



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ GAMUDA GARDENS

# 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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At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:

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

## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

### Return to school and Events

There was a smooth transition back to school and I am proud of our students and staff. We continue to maintain high health and safety standards and follow the protocol to ensure that our students remain healthy. Every morning our students sanitize their hands and have their temperatures taken.

### Events

I am excited to inform you that events are planned for after the examinations. The KIK students went to the circus and enjoyed seeing all the animals. The Year 3 international and Year 5 integrated students are going to the Vietnam International Space Centre and observatory. Other events will be shared with you in our next newsletter.

### Semester examinations

The Year 1 - 9 Semester Two examinations will be completed by the 3rd of June. IGCSE 1 Semester Two examinations will run from the 29th of May to the 3rd of June.



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### **Cambridge examinations**

Cambridge examination will finish on the 10th of June. The results will be published online for the AS and A-levels on the 11th of August and the IG2 results will be published on the 18th of August. Your child will have access to these results.

Cambridge certificates will be available in November.

### **Report Cards and Yearbooks**

Please note: Report cards and yearbooks are given to your child on the last day of school. They will receive their report cards, on your behalf, please check they have.

### **Graduation and Awards Ceremony**

Graduation and the Awards ceremony will be held on the 28th of June.

Prep and Primary School from 10 am - 12 am

Secondary and High School from 1:30 - 3:30.

You will receive more details soon

### **Valuables and Phones**

Please ensure that your children leave anything of value at home as we cannot be held responsible for items that go missing. Students should not be using their phones during class time unless instructed to do so by a teacher, and only for educational purposes.

### **Last Week of School**

The Student Council and teachers are planning some fun activities for our students for the last week of school.

Our school year will end on the 30th of June at 3:15 pm for ALL students.

I thank you for all your support this year, it has been tough!

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn) for any support, information or suggestions.

**Lorraine Els**

**Principal**











We celebrated for the Children's Day.  
KIK students had an excursion to the  
Circus.  
They were excited and enjoyed the  
show.



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## Message from High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

We are coming to the end of the Cambridge exam season with the SA2 exams also drawing to close! I know that many of our students have been spending late nights revising for their exams. As always it is a very stressful time of year as our learners attempt to show their knowledge and skills in a final exam. Please ensure that as parents you are supporting your children and encouraging them to take study breaks and get some exercise away from their desks. Research has shown that shorter study sessions of about 30 - 45 minutes over extended periods of time are much more effective than marathon sessions! Another important area is that of proper nutrition, it's a great help to make sure that there are healthy foods in the house so that when your children are hungry they can fuel themselves with nutritious snacks and not junk food! Thankfully the end is in sight, soon our students will have their end of year break and time to relax for a well-deserved holiday.

As always if there is anything you need help or assistance with please send me an email at the following address:

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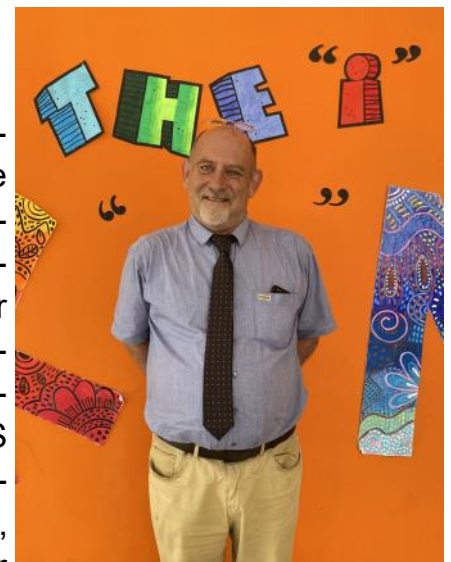


**Michael Ogden**

## Message from Primary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

The end of term is almost upon us, yet a lot of ground to cover and excitement to come. Within Primary, discipline and procedures ensure our children are learning to play safe and be responsible young people, which, I am confident will translate into better academic performance across the years groups. As we close in on the Academic Year our Graduation Ceremony Plans are taking shape, to which we welcome all parents. In between, students will embark on excursions, participate in a Spelling Bee competition and the much-anticipated SIS Has got Talent Finally. The past term has been exciting for both teachers and students after such a long period of Home-Based Learning, and the final week, will see plenty of Games and Activities to keep our students engaged until the grand finale. Then we can start again all over for a brand-new academic year and take us all to further heights.



Kind regards,  
Charles Howgill

## Message from Head of Science

Dear parents,

The exams for AS and A level are almost done and our students have worked very hard for their results. The remaining of the school year will be focused on project based learning and new content.

