



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ BINH DUONG NEW CITY

# 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

- Children's Day event: 31. May.24
- Intercampus Sports Day Hackathon: 13. Jun.24
- EYOC: 20. Jun.24

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be in our last month of schooling for the 23-24 academic year.

June will be a busy month, so please continue to check highlighted dates in the newsletter and check the class newsletters that go home weekly.

Please contact the school office if you have any further communication.

### 1. Examinations.

SA2 examinations are now completed in the MOET and Singapore program, and only a few to go in the Cambridge program.

### 2. Reports.

- School report cards for the year will go home early in the last week of Term 4, 2024.
- Interviews are optional only if further understanding of reports is required.

### 3. School concert.

- Tickets for the school concert on the 20/06/24 are now on sale.
- Please contact the school office for further information.
- Teachers will communicate all the information about the concert, but please contact the office for any further updates or clarification.
- Please come by the school office to see the design on display for the building program at SIS@BDNC. Phase 3 of the development looks impressive. Help us spread the good news!

Yours in learning,

Mr Mark.



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## WELCOME TO THE HOUSE SYSTEM!

We're excited for this new initiative at SIS Binh Duong! The student council has introduced three houses: Chimera, which is red; Hydra, which is blue; and Sphinx, which is yellow. The purpose of the house system is to encourage all students and teachers to support their house in a variety of sporting and cultural events. It also aims to encourage participation, enthusiasm, confidence, sportsmanship and teamwork.

We look forward to the success of this new initiative at SIS Binh Duong.





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## PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

The month of May is undoubtedly the most important month in our academic school calendar. This is when our learners prepare for and sit their final exams, which began on the 24th of May.

In addition to exams, teachers and students have started preparing for the EOYC performances, which promise to be out of this world. This event, scheduled for the 20th of June, is set to be one of the highlights of the year. Be sure to get your tickets for a great experience and to enjoy stunning performances from all classes. I wish everyone the best in their preparations for our EOYC.

I want to extend my gratitude to all the teachers hosting interesting Extra Curricular Activities this term. One standout is the Young Explorers Club, run by Ms. Phil. In this club, students learn about science topics and conduct basic experiments. The learners eagerly ask questions and seek solutions in a safe environment. During one session, they mixed a solid and a liquid to create a gas using baking soda, vinegar, and balloons. Through observation, they discovered that science is fascinating and engaging. The club fosters important dispositions for learning, such as curiosity, concentration, and observational skills.

The main goal of our Extra Curricular Activities is for our learners to develop and practice new skills, have fun, and communicate with each other and teachers in an informal setting.

A big thank you to every learner, parent, and staff member who did their best and supported our school during May!

As we near the end of our academic year. Please keep this in mind: "While a good start sets the tone, it's a strong finish that truly counts."

Warm regards,

Philip van der Walt

Head of Studies Primary





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## HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

As the Head of Studies, it's my pleasure to share some exciting updates as we approach the end of the academic year. With the month-long summer vacation on the horizon, there are several significant events and activities we are eagerly anticipating.

Firstly, our students are currently completing their final exams. These assessments are crucial as they reflect the hard work and dedication shown throughout the year. Comprehensive reports will be issued in the final week of term to provide detailed feedback on each student's progress and achievements.

In addition to the academic rigors, we have some engaging and enjoyable activities lined up. Our House Committee and PE Department have organized a series of fun sports events designed to promote teamwork, fitness, and school spirit. These events are always a highlight, providing a perfect blend of competition and camaraderie. Several classes are also set to embark on excursions which will provide a fun and hopefully enjoyable close to the year.

The centerpiece of our end-of-year celebrations is the highly anticipated End of Year Concert and Awards Ceremony. This event is the culmination of months of preparation, with students and teachers working tirelessly on performances that showcase their talents and creativity. The Awards Ceremony is a momentous occasion where we recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students across various disciplines.

As we approach these final weeks, the energy and excitement within our school are palpable. While there's much to be done, the dedication and enthusiasm of our students and staff ensure that we will end the year on a high note.

I wish everyone the best of luck with their exams and look forward to celebrating our collective accomplishments at the End of Year Concert and Awards Ceremony. Let's make these last few weeks memorable and enjoyable for all.

Warm regards,

Ms Lizelle MacLachlan  
Head of Studies (Secondary)



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## INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

At the beginning of this month, the school submitted all the documents for recognition of completing the 9th grade program to the Education and Training Department of Thu Dau Mot so they would give the secondary school graduation certificates to our students.

The students in all classes have completed the 2nd semester exam. Now they are practicing the items which they will perform in the school year-end concert. We are looking forward to watching their lovely performances. I sincerely appreciate the support of parents and teachers to achieve this milestone in our school year.

I would like to share with you some lovely photos of this month.



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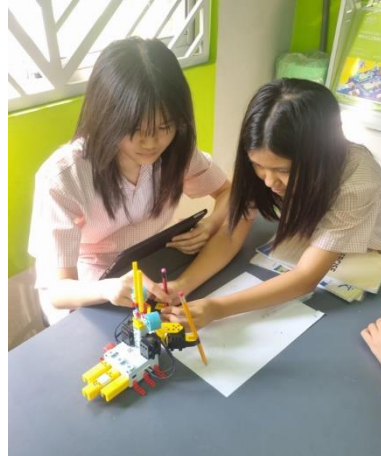
## STEM UPDATE

May highlights at BDNC

This month, students at BDNC have continued their exploration of robotics, utilizing Codey Rocky, Ukit, and Neuron kits. They have showcased their creativity and growing expertise by designing and building their own unique robot creations. These hands-on projects have allowed students to apply their knowledge in innovative ways, demonstrating both their technical skills and their ability to think outside the box. The ongoing engagement with these kits is fostering a deeper understanding of robotics and a passion for STEM across all grade levels.

Best regards

Mr. Jolin







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## STUDENT COUNCIL

Exams are nearing completion, signalling the close of another academic year. While I recall the challenges of IGCSE, the fond memories we made alongside them shine just as brightly. Being part of the Student Council added another layer to my experience. Although it wasn't always easy, it offered a lot of opportunities for growth.

The Student Council helped with and organised several events this year, including Halloween, World Water Day and the introduction and creating of our school houses. We will remain committed to giving our best for the upcoming events and duties before the year concludes.

This is just from my perspective, but I am sure that every student has also had their own share of triumphs and tribulations, regardless of how small or big they are. It may be tough for some people, but we have time to turn things around, as this journey does not end here unless you think it does. With the end-of-year-concert and summer break around the corner, let's have some fun and relax, but also reflect and keep learning with the time that we have.

Best Regards

Michelle Lau

(Student Council President)



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Thank you

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