



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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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

By the time you receive this newsletter it will be nearly time to begin term 4.

The school year is zooming by so quickly.

Term 4, 2025 looks like being a busy and rewarding learning experience for all students at SIS@BDNC.

The following highlights some of the exciting school events and celebrations throughout term 4, 2025.

1. SA2 examinations.

Semester 2 examinations in the international program will be held in May 2025.

Communication will be sent home to all families via the weekly class newsletters.

Please remember the class table of specifications, TOS has previously been sent to all parents.

Please contact your child's form teacher if you need further information.

2. Cambridge examinations.

Cambridge examinations for IGCSE 2 and AS level students will begin in mid-April.

A comprehensive examination timeline has already been shared with all students.

Students are reminded to attend all examinations in full school uniform.

3. End of year concert.

A gentle reminder to all parents that the end of year concert will be held on the 26th of June 2025. The last Thursday of term 4.

Starting at 1.30pm.

Further concert information will be sent home to all families soon.

Your child's classroom teacher will share all the concert news with you and outline concert expectation concerning dress and other associated costs.

4. School news and communication.

In the busy weeks ahead, parents are encouraged to keep up with all channels of school communication.

This is done by the communication sent to you by the class newsletters, school SMS notifications and other messages sent by the form teachers.

If more information is needed or how to access any of these services, please contact the school office.

Welcome to term 4, 2025!

Yours in learning,

Mr Mark.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

This month, we had several exciting events, starting with our school's Primary Spelling Bee Competition.

Congratulations to the following learners who represented their classes:

Year 3:

- Y3A – Nguyen Khanh Quynh Dan
- Y3LA – Colin Khang Rogers

Year 4:

- Y4A – Hoang Anh Viet
- Y4LA – Nguyen Phuoc Thanh Lam

Year 5:

- Y5A – Nguyen Duy Bao
- Y5LA – Catherine Schrader



Our school's Primary Spelling Bee Winners for 2025 were:

- Integrated Program – Hoang Anh Viet
- International Program – Colin Khang Rogers

We wish them all the best as they go on to represent our school in the SIS Nationwide Competition on April 26th.

OBV Program

Our Year 4 learners attended the OBV program from Tuesday, March 18th, to Wednesday, March 19th, followed by our Year 5 learners from Thursday, March 20th, to Friday, March 21st.

This program provided learners with the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, some of which pushed them beyond their comfort zones and encouraged independence. We received positive feedback from the instructors about our learners' excellent behavior. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. A sincere thank you to all the teachers who joined and supported the students throughout this program.

Excursions

Several classes also went on excursions during March, giving students the chance to explore and discover new things beyond the classroom. Our learners behaved exceptionally well, and we extend our gratitude to the teachers who worked hard to organize these valuable learning experiences.

World Water Day

On Friday, March 21st, we celebrated World Water Day, raising awareness about the critical role glaciers play in our ecosystem. Learners took part in a variety of engaging activities and had a fantastic time.

Open Day

We were delighted to host our first Open Day in a long time. A heartfelt thank you to the parents who attended and took the opportunity to experience a "normal" day at our school. Your presence and support were greatly appreciated.

End-of-Year Concert Preparation

As we approach the end of term 3, classes are actively preparing their dances and performances for the End-of-Year Concert, one of the highlights of our school calendar.

Final Exam

In term 4, our students will write their Final Exam, which is a significant event on our academic calendar.

Please review the Table of Specifications that has been shared with parents, outlining the units our learners will be assessed on. I wish everyone the best in their exam preparation.

I wish everyone well. If you are traveling during the term break, enjoy every moment and stay safe.

Kind and best regards,

Philip van der Walt

Head of Studies – Primary



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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Parents,

As we approach the mid-semester break, it is an opportune moment to reflect on a particularly busy and productive term with students engaged in a wide range of academic and extracurricular activities.

