SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Since 1986

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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At Singapore International School we seek to nurtue students who are:

- Academic Achievers
- Confident Communicators
- Critical Thinkers
- Technologically literate students
- Active and Responsible citizens

Primary Cross Country Winners

Principal News

Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone in our school community back to a new school term. Semester 1 was a very successful learning experience for all at SIS @ GG.

I was so proud and thankful, of the hard work witnessed by both staff and students last semester. In Week 2 we had our parent-teacher interviews for all year levels, at which students received their Semester 1 Reports. It has been gratifying to see our students achieving commendable, and in some cases, outstanding results for their work throughout Terms 1 and 2. It is also wonderful to see parents and teachers meeting to discuss ways to support students in the future. I know our teachers find this a valuable process and I hope our parents do as well.

Keeping up with what's happening in your child's learning at times can be a very challenging time for most parents. Our monthly newsletters, parent letters, student handbooks, classroom bulletins, and the school website are always great ways to keep in touch with school events and celebrations.

Cross Country

On the morning and afternoon of February 4, SIS @ GG held its seventh annual Cross-Country Sports day. The weather was cool but our students enjoyed the beautiful world-class recreational Yen So Park of Gamuda City which played host to the 3 kilometre challenge. The challenge was so close between the Houses with the Red Dragons celebrating victory in the end winning by 3 points! The Red Dragons was able to pick up 375 points, while the Golden Aakor picked up 372 points and the Black Phoenix picked up 350 points.

I would like to sincerely thank the Management of Gamuda Land for allowing us to hold our event at Yen So Park; it was a very successful day which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

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Students visiting the Book Fair

Secondary students reading to Primary students

Book Week Fashion Parade

Read Aloud Day & Book Fair

On Wednesday 24 February the school celebrated Read Aloud Day. This year students at SIS @ GG participated in Read Aloud Day where our students read to each other to understand the importance of reading aloud and sharing stories.

Primary students also participated in a 'Character Dress Up Day' where children came dressed up as their favourite book character. Students enjoyed displaying their costumes in a special parade held.

APMOPS

Once again the Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS 2016) will be co-hosted in Vietnam by the KinderWorld Education Group and Hwa Chong Institution of Singapore. APMOPS was first held in Vietnam in 2009. Every year Vietnam has been successful with students gaining places in the final round of over 7000 regional participants. KinderWorld Education Group is delighted to continue to co-host with the Hwa Chong Institution to nominate outstanding participants of Vietnam for APMOPS 2016. More information about APMOPS will be given to students soon.

I hope that all parents and students have a happy and productive Term 3; I look forward to meeting and working with you.

Regards,
Shane Blood
Principal

Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parent and Students,

Welcome back from the Tet Holiday break. Term 3 has begun and SIS students are settling back to a routine of academic rigor and social interaction with peers and teachers.

Recently, the Junior Student Council supported Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which is an Australian Charity working in Vietnam with children in crisis. Blue Dragon kids are street kids, children with disabilities and children from rural homes living in extreme poverty. Some are also victims of human trafficking and slavery. The aim of Blue Dragon is to rescue kids from danger and reunite them with their families where possible and provide necessary services to recover and grow.

SIS Junior Student Council encouraged the student to show their generosity by donating toys and other items that can be given to these children for Tet, which would bring a smile to a desperate child's face. A total of 657 items were collected in donations. What an outstanding accomplishment of generosity from SIS students. This is an excellent example of the Schoolwide Learner Goals - Active and Responsible Citizens.

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Students visiting the Book Fair

Star of the Week Awards

Parent - Teacher Interviews

Thank you also to all the parents who participated in the Parent Teacher Conferences recently. It is a great opportunity to meet you and for you to hear firsthand how your child is progressing at school. The Report Cards have shown that we have some excellent students across all grades who are working very hard and producing quality results.

Also the recent Book Week festival to celebrate International Book Week and International Read Aloud Day was very popular. It was great to see so many children reading together and in groups with older children. It was also encouraging to know that many parents were happy to support their children in buying books from the book-sellers who came to the school for Book Week. Reading is such a powerful way to help learning in all areas. We hope your child continues to develop a love of reading.

At the Primary School Assembly for our younger children every fortnight students are awarded with Certificates for special achievements. We would like to ask parents to help children celebrate their achievements if they are awarded a Certificate by talking to the child about what the Certificate means and why the child deserves such important recognition.

The school is currently preparing for the WASC inspection in March and as part of the preparations, the Schoolwide Learner Goals (SLGs) have become an important focus area. Some students are learning the five SLGs through a song as it helps them become familiar with essential concepts surrounding the SLGs. As parents, you should encourage children to sing the SLG song at home and discuss with them what each of the five goals means.

Best wishes for a productive and engaging Term 3. We look forward to your support and interest in all the school's activities.

Regards,
Dr. Noel Geoghegan
Head of Studies (Year 1 – 9)

Message from Head of Studies (High School)
Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to Semester 2. I hope everyone had a very restful and entertaining Lunar New Year.

Term 3 is the most important term for our senior classes who have started the task of revising for their Cambridge examinations. As this preparation picks up pace and intensity, I would like to use this month's newsletter to communicate the importance of revision. No matter what the students learning style is, each and every student needs to revise their work to ensure the content is cemented into their knowledge. There is little time for procrastination as the exams swiftly approach.

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Student Council Presentation

Book Week Fashion Parade

The best way to become an effective learner is to be organized, use time wisely and plan ahead. With such a short time available from now until the exams it is important that your son or daughter begins revising as soon as possible if they have not already.

As always I am available to any student who has concerns about this exam series and our teachers are also available to assist them with study strategies related to their subject area. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at louise.ellis@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.

Regards,
Louise Ellis
Head of Studies (High School)

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