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SCHOOL**
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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**



Ms. Thu Minh, Mr Thanh Bui and Rhino Experts from South Africa at SIS@SS

Dear Parents and Students,

On Wednesday 15th of October our students from Year 3 to GAC participated in a very exciting campaign to save Rhino's from worldwide extinction. The campaign was launched by Ms. Thu Minh (Vietnam's biggest pop-star), Thanh Bui (Managing Director of Soul Academy) and two experts from the Wilderness Foundation (one of the largest conservation entities in the world) who travelled all the way from South Africa. During the campaign our students learnt about the rhino story and that currently over 80% of the world's illegal rhino horn is shipped to Vietnam, and with the rate of poaching increasing rapidly, we will see a full extinction of rhino's within 8 years.

Our students also learnt the truth about a long term myth in Vietnam that the use of rhino horn can cure cancer and assist males with erectile problems. Unfortunately it is a 'myth' as it has been scientifically proven that rhino horn is made of keratin, a substance similar to human hair and nails. Due to these myths, the price per gram of rhino horn is expensive, and thus, it has become a multi-billion dollar industry.

After the campaign presentation about the rhino's our students also had the pleasure to listen to a song that Thu Minh and Thanh Bui wrote called 'Love' which was written about the rhino's. This song is soon to be released as Thu Minh new hit single.

To help save the rhino's from world extinction our students will have the opportunity to participate in some very exciting competitions:

- For Senior Students aged between 15 and 19 on 1st June 2015
Write an essay of 500 words on the topic "How I would educate my friends and family on ways to reduce the demand for Rhino horn
- For Junior Students aged 14 and younger on 1st June 2015
Write a poem explaining why the rhino should be protected; or draw a picture of a Rhino

WILD RHINO COMPETITION



Rhino Competition



Sport Carnival Term 1 for K – Prep Students



Sport Carnival Term 1 for Y1 – Y6 Students

The prizes

Senior Competition

- All entrants will receive an acknowledgement for their entry
- 2 students from SIS will be selected to attend a 5 day wilderness trail + 1 day workshop in South Africa

Junior Competition

- All entrants will receive an acknowledgement for their entry
- The 2 final winners will receive a Forever Wild goody bag

I would also like to call on our parent community to encourage your children to participate in this campaign. Your assistance in supporting this campaign would mean a great deal and help protect rhino's from extinction. Once the rhinos are lost, they are lost forever. It is an unfortunate situation that Vietnam is the centre-piece of this tragedy, but I believe we can make a difference and help save the world's rhinos. Students can apply through the website www.wildrhino.org.

On the 16th of October, the school held a very successful "House Sports Carnival". This was our first sports carnival for the year where the four houses competed in a range of sports throughout the day including relays, fitness challenges, basketball shoot out, distance running and tug-o-war. The competition was fierce and very close with 'Griffin' winning the competition. Congratulations to 'Griffin'!

Shane Blood - Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

What a great start to the year it has been, with Term 1 jam-packed with all sorts of exciting and interesting events and activities.

Extra-curricular Activities

Term 1 activities will finish on October 24th. The clubs were well attended this term and it was good to see a lot of students involved.

Term 2 activities will start on November 24th with some very exciting new activities to choose from offered by outside vendors (more details will be sent home soon).



Term 1 Sport Carnival for High School Students



USA University Fair – 3 October, 2014

Parent / Teacher Interviews

These took place in the last week of term: 28th & 29th October. It was pleasing to see so many parents involved and supportive of their children's education.

I would like to wish everyone a restful term break

Jilda Manson – Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

On 19 November, the Year 7 through to GAC/AS/A level students will participate in the 2014 Careers Day: 'Your pathway, your future'.

The aims of this event are:

- to introduce our secondary students to the SIS study pathway
- to introduce students to skills required to attend university and assist in making informed choices for further education
- to provide students with valuable information regarding what to expect when studying overseas
- to provide liaisons with universities and organizations so students and parents can be fully informed regarding decisions for further education

Throughout the afternoon, students will enjoy workshops on a range of topics to include:

- SIS Pathway and programs (Cambridge - IGCSE and A levels & ACT – GAC)
- The myths and realities of studying abroad
- Job preparation and CV's
- Culture shock and adaptations
- Exploring study and careers options through the ACT profile website
- Learning the skills necessary to be successful while studying abroad

The event will begin at 1:00 pm with an official welcome by Mr Shane followed by guest speakers from UKEAS (How to select the right university and the right degree) and IDP (How can I get a scholarship?).

We hope to see many parents at this event!

