

NEWSLETTER

March 2022

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 April 2022 - Term 3 ends.
- 9 - 17 April 2022 - April holidays.
- 18 April 2022 - Term 4 starts.
- 20 April – 8 June 2022 – IGCSE Cambridge Exams
- 25-29 April 2022 - final MOET exams for Integrated class Y9.
- 16-21 May 2022 - final MOET exams Integrated classes Y6-8
- 25 May - 3 June 2022 - SA2 exams
- 28-29 June 2022 – Graduation and Award Ceremonies

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SIS Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends

March was another busy but productive month at school. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm shown by students in their learning now that they are fully settled back into school routines and tasks.

Unfortunately, again, there were some disruptions caused by teachers and students contracting Covid, again resulting in some classes and students having to resort back to online learning. However, I am pleased to see that despite disruptions and challenges, all our classes have managed to ensure the effective learning has taken place and that our students are keeping pace with our learning outcomes.

The school ended Term 3 with a week's activities revolving around anti-bullying and kindness. The aim was to raise awareness amongst our students for the need to always be kind and helpful towards others. Please see later in this newsletter more details of the Kindness Week activities.

March also saw the celebration of World Water Day on 22 March. This year's theme was 'Ground Water' and the students all enjoyed their lessons and activities held to learn more about the importance of water on Earth.

Next term we will be offering Extra Curricular Activities (clubs) after school again. Please look out for a letter in the first week back after our holidays for details on clubs being offered and days/times. We look forward to many of our students joining and encourage parents to enroll their children for at least one club.

Term 4 will be a busy term with exams in both International and Integrated subjects. Also, we are planning Graduation and Awards Ceremonies for the last week of June. More details on these will follow in next month's newsletter.

Till next term, stay safe and take care everyone.

Mark Watling
Principal

PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

The mix of online and face to face teaching continued throughout March with staff and students alike being affected by Covid. I would like to thank staff who have had an enormous workload covering absent staff and supervising online classes. Despite the juggling, students seemed to remain in good spirits and in this last week of school, far more staff and students are back at school. Let us hope that this trend continues and that all can be back for the start of Term 4! This week we celebrated Kindness week, which was a timely reminder not to just be kind to each other, but to also be kind to ourselves. Accordingly, I wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy Term 3 break.

Ms. Caroline Mead
Deputy Principal

INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

We knew that all our students have difficult time because of the Covid 19. Some students must stay at home to learn online, and some students come to school. Teachers and students are trying their best to get over this hard time. This month, we had the mid – exam. Our students did their best to do the exam. 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 25 April 2022 to 29 April 2022, 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.

Ms. Kim Tri
Head of Vietnamese

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Term 4 will see the long-awaited resumption of our Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs). We hope to be able to offer quite a wide variety of activities and a letter regarding these will go out in the first week of Term 4. Due to Covid, we will unfortunately have to restrict many clubs to a maximum of 10-12 students so please ensure you get your reply slip in as soon as possible.

STEM UPDATE

March was another busy month for STEM activities at school. Please look out for a separate newsletter that will be sent soon outlining and updating everyone on all STEM activities held during Term 3.

Mr. Jonathan Bosman
Head of Studies Secondary School/STEM Coordinator

STAFF UPDATE

Please take note of the following updates regarding our staff at BDNC:

1. Ms. Denise Bosman has been employed on a short-term contract until the end of May 2022 to assist with teaching PE across all grades.
2. We still await the arrival of Ms. Lorraine Samuel as our new K1 International class teacher, and we are hopeful that she will arrive in Vietnam fairly soon.
3. Mr. Deepak Maharaj has been appointed as an English teacher in secondary/high school and we are hoping he will arrive in Vietnam before the end of March 2022.

DYNED ENGLISH

We continue to encourage all students from year 3 upwards to use this program at home 3-4 times a week for 15-20 minutes. This will help to accelerate their learning. We are already seeing the huge benefits of this program in those students using it regularly.

During the last week of Term 3, we were happy to award many students in Year 3 and Year 4 with their DynEd competency certificates for having successfully passed certain levels. We look forward to even more students receiving certificates in Term 4.



ANTI-BULLYING AND KINDNESS WEEK

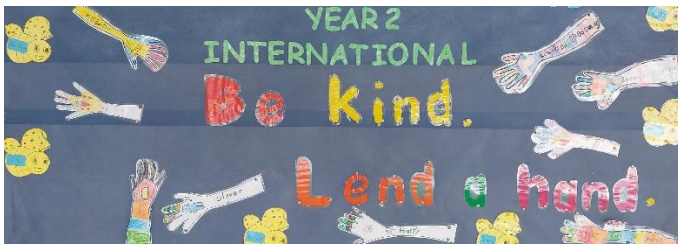
During the last week of Term 3, we held an Anti-Bullying/Kindness week, where the aim was to raise awareness amongst our students for the need not to bully others and to always be kind and helpful towards others. The week started off on Monday 4 April with all students and staff wearing white clothes to school – to symbolize purity and kindness. Thereafter a number of activities were held during the week as follows:

1. Daily morning videos and discussion around anti-bullying behavior and the need to care and be kind to others, just as we all like others to be kind to us.
2. Class challenges:
 - Year 1: Kindness cup challenge.
 - Year 2-3: Designing a kindness bracelet.
 - Year 4-5: Writing a comic strip about an act of kindness.
 - Year 6: Pledge challenge.
 - Year 7-9: 'Kindness Rock Gardens'.
 - IGCSE 1-2: A mural promoting anti-bullying and kindness.
3. On Wednesday 6 April, each student was given a piece of ribbon. On the ribbon they had to write one way that they can promote kindness in SIS. These ribbons were hung up on tress around the school.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the activities, and it was heartwarming to see many of the messages written on the ribbons showing just how caring and kind our students actually are.



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