

# NEWSLETTER

April/May 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

- 1 June 2022 - Children's Day.
- 6 June - Y8 to IGCSE parent evening
- 7 June 2022 - SA2 Exam marks finalised.
- 15 June - Prep to Y1 parent meeting.
- 21 June - Graduation and Awards Ceremonies (GAACs).
- 23 - 28 June - Primary PTCs
- 28-29 June - Secondary PTCs
- 23-29 June 2022 - Report cards issued.
- 30 June 2022 - School Year ends.
- 4-22 July 2022 - KIK Summer Program

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SIS Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends

Term 4 has been another busy time at school, with teachers finishing the work for this academic year and preparing the students for their final semester exams which took place in the last two weeks of May. I am very happy to advise that both the MOET Integrated exams as well as the International Semester 2 exams went extremely well and I am looking forward to seeing the final results of all our students – these will be available in the last week of June.

This term also saw the first full scale celebration event that we have been able to hold at school in nearly 2 years – Children's Day 2022 held on 1 June. It was great to see the students be able to enjoy some fun games and activities outdoors and get into the full spirit of Children's Day in which we celebrated the importance of our youth of today. Please see more later in this newsletter for a wrap of the day's events.

On the 21 June we will hold our Graduation and award ceremonies, which will be broken down into 3 events – KIK Graduation at 9.00am, followed by our Primary Graduation and Awards at 11.00am and rounding of with the Secondary/High School Graduation and Awards at 2.00pm. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Peter Baker, Director of Education, to all these ceremonies. Unfortunately we will only be allowed to host 1 parent of our award winners at the ceremonies – invitations will be sent soon to those parents of students that will receive awards and I hope those invited will all be able to attend.

Furthermore, let's hope that in June 2023 we will be able to again host our annual End of Year Concerts.

To all our students, parents and teachers - I would like to thank everyone for successfully navigating what has been another hard year for education and congratulate our students on the achievements they have made.

Till next month, stay safe and take care everyone.

Mark Watling  
Principal

## PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

This month has been a busy month with IGCSE 2 exams, IGCSE1 exams and Year 6 - 9 SA2 exams dominating. Thankfully all exams are over now, with students nervously awaiting results. I am happy to say that exams ran smoothly, and students seemed well prepared.

Childrens' Day was held on June 1<sup>st</sup> - please see photos elsewhere in this newsletter. The day was the first whole school event that we have been able to have for two years. Despite the heat, the children had a great time and it was great to see our students in Year 8 organising and running activities for our primary school students. Well done to Ms Lorraine and her team for running a successful event!

The next whole school activity will be our STEM days on June 23 - 24th. Look out for the photos next newsletter.

Ms. Caroline Mead  
Deputy Principal

## INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

The last week of April, Year 9A did the final Vietnamese exams. The school finished all the reports of Y9A students. We are pleased to announce that they are all able to go to high school for next school year.

In the middle of May, Y1A to Y8A also finished the semester 2 Vietnamese exams. All teachers are currently completing the final report for students.

Besides that, students from Y1- Y6 got their CoVid 19 vaccinations. Students are excited. Please see some pictures about them.

Ms. Kim Tri  
Head of Vietnamese



### **STEM UPDATE**

Computers, Robots, State of the art Medical Facilities, Electric Cars, Outer Space exploration, and Smart Phones – these are some of the technological changes in the world that we are currently living through. We are moving faster, technically, and more advanced than yesterday. From doing simple tasks at home, talking with people far away, dealing with documents digitally, and even self-checking at the airport; all this is possible because of STEM. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. It allows the world to move more efficiently to make our lives better. Luckily, Singapore International School is offering an exceptional STEM program with a state-of-the-art facility and professionally trained teachers. And with that, we are pleased to announce that before the year ends, the school, together with the teachers, has organized two very special days to celebrate STEM. There will be different activities and challenges that our students will enjoy. There will be exhibits by the secondary students, different challenges, and activities that will be enjoyed by all. It will be a day of exploring the 'Possibilities of STEM'!

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

Ms. Maika Valino  
STEM Teacher

### **STAFF UPDATE**

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

1. Ms. Lorraine Samuel, our new K1 International class teacher, arrived and commenced teaching during May, allowing us to split the K1 and K2 International classes.
2. Mr. Deepak Maharaj also arrived during May, and will fill the role of Y5LA English and Social Studies teacher as well as form teacher for this class. Next year however, Mr. Deepak will teach high school English.

We wish both Ms. Lorraine and Mr. Deepak success and look forward to seeing their valuable contributions towards the success of our academic programme.

### **DYNED ENGLISH**

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

Towards the end of Term 4, we will be awarding many more students in both primary and secondary levels with their DynEd competency certificates for having successfully passed certain levels.

## CHILDREN'S DAY – 1 JUNE 2022

Singapore International School witnessed a very special celebration of Children's Day this year on June 1st 2022. Our first celebration in two years, this was a special afternoon for all of our students and staff. This day was organized and prepared by our teachers and students of Year 8 for our young learners from Early Years to Year 7. Special thanks must go to Ms Lorraine, Ms Kim Tri, Mr Jonathan and their many helpers.

Our soccer field and basketball court were put to good use and a beautifully decorated entrance was constructed by Ms Duyen, Mr Thiep, office staff with the help of an outside vendor..

Overall, this was an afternoon packed with laughter, joy and excitement. SIS wishes every child a very Happy Children's Day!



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