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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 5th-First day of Term 1
- Monday September 2nd-National Day (school closed)
- September 9th-10th-Book Fair
- September 13-14th- Year 3 Overnight Camp
- September 13th-Lantern Festival (TBC)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to welcome new families and thank all existing families for choosing SIS @ BDNC for your child's education. We are an English-Vietnamese International school and by choosing our school we will equip your children with the knowledge and skills that they will require to succeed at both local universities and English speaking universities across the world.

This year our school will be focusing on the teaching of Reading. We have developed a comprehensive school wide reading program that will assist students with phonemic awareness (sounds), phonics (letter sound relationships), vocabulary (knowing the meaning of words), fluency (being able to decode words and read smoothly) and comprehension (understanding what they are reading). We ask you to support this by ensuring your children read every day.

We have some new facilities in the school with the construction of our new basketball court almost complete. This will be a great resource for students and will be welcomed into our Physical Education programs. The primary court yard has also experienced an upgrade. Moving forward, discussions are being held for new facilities and the potential for new buildings. Continued growth will hopefully make this a viable option in the very near future.

I would like to welcome all new staff members. We have conducted over 50 interviews to find the best available teachers from around the world Ms Cecilia (New Zealand), Ms Lyndie (South Africa), Mr Darren Yr 5 (England), Ms Abbie (China), Ms Kathleen (England), Ms Rosie (Australia), Ms Amy (Australia), Mr Tuan (Vietnam) and Ms Yen (Vietnam). I would also like to mention that 2 more additional staff members will arrive very shortly. We are an International School and I hope that you welcome our new and existing teachers into the community.

Also congratulations to Mr Tom Dowden on being selected for the newly created Head of Studies Primary position.

Thank you!
Christopher Bradley

OUT OF SCHOOL TUTORING

SIS teachers are not allowed to teach or tutor SIS @ BDNC students outside of the school. Please do not approach teachers or assistant teachers and ask them to do this. It can create a conflict of interest. We are trying to provide more academic opportunities through some of our Clubs this year. Things like the Mathematics Club on Friday's will have an academic focus on trying to improve specific skills for students.

ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS CRITERIA

Last year KinderWorld changed the criteria for selecting the academic champion for Integrated classes. In the past, this award was given to the student in the class with the highest English grade for the year. The criteria now includes Vietnamese grades as well as their English grades. This gives a fairer reflection of an Integrated student's overall performance.

For International students, the criteria remains the student's combined score for English, mathematics and science.

If you would like more detailed information on this, please feel free to visit Ms Kim Tri, Head of Vietnamese.

MC ONLINE & RAZ-KIDS

All students from Year 1 to 6 have received a password that allows them to access MC Online. MC Online is an interactive site that supports the English, mathematics, English and Chinese that we teach at SIS. Please visit your classroom teacher if you want more information or have not seen your child's password.

The link is: https://mymco.mceducation.com/LEAD/login/lms_login.aspx

All students from Prep to Year 3 have also been registered for Raz-Kids. This is a guided reading program that children can do at home. It allows them to listen to and read stories at the appropriate difficulty level and answer questions about the stories. Please encourage your children to spend time on Raz-Kids each week.

All students registered to our EFL program will also be registered to Raz-Kids.

LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

When students arrive late to school could they please go to the office for a late slip. We have been reviewing our practices and want to tighten up on how we manage student attendance and ask that if your child arrives after 8:45am to either they go to the office, rather than going directly to the classroom.