

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

- Monday 28th June – Semester 2 report cards available for collection from school office.
- Friday 2nd July – final day of School Year 2020-2021
- Monday 9th August 2021 – start of the new school year 2021-2022

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SIS Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends

We were hoping that we would be able to complete our school year for 2020-2021 without any further disruptions due to CoVid, including completing our Semester 2 exams as well as hosting our Graduation and Award Ceremony. Unfortunately, the outbreak of the 4th wave of CoVid during May 2021 has forced us to change our plans.

Although our KIK and High School students have been able to continue to attend school to complete their academic program, SIS@BDNC was required to close school for our Year 1-8 students from 14th May 2021, and commence with online learning. This resulted in cancellation of the Semester 2 exams as well as our Graduation and Awards Ceremony planned for 30th June. Please note that we also now have to cancel all end of year parent-teacher briefings and meetings.

Teachers and students will thankfully have managed to complete all necessary assessments required to be able to produce Semester 2 report cards, with the last assessments due to be completed in the first week of June during online learning. Final Semester 2 report cards will be available for collection from Monday 28th June 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students for the continued dedication to their studies whilst online for the last 6 weeks of the school year. Learning online day after day is not easy, but it has been pleasing to witness the enthusiasm that most students have shown during this time. I would also like to thank all the parents for continuing to assist and support your children during these times and to ensure they have been equipped to get the most out of the online learning experience. Lastly, I would also like to thank all the teachers and staff for their continued dedication and enthusiasm in ensuring successful online learning is taking place. To deliver successful learning online requires a whole different mindset and use of different strategies to ensure student engagement at all times, and I can honestly say that all the teachers and staff have adapted fantastically to ensure valuable learning has taken place. Thank you everyone.

Mark Watling
Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Dear parents,

The month of May has seen a return to online learning in the primary school. All students from Year 1 to Year 5 have been engaged in our online program for most of this month. I have been visiting the virtual classrooms of all year levels and have been impressed with the quality of teaching and learning that is being conducted under difficult circumstances. Well done to all teachers and students!

Please make sure that your child is ready to start at the starting time for each lesson. Also, ensure that your child has their microphone and speakers working for each lesson. It has been the experience of the students I teach personally that online learning is much easier with a laptop or PC.

Take care everyone,

Mr. Tom Dowden
Head of Studies-Primary School

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

We have spent a quiet two weeks here in the high school with only our IGCSE 1&2 and Year 9 Integrated students attending. IGCSE 2 students have been writing their exams and cramming in as much study as they possible can, and IGCSE 1 and Year 9 Integrated students have been completing coursework and submitting assessments in their various subjects. Year 6 – 8 students have been facing the challenges of online learning and I am pleased to be able to say that attendance to these classes has been very high. We are still hopeful that school will resume for all of our students and that we can have some special moments together before we break up at the end of the year!

Ms. Caroline Mead
Deputy Principal

INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

From 4 May to 10 May, our students paid all their attention on doing the final exam. Year 1 to 8 have finished their final tests. Our teachers have also finished with marking the tests and they are doing the reports for parent meetings.

Because of the CoVid, we have to do online learning again. We are on the way to finish the entire teaching and learning plan this year.

I hope we can come back to school as normal to complete the entire plan and to see the smiling face of our students.

Ms. Kim Tri
HoV

KIK ACTIVITIES TERM 4



Prep Internationals Master Pieces

After doing a Unit on Van Gogh the painter, the children were guided through weeks of completing their own versions of Vincent Van Gogh's "A Starry Night".



Nursery Building Blocks

Nursery students learning how to build something using different shaped blocks.



Our Prep Integrated students proudly showing off their artwork.



K2 Integrated



K1 Integrated

STAFF NEWS

Staff Leaving

It is with regret that at the end of this school year we will say farewell to several staff members.

1. April Iligan – Ms. April has decided to return to her home country, Philippines
2. Lynda Martin and Cecilia Sua-Rappel – after 2 years at BDNC, Ms. Lyndie and Ms. Cecilia have accepted transfers to SIS at Da Nang.
3. Thomas and Kerry Dowden – Mr. Tom and Ms. Kerry have been at BDNC for 3 years and have accepted new positions at an International School in Hoi An.
4. Lucille Burton – Ms. Lucy has also decided to return back to her home country, Australia.
5. Amy Newman – Ms. Amy has decided to take a year off from teaching.
6. Peter Harwood – Mr. Peter's short term contract to cover PE classes ends on 2 July and he will return to Hanoi.

We thank these 6 teachers for the contributions that they have made in their time at SIS BDNC, and wish them all well in their future endeavors.

New Staff Arriving

We are pleased to announce the following new teachers who have accepted teaching positions at BDNC starting in August 2021.

1. Ms. Karen Delahunty – Ms. Karen is from Ireland and will take up the role of Year 1 International class teacher. She holds a Master in Education degree and has 4 years of teaching experience in Ireland and the UAE.
2. Mr. Tadhg Curran – Mr. Tadhg is also from Ireland and also holds a Master in Education degree. He will take up the role of Year 5 International class teacher and comes with 7 years teaching experience in Ireland and the UAE.
3. Ms. Maika Valino – Ms. Maika is from the Philippines and is transferring from SIS Can Tho to take up the role as specialist ICT teacher for primary classes. Ms. Maika holds a Master of Science in Information Technology and has 8 years teaching experience in the Philippines and Vietnam.
4. Ms. Kimberley Quiliza – Ms. Kimberley is also from the Philippines and will take up the role as class teacher of our new K1 International class starting from next school year. Ms. Kimberley has 7 years teaching KIK in Philippines and Vietnam. She holds a Bachelor in Education degree.
5. Ms. Meaghan Nolan – Ms. Meaghan is from Canada and holds a degree in Early Childhood Education. She has 7 years teaching experience in Canada and Korea.
6. Mr. William Phillipoff – Mr. William is also from Canada and holds a Bachelor in Education degree and has been teaching for over 3 years in Canada and Korea.
7. Ms. Lou Yu – Ms. Lou Yu will teach Chinese and she has a Masters Degree and several teaching certificates in Chinese Language.

We look forward to welcoming all our new teachers in August and know that they will all make exceptional contributions to the success and development of our students.