At present, our IGCSE and AS-Level students are in the midst of their examinations, demonstrating focus and perseverance as they work towards their academic goals. This is a critical period for them, and we appreciate the support from both teachers and parents in ensuring they are well-prepared and confident. The official Cambridge IGCSE II examinations will begin on 3 April with the speaking assessments, marking the start of this significant phase.

Beyond academics, students have also been actively involved in sporting and community events. Sports Day on 1 April at Saigon South will see around 45 students from our Secondary and High School divisions competing in a variety of challenges. Hopefully these events will be a reflection of teamwork, perseverance, and school spirit.

The beginning of April will also bring some important annual school events. The annual Photo Days are scheduled on 2 and 3 April and on 4 April, STEM Day will conclude the term with a celebration of innovation and scientific inquiry.

Following the brief vacation starting on 4 April, we enter the final term of the academic year, where the primary focus will be on examinations and academic achievement. Given this, there will be no after-school activities during term 4 to allow students to concentrate fully on their studies. At the same time, we are pleased to confirm that the End-of-Year Concert is scheduled for 26 June, providing a wonderful occasion to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students.

As we round off this eventful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students and teachers for their commitment and resilience. I wish everyone a well-deserved and restful short break, and I look forward to an academically focused and rewarding final term ahead.

Best regards,

Lizelle Maclachlan

Head of Studies (Secondary)



INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

This month, our students completed the mid-term exams. I believe our students have tried their best in these assessments. The school reports have been sent home. Based on this result, teachers will develop a plan of student support to best assist them to prepare for the final exams.

From 18 March 2025 to 21 March 2025, our Year 4 and Year 5' students had a two days OBV course at school. From 24 March 2025 to 28 March 2025, the Year 7 students went to OBV in Ha Long province. This was a great time for students to improve their life skills.

Secondary school students had a trip back to their roots at Cu Chi tunnels. They learned how heroes dug the tunnels and lived in them during the period of fighting against foreign invaders.

I would like to share some photo of our activities that students did during this month.



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STEM UPDATE

Dear Parents,

It's been a hands-on and engaging term in STEM! Students have been working on their CREST projects, exploring creative solutions to real-world challenges.

Over the past few weeks, Years 3 to 5 have been designing and building their own Rube Goldberg machines, using simple machines to create chain reactions in fun and inventive ways. Meanwhile, Year 6 and up have been developing solutions for the "Re-Green the Earth" project, focusing on how to harness and distribute rainwater effectively to support sustainable ecosystems.

These projects will be showcased on STEM Day, April 4th, giving students a chance to share their work and see what their peers have created. It's been great to see their creativity and problem-solving skills in action, and we're looking forward to the final results.

Best regards,
Jolin Richardson
STEM Coordinator



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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE – PHASE 3

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to provide you with the latest update on the construction progress of Phase 3 of the Singapore International School (SIS) in Binh Duong New City.

Currently, the groundwork and initial preparations are underway. The new building block is being developed according to schedule and is expected to be completed and fully operational by the 2025–2026 academic year.

Phase 3 of the project will include:

- **Administrative and multi-purpose block:** This will house a canteen, kitchen, and a multi-function hall, as well as a media studio designed to support school communications and help students enhance their presentation and communication skills.
- **Academic and Innovation block:** The-art classrooms, a STEM room, a library, art and music studios – all designed to inspire creativity, foster curiosity, and support the holistic development of students' abilities.
- **Sports and outdoor recreation zone:** A football field and multifunctional playground – a dynamic space where students can train, play, and unwind, encouraging both physical wellness and social interaction.



Construction progress of Phase 3 buildings currently underway at Singapore International School (SIS), Binh Duong New City.



Illustrative view of the Science Lab at Singapore International School (SIS) Binh Duong New City. Please note this image is for illustration purposes only and may differ from the final built



Illustrative view of the School Library at Singapore International School (SIS) Binh Duong New City. Please note this image is for illustration purposes only and may differ from the final built space.