



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGON SOUTH

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another wonderful year please let me again thank you for your continued support. Working together is the best way that we can promote student academic and social development, helping them to grow into the citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

Throughout the year teachers have worked diligently to ensure all students made progress towards the School-Wide Learner Goals of:

- Academic Achievement
- Active and Responsible Citizenship
- Confident Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Technological Literacy



This work will continue as we enter the next phase of accreditation with the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC). This will involve our submitting a detailed self-study report as well as hosting several representatives of WASC for a site visit. This process ensures that SIS Saigon South continues to meet international standards of education.

A few notes for the start of 2024-25:

- Orientation for new Kindergarten students & parents: Friday 2 August
- All new students and parents of K1 to Prep are invited to campus from 9:30-11:00 to meet their teachers, visit classrooms, and become familiar with the school. If you would like to attend please contact the school Office [email: office@saigonouth.sis.edu.vn or phone: 28 7301 3777 by 31 July so that accommodations can be made.
- First day for all students: Monday 5 August
 - Class rosters will be posted and all staff gathered in the Courtyard from 8:00 to formally welcome students to the new school year.

For those families who are moving on please know that we are grateful for the time you have chosen to spend with us. Your contributions to our community have helped to make us better. For those who are returning we are excited to continue our journey together.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Yours in Learning,

Robert Madden - Principal

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Dear Parents,

This month, we celebrate a significant milestone in our students' academic journey. Our middle school students have successfully transitioned from the primary program to the more challenging secondary curriculum. The new Cambridge high school students in IGCSE 2 have



triumphed over an entire examination series. Our senior students have not just graduated but also secured places at prestigious institutions for their higher education. These achievements are a testament to our student's hard work and dedication and the high academic standards we uphold at our school.

It is always bittersweet to say goodbye to outgoing students while simultaneously welcoming new ones. Yet, there is still an air of confidence on campus: confidence that our students who are leaving will surely find success and confidence that the new ones will quickly find their place in a school that enthusiastically welcomes them.



We are proud of the community we have built here at SIS @ Saigon South, and we look forward to continuing our path of collective growth when we welcome everyone in August.

Have a safe and restful summer holiday.

Joshua Lowery – Head of Studies (Secondary)



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Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of the school year 2023-24. What a year it has been!

We have seen so much growth academically, physically and socially in all our KIK students. Children, some of whom could barely understand any English, became confident students who are able to follow the instructions of their teachers and learnt how to cooperate, work together and share with their classmates. They have all come a long way and are ready to move on to the next level of their school journey.

After the hard work of revisions, assessments and endless concert rehearsals, they all deserve some time off. We hope your children will create lots of new memories in the summer holiday. Thank you for the privilege of being part of your child's education this year. On behalf of all KIK teachers, we wish you a wonderful, safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in August!"

Barbara Borberly
Head of Studies (KIK)

Dear Parents,

We have ended our academic year for 2023-2024 on a resoundingly positive note, our End of Year Concert and Graduation Ceremony being held at the Opera house on 22 June. Much fun was had by the students, and parents got to see student performance and talent on stage in a non-classroom learning environment. We also got to congratulate our diligent academic students who received awards for their hard work throughout the year.

We also held our farewell dance and graduation party for High School students, for the first time, in our newly upgraded school hall. With such a wonderful venue we look forward to hosting many more school activities and performances on site in the future.

We wish all our students well for the upcoming summer break, and look forward to seeing you all soon in August.

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal





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Dear Parents,

As we wrap up this school year, we extend our deepest gratitude to our students and their families for their continuous support and participation. Your involvement has made this year a resounding success.

We encourage our students to keep up their fantastic progress over the summer by continuing to develop their literacy and English language skills. With RAZ-Kids,

students can access a vast library of leveled books and interactive reading activities anytime, anywhere. With over 500 books at various reading levels, RAZ-Kids helps students practice and improve their reading skills, ensuring they are well-prepared for the next school year.

Additionally, students can use their NEO accounts to engage in personalized learning experiences, further enhancing their reading and comprehension skills. Daily reading is a wonderful way to maintain and build upon the literacy achievements made this year.

Thank you once again for a great year. Have a wonderful summer!

Lindsay Stanford – Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents,

I am sure you must have had a warm and memorable afternoon with your children at the end-of-year concert, which was organized solemnly at the Opera House last Saturday.

In the last week of June, the Integrated Program held the Graduation and Gratitude Ceremony in the Multi-purpose Hall, South Saigon Campus. This special ceremony is dedicated to parents and students of grades 5 and 9.



We sincerely thank parents for your support, companionship, and trust throughout the school year. We hope that besides the activities of learning, playing, and experiencing, the atmosphere of the festivals will also help the students create precious memories.

We wish parents and students a joyful and meaningful summer!

Vuong Y Binh – Head of Vietnamese Studies