Janelle Baker – Deputy Principal



High School excursion to X – Rock Climbing Centre



Y8 – 9 integrated excursion to Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum

Dear Parents and Students,

End of Term 1 is approaching and we look forward to meeting many of you at our Parent/Teacher interviews 28/29 October. This is a very important time in the academic year and is a chance to get to know the teachers better and of course the academic progress of your child. On October 6th & 9th our IGCSE 1 students went Rock Climbing and had a great time. Our thanks to Ms. Siobhan and Mr. Colum for their assistance. As for the IGCSE 2 students, they are looking forward to an exciting trip to Singapore from October 24th with their form teacher Mr Andrew Chan, an exchange program with the Hwa Chong Institution. Students will get the opportunity to experience a different educational environment and pick up more learning skills. They can strengthen their language through English immersion and gain a broader knowledge of educational methodology. We have no doubt the friendship forged with the Singaporean students there will build confidence and self-esteem in our students when adapting to a new environment. We wish all teachers and students a nice term break.

Robert Gayst - Head of Studies – Senior High School

Dear Parents and Students,

Singapore International School places a strong emphasis on developing the creative thinking and enquiry skills of our students through the Study of Society and Environment (SOSE).

Students investigate and learn about the society in which they live, and their place within it. They investigate the changing world in terms of natural and social systems, culture, place and resources, examining how these changes influence and impact on their lives, society and the environment.

This program is designed to help students better understand and interact with the world around them.

On Friday, October 10th, years 8 and 9 integrated toured the Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum. In SOSE class, they are studying conflicts and both places gave the students a close look at the tools and horrors of war.

Sharla Scott – Head of studies (Year 5 – Year 9)



Four students of Year 9 integrated achieved prizes for “Excellent Student” in English subject in Binh Chanh Ward’s Excellent Student Contest

On 11 October, 2014, seven (7) students from Year 9 Integrated participated in the Binh Chanh Ward’s Excellent Student Contest. We are proud to announce that four (4) of our students were awarded prizes for “Excellent Student” in the subject English.

Congratulations to:

- Hoang Minh Anh
- Nguyen Do Anh Thu
- Nguyen Anh Khoi
- Nguyen Pham Tram Anh

To achieve these excellent results, the students showed commitment, good preparation and strength of mind in Listening, Reading and Writing skills in the 120 minute competition.

These students are good role models to other students. This wonderful result made a meaningful present to their mothers and teachers on Vietnamese Women’s Day celebrated on 20 October, 2014.

On behalf of the school administration team and teachers, I praise the students for their good academic spirit. I invite all Year 9 Integrated students to be more active in joining in school activities to achieve outstanding results in the Secondary School Graduation Competition of AY 2014 – 2015.

Phung Thi Tuyet Minh – Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and Students,

Student Council has been preparing many events for students as the month passes by. First, there was a successful movie night where students got to watch Divergent. There’s also an upcoming movie night this month for the juniors (Y1 to Y4), which the movie Hotel Transylvania will be showing. Popcorn and drinks will be provided and the entrance fee will be 30,000 VND. This will be taking place on the 27th of October.

This month the younger kids were able to enjoy a learning center at school where they can learn about construction, make crafts, learning to do housework and much more.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the Haunted Race will be held again this year, though there will be 2 separate ones. There will be a junior haunted race (Y5 to Y7) and a senior haunted race (Y7 and up). These two events will be held on the last two days of term 1. The junior haunted race will be less scary but will still be just as fun. The senior’s haunted race will be a bit scarier and challenging.



The Movie of October for junior students (Y1 – Y4)
Hotel Transylvania



Ms. Siobhan giving MVP awards to students in the Senior Assembly

Since KinderWorld Group is a platinum sponsor for the “Run for the Hearts” Charity, we are encouraging students and parents to go. The first 30 people to sign up will be sponsored by our company, and other participants will have to pay.

We have had a busy term and look forward to the next!

Sabrina - Vice President of Student Council

The U14 basketball teams have unlocked the 2013-14 season with a bang! After weeks of training and league matches, the SISAC Championships arrived last week. Our U14 Boys were crowned Champs last year so they were going in to try and retain their title. They did fantastically to reach the semi - final, but were knocked out. Good effort. The Girls team played four competitive matches, and with the scores tight, just missed out on a place in the semi - final. Congratulations to both teams.

The introduction of the Most Valuable Player award is motivating athletes to perform to a high level. The MVP awards from the U14 tournaments go to Vo Tri Thanh (Year 8 international) and Thao Vy (Year 8 integrated). A special mention is also in order to two of the best defensive players on the court, who have shown huge improvement over the last two months; Vu Hoang Phuong Anh and Nguyen Duc Luong (Year 8 International).

Siobhan Synnott – PE teacher/ Athletic Coordinator