



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VUNG TAU

# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to Academic Year 2018-2019

School is back in session at SIS! The school year kicked off on Monday 6 August. As the refreshing summer break breezed by, we welcome everyone back to a bright new school year. This year we are hitting the ground running with some exciting new changes which will make our lovely school even better.

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## Principal's Message

*A very warm welcome back to all students and staff and especially warm wishes to our new parents and teachers who have joined us this academic year.*

*We look forward to a very productive and progressive year ahead as far as academics, social interactions and student achievements are concerned. Various activities including After School Clubs will be undertaken as well as the introduction of the STEM programme at our campus. We also look forward to students from Year 6 to iGCSE 2 taking part in Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV) programme where they will spend roughly a week in outdoors in Quy Nhon under the supervision of our teachers and also instructors from OBV.*

*We would like to express our gratitude for your continued support in your child's learning and look forward to a very successful year.*

Dudley Schroeder  
Principal



Dudley Peter Schroeder, Campus Principal

## New Staff

The arrival of the new school year has brought some changes at SIS. At the closing of the 2017-2018 school year we said goodbye to some spectacular teachers, but we are pleased to say we have some fresh new faces around the school that are happy to be a part of the SIS team.



Above: left to right Ms. Elle and Ms. Kay

Ms. Elle

Hi I am Ms Elle and I am from South Africa and I am the new 2L and 3L teacher. I have a Bachelors of Education in Early Childhood Development and Foundation Phase that I obtained through the University of Pretoria. I have been teaching for 4 years and have taught a variety of age groups. This year I will be doing SPLASH so come and join the fun!

Ms. Kay

I am Ms. Kay I am the new Prenursery 1, Nursery 1 and K-1 teacher. I have graduated from Middlesex University, London UK. A few years later I have realized big city life wasn't for me. I decided to move to a small town in the South of Thailand where I have taught English for 2 years. One of my ultimate hobbies is swimming, that's why I will be running a swimming club which will begin at the end of the month.



Above: left to right Ms. Gan and Ms. Sheila

Ms. Gan

Hello, I am Ms. Gan I will be the new secondary Chinese teacher. I come from China. My major was Business Administration. I have 8 years of teaching experience. I am interested in roller skating, if our lovely students also share this interest, maybe we could enjoy it together during after school activity.

Ms. Sheila

Hello I am Ms. Sheila, I am from the USA and I am the new 7G, 7L, iGCSE 1 and 6G SOSE teacher. I have a Master's Degree in Elementary Education and Special Education Specializing in Special Education Law and Policy. I have 15 years of experience as an educator; working predominately in USA but also worked the United Arab Emirates (UAE). I am new to Vietnam. Outside of school I enjoy traveling, attending plays, and swimming.

## New Staff cont.

Ms. Jill

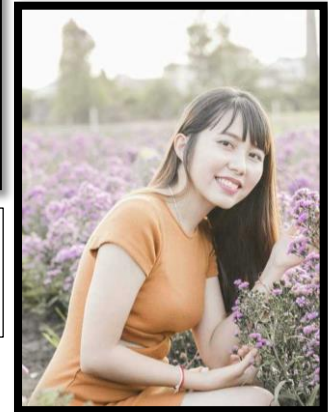
Hello I am Ms. Jill and I will be teaching 4G English, 3G and 5L SOSE, and ELF classes. I have a Bachelor's degree in Biology as well as a Master's degree in Education with a concentration in ESL. I have been teaching for 10 years and have worked with a variety of students, ranging in both ages and nationalities. I am happy to be part of the SIS team.

Mr. Conor

I am Mr. Conor and I am from Boston, USA. I have worked at various English centers in Vung Tau as well as Ho Chi Minh City before landing here at SIS. I enjoy playing educational games with the kids whenever possible, and believe that encouraging them to apply their knowledge in a hands-on manner is the best way to learn. I will be teaching 3G/5L English, 4G/6L SOSE, EPP and will be helping out with Cricket club after school.



Above: Mr. Conor  
Top to bottom: Ms. Jill,  
Ms. Thoa

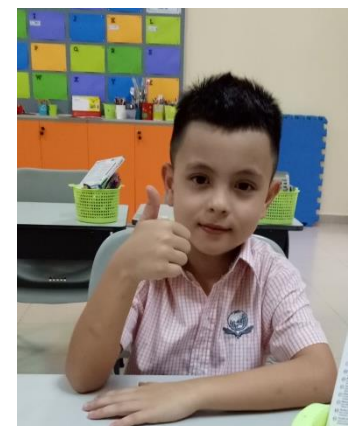


Ms. Thoa

Hello, I am Ms. Thao, I am from Vung tau and I will be assisting Ms. Mary in PL and K2L classes. I have experience working with young children and have worked for several years at various English Centers. In my spare time I enjoy reading, swimming, playing sport and traveling. I am very happy to be a part of the team here as SIS.

## First Day Reflections

A new school year always brings feelings of excitement and optimism for a new start. Naturally everyone had their own opinion of the day. Here is what Year 1L was thinking. **How do you feel about entering Year 1?** "I feel great," Pepsi. "I feel super good," Minh. **What do you like about school?** "I like this school because I like the friends here," Nhi. "I like P.E. and I like games," Rio. "I like school because sometimes we play, and also because we can see our friends," Erika. **What is your favourite part of the school day?** "Snack time," Sohee. "Chinese Class- because Ms. Lai Di says Ni hao," Joseph.



## First Day Reflections cont.

This year Ms. Anna kicked off the school year with a science lesson which was both hilarious and educational. Ms. Anna's famous visual lesson on the digestive system really kept the students engaged. They were able to "feed" her sock puppet, and actually see how food is broken down and is processed by our bodies. You can ask any of the students who have been so lucky to have Ms. Anna as a teacher, this is a lesson they will not soon forget.



## Congratulations iGCSE2

Above: Year 4L

Congratulations to the clever ladies in iGCSE2 of 2018. We are proud of these studious young women for maintaining the 100% pass rate at Singapore International School @ Vung Tau, setting a wonderful example of hard work and perseverance. From all of us here at SIS, we wish you ladies nothing but the best in your bright futures.

(Photo on the left, top to bottom: Dao Hong Ngoc, Nguyen Minh Anh, Nguyen Hien Muoi, Ngo Thi Anh Nguyet, and Le Bao Han)



## Upcoming Events

### Science Faire

This school year we really have a lot to look forward to. Coming up we will have our Annual Science Faire put on so kindly by our local scientist Mr. Mark. This year's theme is "Do Try This at Home." The main focus being science experiments that are practical and ideal for trying in your own home. Naturally, parent supervision is HIGHLY recommended. The science fair will be held Thursday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of October.

## Conclusion

All in all, we are happy to get this school year started and excited for the wonderful things that lie ahead.