



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ BINH DUONG NEW CITY

NEWSLETTER

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

- MOET EXAM Y9A: 22-Apr to 26-Apr
- Final MOET EXAM Y1A-Y8A: 6-May to 10-May
- Reading & Literacy Week: 22-Apr to 26-Apr
- National Spelling Bee: 26-Apr
- SIS Examination 24-May to 30-May

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents,

As we move into the month of May, there are so many exciting and rewarding learning experiences for all students at SIS@BDNC.

Before I share upcoming events and celebrations, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to continually check the newsletters that class teachers send home each week.

The next few months will be busy, and I will now share some important reminders.

1. Examinations.

- Term 4 will be busy with examinations.
- Cambridge examinations have already begun. These will continue until early June.
- SA 2 examinations will take place in the last 2 weeks of May.
- MOET examinations will also take place in May.
- Teachers will share dates and times with their students.

2. Excursions.

- Some classes will also be given the opportunity to experience excursions during term 4.
- Class teachers will share details.
- Students must be in full sports uniform whilst on excursions
- A hat, sunscreen and a water bottle are essential.
- Class teachers will communicate information in the coming weeks.

3. School concert.

- As communicated before, the school concert will be held on June the 20th.
- Students will not come to school on this day but will meet their classroom teacher at the venue at 1.15pm.
- The concert will begin at 2.00pm and conclude at 4.00pm.
- Concert communication will be sent home soon. Classes have already started their preparation for their concert item.
- Enthusiasm is very high.

4. School Celebrations.

- Reading and Literacy week was held in Week 2.
- This was a great success. Thank you to the organizing committee.
- Childrens Day will be celebrated on 31/05/24.
- For further understanding and information, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school office.

Yours in learning,

Mr. Mark.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Dear parents,

It is newsletter time again. Time really flies and we are heading to the end of the academic year at lightning speed.

On the 2nd of April our Student Council announced the “School Houses,” Chimera, Hydra and Sphinx. This will help to create a better school spirit, where teams compete. Students are encouraged to grow and thrive in this supportive atmosphere. The introduction of school houses aims to create a more engaging and inclusive environment at school. It will also create opportunities for leadership development amongst our students.

After “Earth Week” we had our annual STEM Day on the 8th of April. Students were asked to wear an appropriate shirt in the color of their team. Our Primary students really enjoyed all the fun activities. For some of these activities, our students had to be creative, while others had to design their own games. What a great way to learn and experience theory in practice and the dynamics of how things work. Thank you to every teacher that helped to organize the day and to every student that participated. It was a great success.

After a wonderful term break, Term 4 started on the 15th of April. On Monday, the 22nd of April, students from Year 1 to Year 5 in our Integrated Program had a field trip to The Cup Café and the Yakult factory. It was a wonderful opportunity and they learned a lot. They learned how to make mugs and learned more about the digestive system. They also experienced the manufacturing process.

On Friday, the 26th of April two of our Primary students participated in the National School Wide Spelling Bee competition. Well done to Hoang Tang Minh Khoi (Y4LA) and Nguyen Duy Phong (Y5A). To be part of this competition is a huge achievement, and we congratulate you on your effort in representing our school.

I would like to thank every student for trying their best and working hard during this time where we prepare for the exams ahead. Remember, you will be rewarded for the effort you put in. I would also like to thank every parent and colleague for supporting our students during this crucial time. I wish everyone a wonderful time during the public holidays.

Warm regards.

Philip van der Walt

Head of Studies Primary





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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

As we approach the end of April, our school is buzzing with activity and accomplishment. With events like the Spelling Bee just around the corner as I write this, we're excited to witness the talents and dedication of our students firsthand. We extend our support to Christin in Year 6LA as she prepares to showcase her linguistic prowess.

This past week marks the celebration of Reading and Literacy Week, a time to reflect on the profound impact that reading has on language acquisition and overall academic success. As highlighted in the Journal of Literature, Languages, and Linguistics, reading comprehension is not merely a skill but a cornerstone of personal and professional development. It underscores the importance of mastering phonology, syntax, and semantics, while also enhancing vocabulary and oral language proficiency in bilingual individuals. We believe that fostering a love for reading in our students lays the groundwork for lifelong learning and achievement.

In addition to our focus on literacy, we continue to witness remarkable achievements in other areas of learning. The recent STEM Day showcased our students' mastery of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. It provided them with valuable opportunities to apply these skills in hands-on, practical settings, further enriching their educational experience.

As we applaud our students' successes, we also recognize the importance of upcoming exams. Year 9 Integrated class is currently immersed in their final MOET exams, while IGCSE 2 students have already embarked on their exam journey, demonstrating their proficiency in both Computer practicals and English speaking.

Finally, rehearsals for the end-of-year concert are in full swing, with students eagerly perfecting their choreography and preparing to showcase their talents. We look forward to celebrating their achievements and creativity in this much-anticipated event.

In conclusion, I extend my gratitude to our dedicated students, supportive parents, and tireless staff for their commitment to excellence.

Best regards.

Ms. Lizelle MacLachlan



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INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

Dear parents

Year 9 just have just completed their final tests. The school is preparing the document for the recognition of 9th grade completion. All our students will come to high school next year.

From 6 May 2024 to 10 May 2024, Year 1 to Year 8's students will have their final exam. We wish for excellent marks for all our students.s Most of our students are preparing for the exam. They are working very hard.

This month, our school has held the STEM DAY and READING WEEK. Our students had a great time during these activities. I would like to share some lovely photos.

Best regards

Ms. Kim Tri





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STEM UPDATE

Dear Parents,

Here's a quick update on our STEM program:

Earth Week Highlights: Our students impressed us with their creativity and dedication during Earth Week. From engaging Rube Goldberg projects to captivating windmill displays, they demonstrated a strong commitment to environmental awareness.

STEM Day Success: STEM Day was a resounding success, with students showcasing their talents in various STEM activities. From robotics challenges to coding workshops, they embraced hands-on learning and problem-solving skills.

Looking Ahead: As we move into Term 4, we're excited to focus on robotics and coding. These skills are essential for our students' future success, and we're committed to providing engaging learning opportunities in these areas.

Continued Innovation: Our STEM curriculum continues to inspire innovation and critical thinking across all subjects. By integrating STEM principles into our teaching, we're preparing students for the challenges of tomorrow's world.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,
Jolin Richardson
STEM Coordinator





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STUDENT COUNCIL

Reading and Literacy Week

Get ready to dive into a world of stories! From April 22nd to 26th, we'll be celebrating Reading and Literacy Week. Throughout the week, students can enjoy a variety of activities that will spark their love for reading. Challenge yourself with exciting reading challenges, unleash your creativity by making bookmarks and decorating the classroom, and explore new worlds at our book fair where you can stock up on amazing books and stationery. We can't wait to celebrate the joy of reading with you!

Picture Day

Mark your calendars! We will be having picture day from the 7th to the 9th of May. Students are required to dress in their school uniforms and put on black or white shoes. We recommend getting a good night's sleep beforehand, so that everyone can look their best on the day. Other things that students can do, is to iron their clothes, wear minimal jewelry that follow the school's guidelines or do their hair. We are looking forward to capturing these special memories and individual portraits.

Kind regards,

Michelle Lau