



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ BINH DUONG

# 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

- 8-15 May – Y1-8 Integrated Final MOET exams
- 17 May – Prep to Year 1 parent presentation
- 25 May – 2 June – Semester 2 exams
- 23 June – End of Year Concert
- 26 – 30 June – Year 8 and 9 OBV
- 30 June – Report cards issued

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SIS Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends

I hope you all had a good break over the long weekend period this last week.

Term 4 is in full swing and already been a very busy one. Between 24-28 April we held a very successful Reading week which included a 2-day Book Fair where students had the opportunity to buy some books for their reading pleasure. I thank parents for providing your children with the opportunity to purchase some good quality reading books.

Year 9 Integrated also wrote their final secondary level exams that week and we look forward to seeing some excellent results.

Teachers and students are busy finishing off the year's various curriculum content for International subjects and reviewing all work in preparation for our semester 2 exams starting on 25 May. Tutorial week will be held in the days just prior to these exams.

Year 1-8 Integrated write their final year MOET subject exams between 8-15 May, and we wish them all success.

All students in Year3-AS also completed their annual survey in April and I look forward to sharing some results with everyone soon.

Preparations are well under way for our End of Year Concert to be held on the afternoon of 23 June 2023. The theme this year is 'Movie Themes', and we can rest assured of a wonderful afternoon of awards and performances. More details will be sent soon by the office staff.

In closing, I would like to thank all parents for their wonderful support over the past year in ensuring the continued success of your children and the school.

Mark Watling  
Principal



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## PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Dear parents,

April was a month that was packed with activities at SIS BDNC.

Our STEM day was held on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April. Ms. Maika and her team made sure that it was a fun day to remember. The various challenges included “The Amazing Race”, Boat Challenge, Quizz Bee, Digital Poster Making. Interesting exhibits and “games” that were designed by our students created a lot of fun while learning. Thank you to every teacher and student that participated with enthusiasm. Also, a big thank you to the parents that showed their interest in the activities and encouraged them to participate.

After the term break we were all excited to start the 4<sup>th</sup> term. Our Year 6 and 7 students attended the OBV Program at Binh Dinh during the first week. It was awesome to see how students showed confidence, although they were taken out of their comfort zones. Students had to communicate and work as a team in their respective groups. Our students’ behavior was outstanding. Thank you to Mr. Mario and Ms. Thu for your time and effort to support every student.

Our Reading and Literacy week was from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. It was a huge success. Students were encouraged to participate in a variety of activities. Students could read a story to a younger class or group, present their chosen book to the class, coloured a picture of their favourite book character or even dress like their favourite book character on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>. There was also a surprise every day when the bell rang and students had to “Stop everything and read” for a few minutes. We are trying our best to promote a reading culture in our school. Fabico displayed books and students had the opportunity to buy some quality books at a discounted price. A special word of thanks to Mr. Darren and his team for organizing a great Reading and Literacy Week.

The Spelling Bee Final was held on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Congratulations to Nguyen Duy Phong (Y4A) and Pham Vinh Dat (Y4LA) that represented our school in the Primary section. We are very proud of you.

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break over the April/May Public Holidays, and managed to spend some quality time together with family and friends.

Mr. Philip van der Walt  
Head of Studies - Primary School



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## HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

As we approach the end of the school year, Term 4 is proving to be the busiest term of the year. All grade levels are currently or will soon be undergoing final assessments and exams. To prepare for these exams, many classes have already started doing reviews of the semester's work. It is important for students to use this time to review their notes and seek clarification from their teachers where necessary.

We have just completed a successful Reading and Literacy Week, which included hosting a Book Fair showcasing reading books from a local vendor. All students had the opportunity to attend, and we hope it encouraged our students to develop a love for reading.

While writing this, the Spelling Bee final is set to take place on 28 April, and we wish all participants the best of luck. Many classes are already practicing hard for the End of Year Concert, and we look forward to showcasing our students' talents.

Finally, our IGCSE 2 and AS-level students are currently writing their final exams, and we wish them all success. We encourage them to stay focused and to give their best effort.

Ms. Lizelle MacLachan  
Head of Studies - Secondary





## INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

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

From 8 -12 May 2023, the Year 1 to Year 8 students will write their final exams. We wish our students will all do well and achieve good marks. All the students and their teachers are preparing for the exam. They are working very hard.

From 17 – 21 April, our Y6 and Y7 students went to OBV in Quy Nhon, Binh Dinh province. They all had an unforgettable time and experience together. Below are some photos of them.



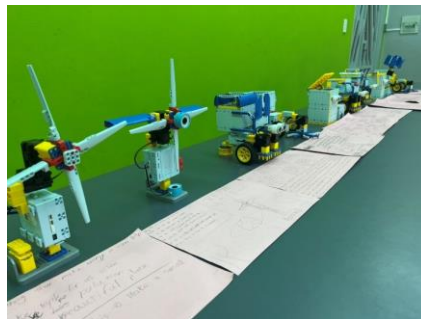
Ms. Kim Tri  
Head of Vietnamese



## STEM REPORT

April's STEM was jam-packed with enjoyable, engaging, and difficult projects and activities. Students were given the opportunity to create robots that could tackle some of the environmental concerns that our planet was currently facing, such as a robot that could separate rubbish and clean the streets without the assistance of humans. Students in grades 1–4 also created simple machines that could perform simple functions such as dropping a ball, pouring a drink, and more, which they displayed during the exhibits. They also participated in a variety of activities such as the Tower Challenge, Boat Competition, Quiz Bee, Robotics Competition, and Amazing STEM Race.

While the secondary students participated in the Programming Hackathon, they used Java Programming, 3D Modeling and Printing, Digital Poster Making, STEM Quiz Bee, Amazing STEM Race, Robotics Competition, and they even created fun activities for the STEM Exhibit that the primary students and teachers could enjoy. Overall, STEM Day was a fantastic chance for SIS students to participate and demonstrate their talents and abilities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.







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