It has been a very difficult year with online learning, but since the students came back, the last few months felt very quick.

The Cambridge results will be published in August and we hope that all students will receive the grade they worked very hard for.

Best Regard,

**Nils Hartevelde**

Pastoral Care Leader AS/A Level



## Message from Head of Studies - Humanities

Dear Parents,

We are now racing towards the end of Term 3 and will soon move into the final phase of instruction and assessment, culminating in the Semester 2 exams. It's important that students work with their teachers to identify areas for improvement and work to consolidate their content knowledge and improve their exam-taking skills.

English language skills are an important factor in achieving a good grade in international subjects. To build their language skills students need to fully engage with their lessons as practice is key to developing strong foundational English. Students can also self-study through the DynEd program and access the library in Building A for reading materials. The more students practice the more their language skills will improve.

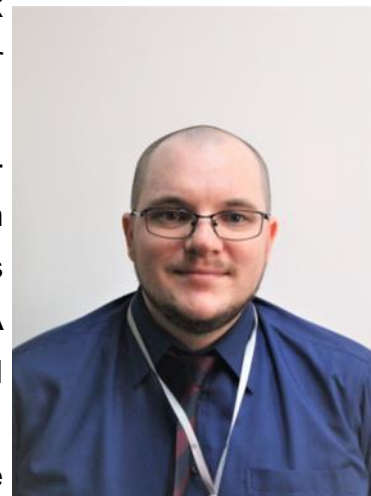
If your child has any questions or concerns about their work, please encourage them to speak with their subject teacher or pastoral leader. Students who take an active role in their education will perform better and we are happy to support them.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at

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Best regards,

**Brett Grant**



## Message from KIK & Primary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy time in the primary school as we wind down towards the end of the school year. Integrated classes completed their Vietnamese exams and all classes sat their SA2 exams. Both students and teachers ensured that they worked hard to make sure that they were ready for the end of year exams. As always we are so proud of all our students for trying their best and overcoming all the obstacles that have been put in their way this school year.

We look forward to the last month of school as we focus on some fun and exciting activities. Students are busy preparing for SIS Primary's Got Talent, the Gamuda Spelling Bee and our End of Year Award Ceremony.

Kind regards,

**Sharon Beazley**



## Message from Head of Studies - Specialist Subjects

It is hard to believe that another academic year is ending. As we wrap up with testing and assessments, we shift to a time of excursions and project-based learning. Project-based learning gives students the opportunity to apply all the skills and knowledge that they have gained throughout the year. I always look forward to seeing students work collaboratively and creatively to produce high quality projects.

As we head into a time of vacation, it is always a good time for students to reflect on the year that has gone. I would like to encourage students to consider their technology usage. Many students have found the adjustment from online learning challenging and have become reliant on technology. The vacation could be a good opportunity to break bad habits and create new ones that are uplifting and add value to their everyday lives. Get that screen time down, you can do it!

It has been a great pleasure being the Pastoral Leader for the Year 8 and 9 students this year. I wish students all the best with their future endeavours. I look forward to seeing students thrive in the new academic year.

Wishing you and your family a happy and wholesome vacation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me:

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**Claudine van Rensburg**

**Pastoral Leader - Year 8 & 9**

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## Message from Head of Studies - Mathematics

Dear Parents and Students,

The IGCSE 1 Semester 2 in-person examinations have concluded. These are their first and last exams in the school year after more than six months of learning online. Students had started practicing IGCSE Cambridge past papers as they will be writing the Cambridge Exams in June 2023 series. Well done to all of you!

Moreover, congratulations to the IGCSE 2 students, parents, and teachers for toiling over the last two years to acquire the utmost ability to surpass the IGCSE Cambridge Examinations. May these serve as armor to fight for the next round of your battle - the AS Level ring.

Best Regards,

**Maria Batac**



## Message from Head of Studies - English

Dear Year 6 Parents,

It is with much excitement that I write to you for the first time in one of our monthly newsletters. Term four has been as busy as expected, and so it has been with fervent activity that both teachers and students have been working.

I have been pleased to see how focused many of our students are - ensuring that they are up to date with the work assigned, and studying hard for their examinations. Thank you to all of those students who have been actively engaged in class, have communicated confidently, and worked critically, with social awareness and responsibility. It is these students - tomorrow's leaders - who will leave their mark on this beautiful institution, and lead by example to ensure success in their futures.

