

# NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST, 2024** 

#### 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**

- Vietnam National Day
- Mid-Autumn

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your cooperation and assistance with the beginning of the new school year.

Term 1 is always a busy time as the students get organized for the new school year.

I am so pleased with our smooth start to the year.

Great to see so many enthusiastic students and staff moving forward in our new learning journey.

Parents are encouraged to please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school office if you need any information or further understanding of any areas of your child's learning at SIS@BDNC.

A few reminders from school.

Pick up times.

All play at SIS@BDNC will finish at 4.30pm.

Students will then be directed to the canteen area to wait for parent pick up.

Your cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated.

Student Information.

Any changes to student information needs to be shared with the school office as soon as possible. It is very important that student records are always kept up to date.

School communication.

Parents are asked to make sure they have the school management system, SMS installed on their phone. All messages from school will be sent via the SMS.

School newsletters will be sent home at the end of each month.

Class newsletters go home every Friday.

Let's enjoy term 1 together and all the new exciting learning experiences it brings.

Yours in learning,

Mr Mark.



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### PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Welcome to the New Academic Year!

It is a privilege to welcome everyone at our school for the new academic year. To our new students and parents, we extend a special word of welcome. We encourage you to participate in all school activities and hope that you settle in smoothly and feel at home quickly.

For our returning students and their parents, we are delighted to have you all back. Be assured that our passionate teachers are dedicated to ensuring the best possible learning experience for every student. Your continued trust and support are greatly appreciated.

We are also excited to introduce new members of our teaching team in the Primary section:

Mr. William Lynch (Year 4 International)

Mr. Peter Mc Clemont (Year 5 International)

Ms. Ying-Jie Peng (Chinese)

These experienced educators are enthusiastic about teaching and bring a wealth of knowledge and passion for learning to our school. We wish them all the best as they integrate into our school community.

As we embark on this new academic journey together, let us remember that education is a partnership between students, teachers, and parents. As a parent, your involvement is crucial in fostering a supportive and enriching environment for our students.

Our after-school clubs started in Week 3. Thank you to everyone who signed up. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and get extra practice to communicate in English in an informal setting.

Let us embrace this year with enthusiasm and a commitment to making it the best year yet. Together, we can achieve great things!

Warm regards,

Philip van der Walt

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." – B.B. King



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### **HIGH SCHOOL REPORT**

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

Welcome back to a new academic year! I trust everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer break. A special welcome to all our new students – we hope you settle in quickly, make new friends, and feel a part of our vibrant school community.

This term is packed with exciting events and important updates. One of the highlights will be our Mid-Autumn Festival celebration, taking place on Tuesday, 17 September. This much-loved event is always eagerly anticipated by both students and staff, and we look forward to sharing in the festivities together.

Please note that the school will be closed on Monday, 2 September, and Tuesday, 3 September, in observance of Vietnam National Day. We encourage everyone to enjoy the break and return ready for the busy weeks ahead.

This term also brings a few changes to our NEO program. Although there is less class time dedicated to NEO, students are still expected to engage with the program at home. It will now be assigned as homework and monitored by their English teachers. Students should continue using NEO as they have in the past to support their English learning.

In the coming weeks, we will also be electing our new Student Council. This is always an exciting process, and we encourage students to participate actively in selecting their representatives. The newly elected members will be announced soon after.

Lastly, a reminder that there will be no formal exams this term. Instead, Term 1 reports will be based solely on Classroom-based Assessments. It's important for all students to establish strong study habits and routines from the outset to ensure a productive and successful term.

I wish everyone the best of luck as we embark on this new term, filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and achievement.

Warm regards,

Ms Lizelle MacLachlan Head of Studies



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#### **INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT**

Autumn – the opening of a new school year. The new school year 2024 - 2025 has arrived. Every year, students will have more challenges, but we hope that students are ready for their new journey. We wish all the teachers and students a school year filled with great memories.

During this month, our students have started their learning routine after summer holiday. Especially with Year 1 students, this year is their first year to learn many subjects and meet many teachers. They will have some difficult times to adapt with new changes and we hope parents understand and support our students and teachers for them to succeed with their learning. We would like to thank all parents for your encouragement to your children and the school during the year.

We wish our students would have a great new school year.

I would like to share with you some lovely photos of our students this month during their learning.

Ms.Kim Tri.







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### **STEM UPDATE**

This month in our STEM program, students have been busy with exciting projects.

Our primary students started CREST projects from British Science Week, sparking their curiosity and creativity.

Secondary and high school students are preparing for the STEM Fair at the end of Term 1, focusing on Sustainability, Smart Cities, and Urban Planning.

These projects are helping them understand science and technology while thinking about the future of our world.

We're proud of their dedication and can't wait to see their work!

Jolin Richardson

STEM Coordinator





