



## 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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Singapore International School at Ciputra  
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### From the Principal:

May arrived with much warmer temperatures and a busy academic schedule in Term 4. MOET exams were given during Week 2 and 3. I am very proud of our students who were dedicated to their studies and did very well on the exams. Additionally, in Week 2 we celebrated International Week from 12 May – 16 May. The International Day Carnival was then celebrated on 16 May along with parents and the community. Events such as this help us reflect on different cultures, customs and the enjoyment of the countries our students represent. It is one of our methods to help each of our students become Global Citizens.

In June, the SA2 exams will be given. As we move forward I would like to give some advice on how parents as well as the educational staff can help the students. For low-achievers, having a parent sit down with them to go over more difficult homework can be very helpful. Students who know that their parent finds their school work important and interesting are more likely to feel more motivated to strive to do better in school. Some extra attention from a parent could make a difference between a child remaining a low-achiever and becoming an average-achiever. A few extra hours a day with a low-achieving student might make a world of difference in years to come. Making a plan or a "to do" list with the low-achiever as well as addressing those harder problems in homework together as a team could be helpful. It's important to let the student know that they have their parent's support.

For an average-achiever, a parent who becomes too involved or who worries too much can result in undermining the child's sense of "autonomy and motivation". With a student who has a grade point average of a B or higher, it may be best to occasionally ask that student if they need assistance.

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The circus came to  
SIS@Ciputra.



SIS student learning balancing  
skills.



Amazing fun day at the water  
.Park.

A misconception among some parents and teachers alike is that rewards and punishment can be useful and effective when trying to motivate a child to do a desired task such as homework. However, research shows that students who are encouraged into doing something for a reward are less likely to do it again if no reward is given. Similarly, punishment or consequences often evokes in a child feelings of anger, defiance and a desire for revenge. This means that reward or a punishment, even if it seems minor could produce the opposite of the desired effect.

Overall, I would say that rewards and punishments should be avoided if at all possible. They are quick fixes for parents who want to motivate their children to do well in school. In the long run, students will be more motivated and eager to learn if their motivation is not determined by conditional extrinsic factors but fundamental ones. Using "praise" only when the child has done well or improved, is a mild form of reward that can teach that the amount of effort exerted and success are positively correlated.

Thank you for helping us prepare our students for their future. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Truly,

Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Principal

**From the Deputy Principal:**

**Children's Day Celebration**

Children's Day is exactly as the name implies which is a special day for children. Children are the future and their welfare and care is in the hands of parents and others to ensure that they all have a bright future. This special day respects the unique personality of children throughout the world.

The school celebrated this special day honoring your children on May 27. This is also an excellent time for strengthening the bond between parents and children.

**May Virtues**

**Commitment** – This is caring deeply about someone or something and giving one hundred percent effort. People who have a strong sense of commitment finish what they start and keep promises.



Great enjoyment at the pool .



Ready for the circus to begin.



Students lining up for the parade of nation.

**Excellence** – Excellence is doing your very best giving attention to every task and every relationship. It is a desire for perfection.

**Concert**

The End of Year concert will occur on Saturday 28 June and teachers have been practicing with all children throughout the month. This promises to be another exciting event for staff, parents and children.

Ms. Bev Gerbase, Deputy Principal

**From Head of Studies:**

Not long to go now until Semester 2 exams! Please remember to always communicate with your child’s classroom teacher first if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s exams. Most important is to ensure your child is as ready and relaxed as possible. This means they should be up to date with any work their teacher has set, be getting enough sleep and having a healthy breakfast on the morning of the exam. Exams are all in the mornings so please ensure your child gets to school on time. You should have received the table of specifications earlier in the year but here is a reminder of exam dates. Times will vary slightly for different year levels but the majority of exams are before morning break.

Oral language (individual with teacher)	From 2 -6 June
English 3 - listening	Tuesday 3 June
English 1 -writing	Friday 6 June
English 2 – language & comprehension	Monday 9 June
Mathematics	Tuesday 10 June
Science	Wednesday 11 June

I hope you all enjoyed International Week. It was great to see the students really enjoying some different activities and learning about other cultures. I would like to say a big thank you to all those families who contributed a dish for our International Buffet and helped make it such a big success. Hopefully you were able to stay and taste some delicious food. Also thanks to all our fabulous teachers who created fun learning opportunities for your children.

Jo Weir, Head of Studies



**WASC**



Students were actively involved in the celebration.

**From WASC Coordinator:**

As we make our way through the accreditation process we have had the opportunity to look closer at the expectations we have for our students and how we approach the curriculum. Many of you have participated in the surveys that have been sent out and I appreciate your participation. The data that we gather through these surveys allow us to focus on areas that may need further analysis. As we make our way towards the end of the year, we will continue to gather information from you and seek your input on strategic points of concentration.

As your WASC coordinator I am actively involved in the curriculum and work closely with our "Head of Studies" to improve the quality of our educational system. Presently we are looking closer at our curriculum and implementing in services trainings for our teachers so that they gather a greater understanding of the material and how to better accommodate your child's individual learning style.

I thank you all for your support and want to leave you with a positive quote.

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

Mr. Gregory van Goidtsnoven, WASC Coordinator

**From the Vietnamese Department**

The May assembly for Integrated classes featured three major Vietnamese historical events. This included the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dien Bien Phu Victory, the 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Ho Chi Minh Youth Team and the 124<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birthday of Ho Chi Minh. Children learned the importance of these events in the history of their country.

All integrated students completed their final examinations. Those examinations covered all subject areas in the Vietnamese program.

A major school project has been planned for six weeks in June and July.

Anniversary of International Children's Day was celebrated on May 30 at the school to honor all children. The official holiday date is June 1.

Ms. Hoa (on behalf of Ms Thanh HOV)



**Important dates in June:**

**From 02-06 June :** SA2 Examinations.

**From 16-20 June :** SA2 Examinations.

**From 23-27 June:** Parent/Teacher Conferences.

**Friday 27 June** Prep Graduation (NCC)  
(6:30pm-8:00pm)

**Saturday 28 June** End of Year Concert  
(From 9:30am- 11:30 am)

**Thursday 10 July** Term 4 ends. Last Day of School

**June Events in Vietnamese Program:**

- Continued review and practice to reinforce student knowledge and project based learning for six weeks. There will be separate programs for each Year level.
- Organized school trips and excursions for students