My focus over the last few weeks has been to reaffirm our expectations toward discipline at school - both in and out of the classroom, and while this is a constant focus point, I would like to thank all of the year 6s who have listened to their teachers and assisted us in creating a school that is inclusive, dynamic, and embodies our core values.

May I please remind all of our grade 6 students to continue to dress appropriately for school; with either a white or black undershirt, clean shorts that are not ripped, and white or black shoes that are clean and have their shoelaces tied.

I would like to thank all of our parents for their constant and vigilant support, and would like to extend my invitation to see me, or any of their children's teachers should you need to.



Wishing you the very best for the end of the year,  
**Mr. Michael Christensen Head of Studies year 6 (Acting)**



## Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Secondary

Dear Parents,

The last school week of May is also the time when students finish all year-end exams with constant efforts from both students and teachers after a period of being able to go back to school directly.

Through the exam, we highly appreciate the efforts from teachers and students in effectively using the direct learning time at school; both teachers and students have given all their priority, focused on reviewing, revising the main knowledge, getting ready for the exam and most of our students have achieved desirable results. Students who could not participate in the exam due to objective reasons were also arranged a make-up exam to ensure fairness and transparency for all by School.



In the following weeks, teachers will continue with the curriculum; create fun and useful learning topics; share with the students about experiences, life skills and join them in learning projects such as: Protecting forest ecosystems, simulating primitive man's labor tools, Golden Bell Challenge, writing short stories, making 7-word poems, joining hands to fight Covid-19, excursions....

The Covid-19 epidemic is still ongoing, so we would like to ask parents to pay attention and accompany your children to strictly implement the 5K message anytime, anywhere so that students will have a good health and ready for the few last fun and exciting weeks of school year. Should you have any issues which need to discuss, please contact me via email:

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Head of Secondary Vietnamese Study

Best regards,

**Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh**



## Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Primary

Dear Parents,

It's wonderful that students have been able to return to school to learn and have fun in person after such a long time staying at home learning online. Although we still have to strictly follow the epidemic prevention and control, the faces of students are full of excitement at being able to see their teachers and friends again. Moreover, students are very happy being able to participate in face-to-face learning, participate in class and school's activities such as Easter, Cold Food Festival, Fire Prevention, learn to swim, play outdoor sports, sing songs about SIS in the Assemblies...



In May, the students focused on two very important Semester 2 exams of the Vietnamese Program and the International Program. The school is pleased to announce that all students have tried their best to achieve results worthy of their efforts.

Next June, after completing the assessment tests, there will be many experiential activities for the students. In addition to learning activities, students will participate in activities that strengthen life skills such as School Violence Prevention, Financial Management, Learning Projects, STEM educational activities, field trips... And especially, the students will be able to show off their talents at the "SIS's Got Talent" contest. Students have excellent performances will be selected to perform at the School Year Ending Ceremony.

With the active participation of students and teachers throughout the school year, the school is always committed to bringing the best to our dear students.

Thank you very much for your support!

On behalf of the Vietnamese Program Management Board (Primary)

**Nguyen Thu Huong**



## Message from Head of KIK

Dear KIK parents,

Time flies so fast; it has been 7 weeks since the students are back in school. The time when teachers and students reunites is the most beautiful, most impressive time but also full of difficulties and challenges. Staying at home for too long, when returning to school, the students start a new schedule of activities, busier with new lessons and new challenges. Up to this point, both the teachers and the students have caught up and the students think that the classroom now is their second home.

May is the month of a series of useful and extremely interesting fun activities. The activity that the students enjoy the most is their water play has begun. It is fun to watch the students play or swim in the cool blue water! Along with those activities, the learning activities of the students are equally interesting. The theme of May is very interesting to our students; each student has gathered valuable experiences and lessons for themselves! In the Nursery class with the theme "My five senses and animals" K1 students discovered about the animal world. Students in K2 and Prep class get to explore "My country- my world"



In May with many beautiful events, it is impossible not to mention Children's Day 1/6. Our students were very excited when they went to see the "King of the Jungle" show at the Central Circus. The most interesting thing is still having fun dancing with the Clowns or receiving art balls from the skillful hands of artisans such as flowers, butterflies, bees or lollipops. In addition, on June 1, the children had a fun party with friends in the whole school. Those are beautiful memories that are hard to fade in the hearts of each of our students.

We hope that we will always receive the trust and companionship of parents in the coming times.

All concerns, questions as well as your valuable comments may send to email:

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Best Regards,

**Vu Thi Thuy**

