



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ BDNC

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01-02 September – National Day holidays.
- 29 September – Moon/Lantern Festival.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents,

By the time you read this Newsletter we will have been at school for nearly one month.

What a month it's been!

Like the teachers I am so proud of the students efforts and many learning successes they have demonstrated so far in their learning journey this year.

Everyone, working enthusiastically and trying hard to do their best with their studies.

I believe the start of the school year is a great way to reflect on our school vision and mission statements.

Singapore International School at BDNC strives to provide a well-rounded education for both foreign and Vietnamese students with a strong focus on preserving and nurturing Eastern Values while providing a comprehensive Western style education that enables our students to become successful global citizens.

Hence, I would like to share our vision and mission statements with you.

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This is what we will strive to achieve at SIS@BDNC this academic year.

Yours in learning,

Mr Mark.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Primary Newsletter August 2023

A warm welcome back to everyone! A very special welcome to our new students, staff members and our new parents. Congratulations to our parents with their decision to enroll their children at Singapore International School. In Primary, we welcomed the following teachers to our team when we started the new school year: Ms. Katherine Scott (Y3 and Y4), Ms. Chen Yi Syuan (Chinese) and Mr. Joseph Dimmic (Prep). We hope that you are all settled in well and that you are happy in your new environment, making a positive difference.

In the first week our teachers focused a lot on school and classroom rules. This year we have high academic expectations for our students. It is also one of our School Wide Learner's Goals to be academic achievers. We would like every student to try his / her best and to be an academic achiever. All our students from Year 3 onwards have done the Neo program assessments and started studying as well. We encourage our students to put in a great effort when they study online this year.

This year there will be quite a number of events and we want our students and the whole school community to participate. Our after-school clubs also started. Apart from the skills our students learn in these activities, they have the opportunity to interact with other students in an informal way and they could also practice their English.

I wish everyone all the best for the rest of the year!

Best wishes!

Philip van der Walt

Head of Studies Primary



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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome to all our returning families and an especially enthusiastic welcome to the newest members of our school community – both students and teachers. The new teachers include Mr John (Y6 LA Form teacher), Mr Ilham (Mathematics), Mr Dan (English), Ms Chau (Y9A Form teacher) and Mr Adam (Mathematics). We're thrilled to have you join us.

A special shout-out to our Year 6 students as they transition to Block B and enter the high school phase of their education. We're confident that they will thrive in this new environment and continue to excel as they move forward.

Our after-school clubs will kick off next week, offering a diverse range of activities that cater to various interests and passions.

Finally, we're excited to announce that the elections for the Student Council are currently underway. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to actively participate in shaping the school's culture and events.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. Here's to a year of growth, learning, and unforgettable moments.

Ms. Lizelle MacLachan

Head of Studies - Secondary



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INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

Autumn – the opening of a new school year. The new school year 2023 - 2024 has arrived. Every year, students will have more challenges but we hope that students are ready for their new journey. We wish all the teachers and students a school year filled with great memories. During this month, our students have started their learning routine after summer holiday. Especially with Year 1 students, this year is their first year to learn many subjects and meet many teachers. They will have some difficult times to adapt with new changes and we hope parents understand and support our students and teachers for them to succeed with their learning. We would like to thank all parents for your encouragement to your children and the school during the year.

We wish our students will have a great new school year.

Ms. Kim Tri

Head of Vietnamese

STAFF UPDATE

Introducing our new staff members for the upcoming academic year at SIS:

Ms. Nguyen Thi Minh Chau: Y9A Form and Math Teacher for Y8A-9A.

Mr. John Gammons: Y6LA Form Teacher.

Mr. Daniel Rodriguez: Y7LA Form, English, and Global Perspectives Teacher.

Mr. Ilham Jamortov: Y8LA Form and Mathematics Teacher.

Mr. Tham Chee Hau: IGCSE Form and Mathematics Teacher.

Mr. Rachelle Repollo: Primary ICT Teacher.

Mr. Joseph Jr Quintero Dimmic.

Ms. Kathy Scott Primary English Teacher.

Mr. Mark Priddis Principal of SIS BDNC.

A warm SIS welcome to all!



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STEM Report

Introducing Mr. Jolin Ray Richardson, our new STEM Coordinator, who will be spearheading the STEM department this year.

Get ready for a year filled with engaging projects and activities that will encourage our learners to think critically and remain curious about the challenges and solutions in our world.

Stay tuned for an upcoming exhibition later this semester where our students will showcase their talents. We eagerly anticipate the impressive displays of creativity and skill!





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