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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**



Kindergarten Students

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an International education to produce global citizens. **MISSION**

VISION

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.

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with

Dear Parents.

Term 4, has certainly been a busy and productive time for all students and staff at SIS@SS.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the following school events and celebrations as reminders to all in our school community, as we come to the end of our 2015/16 academic vear.

Examinations and Reporting

Congratulations and well done to all students for their pleasing efforts in their preparation for Semester 2 examinations. Your hard work and dedication to your studies this semester will no doubt be rewarded. I encourage all students to use this time to continually reflect on their learning goals and set new goals to improve individual learning as we move towards the new academic year. Semester 2 reports will go home at the beginning of the last week of this term. Parents may request an interview with their child's teacher during this time. This is an optional exercise.

School Concert

Our annual school concert is fast approaching. A huge vote of thanks to all staff, students and parents for the fantastic effort that has been put in preparing the students for this enjoyable school celebration. Please keep an eye out for the reminder notes going home concerning the concert. Communication and keeping up with details concerning the concert is very important. Please contact the school office or your child's classroom teacher if you require more information regarding the concert.

Virtues reminders

The school virtues program will continue until the end of the school year. The virtues theme for this term has been Confidence. Students are learning about the virtues of confidence. excellence. self-reliance. creativity. accartivanacc

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Students rehearsing before School Concert

Please discuss and reinforce these virtues with your child at home. Such important life skills to reflect upon and share.

Enrolments for 2016-17

As you are no doubt aware, enrolments are now being taken for the new school year. Please inform the office if there are any changes to information regarding your child's enrolment at SIS@SS as soon as possible. Please help us spread the good news.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal.

Dear Parents,

A few notes regarding upcoming events:

Exams

Cambridge Exams for high school students are currently underway, to be completed June 10. Semester 2 Exams (Years 1-9) will take place from May 30 through June 6, with make ups available June 7-8. During exams please make sure your child gets plenty of rest, eats properly, and also important is to have a bit of fun. Enjoyable activities reduce the stress of studying, and lower levels of stress can lead to higher performance. It is also much better for overall health.



Mr. Karras

The organizer of the SIS Spelling Bee



Swim Carnival

Swim Carnival

On Friday 10 June we will hold a Swim Carnival. Throughout the day students will participate in a variety of water-related games and activities, so all should bring their sports/swim attire that day.

End of Year Concert

The annual End of Year Concert will take place Saturday, June 25, at the Ho Chi Minh City Opera House. The Junior Concert will include students in Kinder to Year 3 while Senior Concert is for Year 4 and up. The theme is "Journey Through Literature". Each class has selected a story/book and paired it with a song. Some classes have already begun practicing, while others will do so after exams. Feel free to ask your child to tell you about their performance. As the concert approaches more information will be sent home.

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Students singing at Assembly



Students - Year 4 International



Cambridge Exam Room

Thank you again for your continued support. If you have questions or concerns about anything and would like to have a chat, please feel free to contact the office and make an appointment.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal.

Dear Parents,

The student generated class slogan "Be excellent to each other." has transformed the class. Year 4 International now works in a cooperative, optimistic, caring manner.

Year 4 International believes in our slogan, we decided we liked the quirkiness of the word, so we did not amend the original slogan.

The students of Year 4 International presently blow off steam in the playground so that they are calm and relaxed, ready to optimize their learning experience in the classroom.

At a somewhat stressful time of year for parents, the student body and the faculty staff, Year 4 International would like to wish everyone hope in their quest to find the same peace and serenity in their lives that exists within the walls of the Year 4 International classroom.

William Daws - Y4 Int'l Teacher

Dear Parents.

With SA2 exams coming up for Year 1-9 students, stress and anxiety can sometimes be running high. Here are a few tips to help you succeed!

- ✓ Create a quiet, relaxing, organized study space!
- ✓ Start your revision early— start preparing at least 2 weeks for each exam.
- ✓ Revise for 45 minutes at a time......and take 10 minute breaks
- ✓ Start with the most challenging subjects or the ones you like least!
- ✓ Organize study groups with your friends
- ✓ Look after yourself ~ eat well, drink plenty of water and get 8 hours of sleep.
- ✓ Snack on "brain food" like fruit, nuts, berries or yogurt that can help your concentration and memory.

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Year 8 Cooling off in Vung Tau



Y6-Y7 Integrated Students won 3rd Place of

Costume Contest



Trang Dieu Vo – Excellent student in AY 2015/16

✓ Take it seriously and cut contact: no phone calls, no texts, no Snapchat, no Facebook...

Don't Expect Success - Prepare For It!

Sharla Scott – Head of Studies (Y5-Y9)

Dear Parents,

Our Cambridge IGCSE and A & AS Level exams have started! The students and teachers have been working very hard to get the best possible result which is one of the first steps of the students' chances for a bright and successful future in their studies and careers. On the same note we will soon be saying goodbye to our three A Level and three GAC students who are graduating from our school very soon. We hope that you will join us at the Crystal Palace Hotel in District 7 on 28th June to celebrate what is sure to be a great evening. Tickets can be purchased at our office.

Our Year 7 & 8 students recently went on an excursion to Vung Tau where they visited an orphanage and brought some gifts and good cheer to the children there. We thank our teachers for all their efforts in what has been a very productive 2015-2016 Academic Year.

Robert Gayst – Head of Studies (Senior High School)

Dear Parents,

The 2015 – 2016 Academic Year is coming to the end, and as we look back over the year, our students have made some excellent progress making their teachers and parents proud.

Year 1 Integrated students were shy when they stepped into the class on the first day, but now they can read and comprehend both in Vietnamese and in English. They have fun as they come to school with smiles on their faces and a drive for learning.

Year 5 Integrated students are excited as they have completed their Primary Program and happy to be promoted to Year 6. In this Academic Year, Trang Dieu Vo was honored to receive award of excellent student for his outstanding academic performance, good behavior and active participation in the school activities

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Ha Trang – Got 1st Prize in English Speech Competition



U14 Girls' Volleyball team



"Wreck-It-Ralph"

How wonderful are the school results of Secondary students! Students were honored in the English Competition which was held by Binh Chanh Office of Education Training. Tran Ngoc Ha Trang – Year 8 Integrated received the first prize in the English Speech Competition with the topic "Sea and island of Motherland". Students from Year 6 to Year 9 also won the third place award of costume contest with the topic "We are the world".

During this time, all classes are busy preparing for their End of Year Concert performances. Judging by their rehearsals and colorful costumes the End of Year Concert is shaping up to be a very impressive event and one which will be filled of fond memories for our students

I wish all students will achieve their wishes in the future

Phung Thi Tuyet Minh – Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents,

This year has been an awesome year for our U14 Girls' Volleyball team. Our season started in March and finished on May 17th. During that time, our girls played a total of eight matches with teams from the B Pool and one match with a team from the A Pool. Though we lost the A Pool match, it was a close one. For the rest of the matches including the tournament on May 17th, the U14 Girls dominated each match. Each set the girls won by at least eleven points! These girls put in the time, all of the effort, all of the hard work and it paid off. The SIS U14 Girls' Volleyball team is this year's B Pool Champions. We are extremely proud of the determination they have shown. Thank you parents for allowing your daughters to play this year and we look forward to another good season next year.

James Trantham - Coach

Dear Parents,

Student Council organized a Junior Movie Night on Thursday, May 15th. This month, we showed 'Wreck-It-Ralph, which was enjoyed by the Juniors, as well as a few Seniors. Students had the chance to watch the movie while eating popcorn and drinking soda.

Student Council would also like to wish everyone good luck on their exams.

Student Council

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