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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

- OBV Y7A & Y7LA 25th-29th Mar 24
- STEM showcase: 08th Apr 24
- Final MOET exam Y9A Semester 2: 22 – 26th Apr 24
- Reading and Literacy Week: 22-26. Apr.24
- Special House Assembly: 02. Apr.24
- Fire Drill: 19 Apr 24

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents,

When you read this month's newsletter, it will be time to start term 4, 2024.

Term 4, 2024 looks to be an exciting time for all at SIS@BDNC.

Preparing and participating in semester 2 examinations and practicing for the end of year concert.

I would like to highlight a few reminders for you as we begin our last term of this academic year.

1. SA2 examinations.

Semester 2 examinations in the international program will be held in May 2024.

Communication will be sent home to all families via the weekly class newsletters.

Please remember the class table of specifications, TOS has previously been sent to all parents.

Please contact your child's form teacher if you need further information.

2. Cambridge examinations.

Cambridge examinations for IGCSE 2 and A level students will begin in mid-April.

A comprehensive examination timeline has already been shared with all students.

Students are reminded to attend all examinations in full school uniform.

3. End of year concert.

A gentle reminder to all parents that the end of year concert will be held on the 20th of June 2024.

Starting at 2.00pm.

Further concert information will be sent home to all families soon.

4. School news and communication.

It is so important that all parents keep up with communicated school news.

This is done by the communication sent to you by the class newsletters, school SMS notifications and other messages sent by the form teachers.

If more information is needed or how to access any of these services, please contact the school office.

Yours in learning,

Mr Mark.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Dear parents,

As we near the end of Term 3, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the busy but rewarding term we've had since Tet. It's been a term filled with growth, challenges, and achievements for our students, and I'm proud of every one of them.

Firstly, I want to extend my congratulations to our students in the Integrated program, who excelled in their MOET Mid-Semester exams. Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and I encourage you to continue striving for excellence.

I also want to commend our Year 4 and Year 5 students who recently participated in the Outward-Bound Vietnam (OBV) program. This experience challenged them in new ways and allowed them to discover more about themselves. A special thank you to the teachers who accompanied them. I was pleased to hear positive feedback about our students' behavior and attitudes during the program.

Additionally, I would like to congratulate all the class winners from Year 3 to Year 5 who participated in the Primary Spelling Bee competition. Special recognition goes to Nguyen Duy Phong from Year 5A and Wang Meng Xi from Year 5LA for their outstanding performance. Best wishes to them as they prepare for the school-wide competition in April.

On the 22nd of March we celebrated World Water Day with various engaging activities aimed at raising awareness about the importance of freshwater conservation. I want to express my gratitude to all the teachers involved in organizing this memorable event. It was a great success, and our students had a fantastic time while learning valuable lessons about water conservation.

As we approach the term break, I encourage students to continue honing their English skills through daily practice on NEO and Raz-Kids. A consistent effort and practice will undoubtedly lead to improvement, so let's make the most of this opportunity for growth.

Finally, I wish everyone a restful break. May it be a time for relaxation, reflection and quality time with your loved ones.

Warm regards.

Philip van der Walt

Head of Studies Primary



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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

As we journey through Term 3, it's remarkable how swiftly time has flown since Tet. With the brief mid-Semester break approaching on 9 April, it's an opportune moment to reflect on our accomplishments and look ahead to the bustling activities awaiting us in Term 4.

Term 4 promises to be an exciting whirlwind of events, with the pinnacle being the much-anticipated End of Year Concert. Our classes have selected their performance item, and rehearsals are already underway. It's a long road ahead, but we eagerly await the opportunity for the students to showcase their talents.

On 8 April, we eagerly anticipate another exhilarating STEM Day organized by Mr. Jolin and his team. Their creativity and innovation never fail to inspire us, and we can't wait to see the exciting activities they have in store for us.

