



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

Dear parents,

It is often surprising how fast the school year passes. As we move into Term 4 it is even more important than usual to be mindful of events, deadlines, and activities.

Some important dates to be aware of are:

- Term Break – to work around the several public holidays, we will have school on Monday 8 April. The rest of that week, Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th, school is closed. Please know that the office will remain open during regular hours.
- Cambridge Exams (for IGCSE2, AS Level, and A Level) – these exams will begin in early April and conclude in early June. Check with the teachers for specific schedules.
- Semester 2 Exams (for Years 1 through 8) – the SA2 exams for English, mathematics, and science will take place the last 2 weeks of May. Further details will be provided as they exams approach.
- Graduation and Awards Ceremony & School Concert – scheduled for Saturday 22 June, this is the culminating event of the school year. Academic Champions from each class will be recognized, as will those graduating from Prep and AS/A Levels. In addition, all classes will perform on stage as a way to show gratitude to parents for their support and as a demonstration of collaboration & teamwork.

Last day of school – this year school will end on Friday 28 June. As always, should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school office and set an appointment to come in for a meeting.

Yours in Learning,

Robert Madden
Principal



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Dear Parents,

Last month, students in years 4, 5, and 6 spent a few days away from home to participate in the Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV) courses, which were held at school (for years 4 and 5), and in Quy Nhon – Binh Dinh (for year 6). Besides all the experiences and joyful time with friends, we hope all the students have gained valuable lessons in survival skills, teamwork, self-development, and fostering a positive attitude from the OBV course.

The sports day had spread an energetic atmosphere to the whole school. Students enthusiastically participated in the activities to gain more scores for their House team. Congratulations to the Dragon House for achieving the highest score.

March also marked the halfway of semester 2; integrated students received the mid-semester report from their teachers. From this result, we hope students will make the best preparation for the upcoming final exam of the school year 2023 – 2024.

Vuong Y Binh
Head of Vietnamese Studies





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Dear Parents,

Almost into term 4, our students are well into preparation for their Cambridge and Semester Exams. We wish them every success as they prepare and pass these important milestones in their education.

Only one year level remaining to go on the OBV excursion, Year 7, and they will attend OBV in early May.

The End of Year Concert will be taking place in the prestigious Opera House again this year. Our annual concert is a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their abilities and talents outside of the classroom, and we look forward to showcasing their hard work to all parents.

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal



Dear Parents,

Over the recent months, our secondary school has experienced remarkable growth, infused with a spirit of enjoyment and discovery!

Since our previous newsletter, our high school students have notably contributed to the KIK sports day, extending their leadership to organize the Primary sports day with remarkable success. Their efforts have greatly enriched the experience for our younger students, and we commend their exceptional dedication.

The weekly virtues and SWLG presentations have notably enriched our assemblies, with each class bringing forward meaningful lessons through real-world applications. Furthermore, our high school students in the Cambridge program have completed a mock run of the June examination series. This exercise has provided them with realistic preparation and invaluable insights, enhancing their revision strategies.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the numerous significant projects on the horizon. Our students are poised to create memorable experiences through their involvement in performing arts and cultural celebrations. Additionally, the solidarity among students will be a cornerstone during the two-month Cambridge examination period.



Thank you always for your ongoing support and engagement with our school community.

Warm regards,

Joshua Lowery – Head of Studies, Secondary



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Dear Parents,

Spring is in full swing as we are approaching the end of Term 3. In KIK, we have spent the month of March learning about plants, how they grow from a tiny seed to a full plant and discovering the differences between fruits and vegetables. We enjoyed tasting fruits and planting bean seeds observing them sprout and the appearance of roots, stem and leaves. Students were fascinated by this process happening in front of their eyes.

We also discovered some of the wonderful stories of Dr. Seuss learning about rhyming words, alliteration and using our imagination while coming to school in our pyjamas, green clothes or wearing silly hats.

We would like to encourage you to read to your children as often as possible, as it will create a wonderful bond between you while giving you opportunities to have interesting discussions about different topics expanding their vocabulary.

Barbara Borberly – Head of Studies (KIK)

Dear Parents,

As we approach the upcoming term break, we wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. The term break is a well-deserved opportunity for our students to recharge and spend quality time with family and friends. During the term break, we encourage you to continue fostering a love for learning by engaging in educational activities and reminding your children to continue their daily reading habits on RAZ Kids.

We also want to extend our best wishes to all the students who will soon be taking their MOET exams. We believe in their abilities and are confident that their hard work and dedication will yield great results. We encourage them to stay focused, remain calm, and do their best during this crucial time.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful break!

Lindsay Stanford – Head of Studies (Primary)

