



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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- STEM Day 13 October
- Progress Reports Handed Out 13 October
- Holidays 16-20 October
- Parent - Teacher Conferences 23-27 October
- Halloween 31 October

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents & careers,

When you receive this newsletter, the school will be preparing for the end of term 1. I would like to share the following school news with you.

- **Student information.**

It is particularly important that all student information is continually kept up to date.

Please always let the school office know if any information concerning your child changes so school records can be kept up to date.

- **Uniforms.**

Both staff and parents should be proud of the students and their effort with their school uniforms.

I am impressed with how the students come to school wearing their uniforms with pride.

Thank you, parents for the effort you make daily making sure the children are in the correct school uniform. They look fantastic.

- **Supervision.**

Hopefully by now you may have noticed that each school day starts with and ends with music being played through the school sound system.

This helps prepare the students for their day and helps prepare all for the end of the school day.

A reminder that after 5.00pm there is no supervision for students.

Parents are encouraged to make sure their children are picked up each afternoon before 5.00pm.

- **School virtues program.**

A reminder that each term the school follows the Virtues program.

Throughout term 1, we have followed the theme of Getting Along.

The virtues covered have been care, Integrity, Patience, Generosity and Teamwork. In each newsletter, we will share information about the virtues celebrated at the weekly assemblies.

- **End of term 1 progress reports.**

End of term 1 progress reports will be shared with all parents at the end of the term.

Please contact your child's classroom teacher if there is any follow up information that is needed regarding the progress reports.

- **Term 1 break dates.**

A reminder that term 2 begins for all students on Monday the 23rd of October 2023.

Yours in learning,
Mr. Mark



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PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Primary Newsletter September 2023

Dear parents and students,

We are at the end of Term 1, and we had a rather busy start to the 2023-2024 academic year. This month, we welcomed Ms. Rachelle Lim Repollo (ICT) and Ms. Gemma Scott (PE) to our school. We are very fortunate to have a team of professional teachers who are passionate about teaching at our school. A special word of welcome to our new students from other schools. We hope that you have all settled in and are very happy in your new environment.

Our clubs, or after-school activities, are running smoothly, and many students participate in the variety of activities that the school offers. In these activities, our students learn skills, and usually, they have lots of fun. Most students worked really hard this term. The first progress reports for this academic year will be issued on the 13th of October. Congratulations to those who have achieved their high expectations! I would like to encourage every student who did not do very well to really try their best next term. A special word of thank you to every parent and grandparent for supporting every student in their learning.

Our students have many opportunities to study and practice their English language proficiency at home. Prep classes up to Year 3 can practice their English reading and comprehension with Raz Kids. Students in Year 4 and up can work on the Neo study program. We want to encourage all students to try their best with this program, where points are scored. A specific number of points needs to be achieved before students can start at the next level. Every student's hard work and dedication will pay off.

We had a very successful fire drill practice at school this month. The discipline of our students was exceptional. Thank you for everyone's dedication to ensuring that we evacuate the building as quickly as possible. Safety and security at our school are very important.

It will be the Mid-Autumn Festival soon, and I wish everyone a fantastic time with their families. Take a good rest during the break and be safe.

Kind regards,

Philip Van der Walt
Head of Studies Primary



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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

As I sit down to write this, I can hardly believe that we are approaching the end of Term 1, with just three weeks left before the well-deserved one-week vacation starting on 13 October. It's been a busy seven weeks of learning and growth at our school, and it's heartening to see our students and teachers fully engaged in the educational process.

We've observed outstanding efforts from many of our students as demonstrated through their regular classroom-based assessments. However, we are also aware that some students are facing challenges in meeting deadlines and effectively preparing for tests. To those students, we invite them to seek support from our teachers. We also kindly request that you continue offering their support in this endeavor.

Progress reports for this term will be issued on the last day, providing you with insights into your child's academic progress. The new term will commence with Parent-Teacher Conferences, offering parents the opportunity to discuss their child's development and academic journey with their respective teachers. Teachers will also be reaching out to parents with whom they wish to have interviews.

In other exciting news, our Student Council has been elected and is already hard at work representing the student body. Allow me to introduce our council members:

Liu Ke Xin (IGCSE1), Marcia Ancilla Junarta (Y8LA), Nguyen Bao Dang (IGCSE1),
Nguyen Ngoc Hoang Yen (IGCSE1), Tham Xue Ling (IGCSE2), Tran Thi Anh Thu (Y7A)

We are proud to announce that Michelle Lau (IGCSE2) has been elected as the President. They will soon be sharing their constitution with the school, and we wish them a successful term of office, where both they and the school will undoubtedly benefit from their input.

In recent weeks, we've welcomed two new teachers to our secondary school community. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Ms. Gemma Scott, who will be teaching PE, and Mr. Reginald Ebona, our new senior ICT instructor. We are fortunate to now have a full complement of teachers and eagerly anticipate the knowledge and expertise they will bring to our students.

Lastly, as we approach the Mid-Autumn Festival, you can't help but notice the vibrant yellow and red stalls, the displays of mooncakes, and the children crafting lanterns. Our school will be celebrating this festival on 29 September, and we are looking forward to an exciting day filled with festivities.

In conclusion, I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your dedication and support in making our school a thriving community of learners. Let's continue to work together to ensure the success and well-being of our students.

Wishing you a fantastic end to Term 1 and a restful vacation.

Best regard!

Ms. Lizelle MacLachan

Head of Studies – Secondary



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INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

Our students are trying very hard in their learning. Every day, they learn the interesting knowledge. They did many experiments and many activities to achieve their goals.

This month has a special day for all our students. This is a mid - autumn Festival Day. To celebrate this day, each student in all the classes makes their own lanterns. All students are so excited to perform in the school. We wish our students would have a great time and a happy mid – autumn.

From 2 October to 6 October 2023, Secondary students will have the middle semester test. From 5 October to 6 October 2023, Primary students will do their test. We wish the students would have a good result. Please kindly look at these below photos to summary this month of our memories.

Ms. Kim Tri

Head of Vietnamese





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STEM UPDATE

We are excited to share with you the latest updates on the STEM program at Singapore International School Binh Duong campus. Our primary students have been actively participating in CREST projects, organized by the renowned British science organization. These projects have proven to be highly engaging, allowing our students to explore various scientific concepts while having a lot of fun in the process.



In addition, our secondary students have been diligently working on a sustainability project, which they will showcase at our upcoming end-of-term STEM Day. This project-based approach not only fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills but also instills a sense of responsibility towards the environment in our students. We are proud of their dedication and commitment to creating innovative solutions for a sustainable future.

We look forward to sharing more exciting updates about our STEM program in the future.

Best regard!

Mr. Jolin Ray Richardson



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STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome from all the members of the student council! The members of the student council include Michelle Lau, Tham Xue Ling, Liu Ke Xin, Nguyen Bao Dang, Nguyen Ngoc Hoang Yen, Marcia Ancilla Junarta and Tran Thi Anh Thu. We are honored to be elected as student council members for the coming school year, 2023-2024. Our main purpose is to represent the student body. We also serve as a link between the students and the school. During the past few weeks, we have been coming up with our own code of conduct and constitution to establish the rules and responsibilities for the year ahead of us. Now, we are planning for future school assemblies and helping the teachers with our upcoming Halloween event on October 31st, 2023. We hope that the changes that we will be making are going to be enjoyed by the rest of the students. Furthermore, we are sure to be opened to other opinions outside of the student council, as we want the best for the student body and the school. With everybody's help and support, we are looking forward to the things that all of us will accomplish together.

Kind regards
Michelle Lau

