments with teachers or school officials. The purpose is to reduce confusion or anxiety while creating a proper educational environment. This is particularly important for younger children, as they can have difficulty properly complying with teacher and classroom procedures in the presence of a parent. Should you have questions about this company policy please feel free to make an appointment to come and discuss it.

Thank you again for your continued support and trust.

My best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Tet, as well as a happy and prosperous new year.

Respectfully,

**Robert Madden – Deputy Principal**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year from Year 1 International! Recently we've been discussing the idea of New Year's resolutions and about how the choices we make affect not only ourselves, but also the people around us. Making and keeping New Year's resolutions helps children to learn a lot about the importance of self-discipline and setting goals. Everyone in the class has made a list of things they resolve to do for themselves, their friends and family and their community. They had lots of wonderful ideas about how we can help to make the world a better place in 2016.





Year 1 - International



Read aloud

The children have selected a few of their favorite resolutions which they would like to share with you.

I will not put trash on the earth. – Alice

I will eat healthy food. – Cao

I will be kind to my friends and family. – Jia Yu

I will not waste water. – Anshika

If someone does the wrong thing, I will help them to do the right thing. – Jessie

I will tell everyone to not put rubbish in the river. – Khanh An

**Lindsay Stanford – Y1 Int'l Teacher**

Dear Parents,

Perhaps parents may have already noticed that their children occasionally have to read Chinese passages aloud while recording their voices. This is because SIS Chinese teachers are beginning to assess their students' reading and listening abilities through Edmodo.

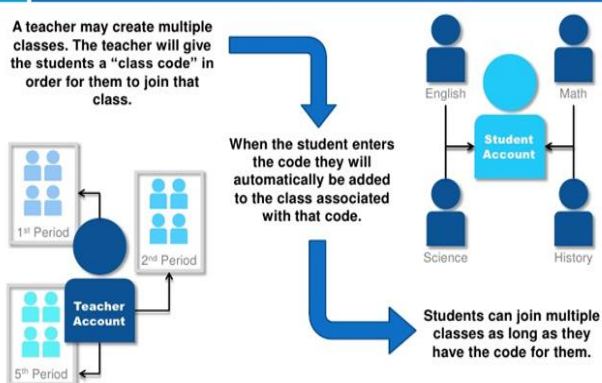
Although reading aloud is a crucial skill in learning a language, it is frequently being overlooked by others. Learning a language does not just involve students learning new vocabulary words or grammar, but it also involves students getting a sense on how the language works, to be familiarized with the flow of the language, its sounds and intonation.

Students may initially find reading aloud uncomfortable and unusual; hence they may look for reasons to avoid it. However, they would eventually overcome that. In fact, some parents allow their kids to use phones, notebooks or Ipad. Proper uses of technology will definitely support students in their learning.

We hope that parents can support this mode of practice, and to encourage their children to be comfortable in reading aloud.

## Teacher vs. Student edmodo

A teacher may create multiple classes. The teacher will give the students a "class code" in order for them to join that class.



Edmodo Model



Participants in Business Competition in  
Danang (16 Jan 2016)



Business Competition – Team 1



Business Competition – Team 2

Danar Should parents wish to know or monitor their children's reading aloud progress, they are welcomed to join Edmodo.

**Phillip Lin – Head of Studies (Chinese)**

Dear Parents,

We wish you a wonderful 2016 and hope that this year will bring much happiness and success to our great SIS community. Here in the high school the end of Semester 1 exams will be taking place between Winter Break and TET holidays so it has been a busy time for the IGCSE students and teachers. Time is drawing nearer to when the IGCSE 2, AS and A Level students will be doing the Cambridge IGCSE Official exams so we have made these exams and the procedures as authentic as possible by creating the MOCK exams. GAC students are busy as usual getting through Level 2 and will face more challenging assignments and exams as we move towards Level 3. Remember to contact me for advice about your child's pathway of choice whether it be for a choice between A & AS Levels and GAC. Wishing everyone a safe, happy and prosperous TET holiday!

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

Dear Parents,

The students have now finished their Semester 1 curriculum and exams and will soon receive their Report Cards showing a positive result. During Semester 1, the students were very busy participating in events such as the Sport Carnival. Besides these events, they showed their true compassion and kindness by supporting the Annual Charity Fair which was held on 10 December 2015. All monies raised were donated to Operation Smile. In January, the school will conduct the Flag Raising Ceremony each Monday morning. The flag-raising and singing national anthem show the pride of nation, the love and responsibility of each citizen to the country.





Flag Raising Ceremony (Every Monday)



Team members – U14 Table Tennis



Door Decoration (Prep Int'l)

Participation in such activities shapes the students into active and responsible citizens.

Spring is here and we are all enjoying this season. Everyone is preparing for the TET holiday and the students will age one more year.

I wish you and your families a happy new year filled with security, prosperity and happiness. I hope the students will try their best in the next semester and achieve more and more good results.

**Phung Thi Tuyet Minh – Head of Vietnamese Studies**

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to write that SIS@SS hosted the SISAC U-14 table tennis championships on December 11. The tournament had five schools participating making for stiff competition. After a lot of very exciting rallies, the U14 tournament Champions were SIS! They pulled ahead of BVIS by 10 points, through a lot of hard fought wins in 'singles' and in "doubles"! Throughout the year, the table tennis team and club have put in a lot of hard work, and shown an ability to continue to challenge themselves to become better players. So I would like to personally thank all of the students involved in the SIS table tennis club and team who, over the year, each and every day, have made our team Champions!

Coach – Jacob Karras

Team members - Sam Ky, Hoang Duong, Siva, Nhat Minh, Seung Ho, Minh Quang, Tom, Sunny, & Eric.

**Daniel Mitchell – Athletic Coordinator**

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to all of you and Happy New Year, 2016! Student Council wishes you to have a great year with full of surprises.



Door Decoration (IGCSE 1)



Door Decoration (Y4 Int'g)

A new year has just started and we have a lot to catch up on and events coming up. We would like to congratulate the following classes for winning the Christmas Door Decoration Competition: Prep Int'l (Kindy), Year 4 Int'g (Juniors) and IGCSE1 (Seniors). Currently, the Student Council, as well as many volunteers, are working on one of the most exciting upcoming events – Culture Festival. Culture Fest will be held on the 24 March. So get ready to learn more about and experience the different cultures that are represented by students in our school.

We hope everyone achieved their goals for the Semester 1 exams.

Happy Lunar New Year! Have a wonderful Tet holiday.

**Spencer Nguyen – Student Council member**