A very special mention needs to be made of the achievement of one of our Y6A students, Christin Quek Ngoc Bang Nhi. Christin is the first student at our school to meet all the requirements for the top NEO certification, namely C-Bridge. This is a remarkable achievement and puts her English proficiency equivalent to an IELTS score of 8 – something the majority of adults struggle to attain. Huge congratulations to her!

Coincidentally, (or not?) Christin is also the campus High School winner of the SIS Spelling Bee for International students and will take part in the nationwide finals towards the end of April. The campus winner of the Integrated stream, who will also compete in the finals, is Le Trieu Vi in Y9A. Well done to both!

Amidst the flurry of activities, it's crucial to remind ourselves of the primary purpose of education - to acquire knowledge and demonstrate our learning. It is hoped that the upcoming final exams, commencing on 22 April for Y9 Integrated, 6 May for Y1 - 8 MOET subjects and on 24 May for International subjects, serve as a testament to our students' hard work and academic growth throughout the year.

Let's approach the remainder of the term with determination and focus, balancing our extracurricular pursuits with academic responsibilities. Together, let's make the most of the opportunities ahead and continue to strive for excellence in all endeavors.

Best regard!

Ms Lizelle MacLachlan

Head of Studies (Secondary)



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INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

Dear parents

This month, we had the middle exam. Our students did their best to do the exam. The school reports have sent home. Based on this result, teachers will have a plan to support more with the students to get them ready for the final exam is coming.

From 11 March 2024 to 15 March 2024, our Y8's students went to OBV in Binh Dinh province. They had a great time with OBV program. From 25 March 2024 to 29 March 2024, our Y7's students are going to OBV in Ha Long province. This is a great time for students to improve their life skills.

From 22 April 2024 to 26 April 2024, year 9's students will do the final exam. We wish our kids would have the best result for them to get to high school.

Please kindly look at some lovely photos to show that our students are enjoying their learning time at school.

Best regard!

Ms Kim Tri



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STEM UPDATE

STEM Programme Update - March 2024

This month, our students across all grade levels are embracing the theme of Earth Week as they engage in hands-on learning experiences with exciting challenges:

Primary (Year 1 and 2): CREST Challenges: Our youngest learners are diving into CREST challenges, exploring scientific concepts related to sustainability and environmental conservation.

Primary (Year 3-5): Rube Goldberg Simple Machine Challenge: Students in Years 3-5 are embracing the Rube Goldberg challenge, designing elaborate contraptions to perform simple tasks. Through experimentation and collaboration, they're honing their problem-solving and engineering skills.

Secondary and High School: Windmill Challenge: Meanwhile, secondary and high school students are taking on the Windmill Challenge with a keen focus on renewable energy and environmental impact. They're exploring innovative solutions to harness the power of wind while minimizing their ecological footprint.

These projects will be showcased at our upcoming STEM Day on April 8th, where students from all grade levels will demonstrate their ingenuity and showcase their achievements in alignment with the Earth Week theme. Together, we'll celebrate caring for our planet and encourage sustainable actions for the future.

Warm regards,

Jolin Richardson

STEM Coordinator



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STUDENT COUNCIL

Visit to SIS Saigon South

Year 8 International, Year 9 Integrated and IGCSE 1 were given the opportunity to visit SIS Saigon South to attend a university fair. 4 representatives from different American universities, such as The University of Kentucky and DePaul University, were there to introduce and answer questions that our students may have about what they offered. This event provided valuable insights for students as they consider their future academic paths.

OBV

Students from Year 8 recently took part in the 5-day Outward Bound programme in Quy Nhon. During the programme, students were able to challenge themselves physically and mentally. The OBV programme helped students have unforgettable experiences in an unfamiliar environment, helping them overcoming challenges, and many other life skills such as communication, presentation and thinking skills. These activities include outdoor activities such as rock climbing and trekking. In addition, the Year 7's will be participating in OBV starting from the 25th of March. From their seniors' experiences, we hope that the Year 7's will also enjoy it too.

Kind regards!

Michelle Lau