



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ CIPUTRA NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

Being the first newsletter of the year I would like to extend, on behalf of all staff, a warm SIS welcome to all families, returning and new. We hope that we will have a long and fruitful relationship and together watch your children grow into global citizens under our caring and learning environment.

We have had new teachers join us this year, and I also extend a warm welcome to them on behalf of the SIS community and hope they enjoy a rewarding and productive time with us.

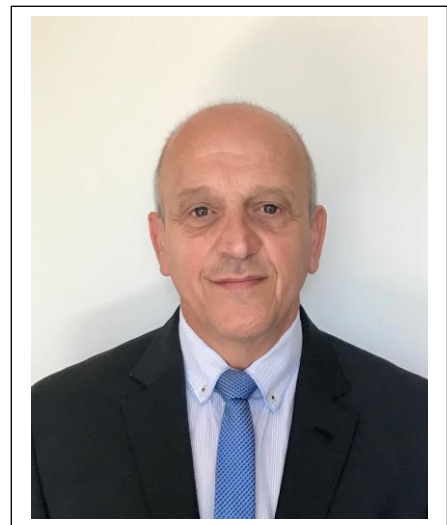
It is great to meet many parents during the morning arrival of students and also get to know as many children as possible. What surprised me was the confidence of the students and their smiling faces.

I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

Can you ensure that, as parents and carers you put a great value on school and education? Explain to your child that treating everyone with respect, being on time and in school every day, wearing the correct uniform and working hard in school is important to you. These are also important life skills. The value you place on these will be the value your child holds.

We are all busy people, but you must put a routine in place whereby children know they must do their home learning – homework, reading etc... Reading from real books (not

electronic) is important for children to develop a love of books. At this time, turn the television/computer off. Use the television/computer as incentives for work done – they will value it more.



*Mr. Costas Gikas
Principal*



Excited students, parents and teachers gather in the school's foyer on the first day of school.



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Your children are your most important gift, treasure them, help them, guide them and support them – this time is crucial so do it now. Start this new school year with this commitment.

We in school will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. Remember we operate an open door policy – feel free to book an appointment with your child's class teacher/ teaching assistant if you have concerns or need support, help or advice.

We are a values school and we endeavour to ensure that all students show respect for everything (friends, adults, property) and we constantly remind students of the values that underpin our every action.

This academic year all SIS and KIK schools will be focusing, as you were informed last year, on STEM learning. STEM is an acronym for "**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**athematics." At Ciputra we believe that children have an innate sense of curiosity and inquiry that can flourish under the right conditions.

We also believe that learning can be fun. We will endeavor to create a STEM environment and culture to encourage children to channel their natural curiosities, whether they are building rockets or creating an electrical circuit, that they are enjoying the learning process, and applying

analytical skills that will transfer to the classroom, and later, their careers.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to another successful year, for your child, for you and for our whole school community.

Sincerely

Mr. Costas Gikas
Principal



The Year 1 Parent Information morning started off with a presentation from Mr. Costas, our Principal before classroom briefing sessions were conducted.



Ms. Pier (above) and Ms. Mareli (below) from the International Programme, briefing parents on what to expect in Grade 1





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*Mr. Mustafa Fazal
Deputy Principal*

From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this month's issue of the Singapore International School newsletter. Each month we send important information to you via letters, emails and the monthly newsletter. The school encourages you to read each letter or email to understand and to be updated on events and key elements that affect your child.

This year our International and Integrated Programmes have expanded to cater for four Year 1 classes altogether. We also would like to welcome 4 new teachers to our team, Ms. Mareli Booyesen (1B International), Ms. Kym Avalon (2 International), Ms.

Megan Momberg
(3&4 Integrated)
and Ms. Tatiana

Bhikarry (EFL).

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all parents who attended our recent Parents' Meetings for Grade 1 and Grade 2-6. Your presence at these important meetings has helped your child both directly and indirectly; it is a known fact that when parents are actively involved partnering up with the school in their child's education, their children produce better grades, enjoy school more, behavior problems decrease and the students feel a sense of self-worth.

Our After School Activities (ASA) will start on 28th August this year. We have tried to offer our students a variety of activities to cater for the different interests and inclinations of each child. We hope that your child has signed up for at least one of these activities



Teachers decorated their classrooms and welcomed new students to their new classes on the first day.





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giving him/her a balanced and holistic school experience.

In the month ahead, we will be celebrating the Mid-Autumn festival on the 29th of September, and also a new initiative this year- STEM week from the 17th - 21st of September, culminating in a STEM day during which parents will be invited to school to view their children's STEM projects.

In closing, SIS@Ciputra is continuing to make our learning community a place where all children learn and enjoy their education. It is a place where serious learning is seriously fun. Come join us on this journey of improvement and support your children to be responsible and active lifelong learners and Global Citizens.

From The Head of Vietnamese

Welcome to new school year 2018-2019

It is my pleasure and delight to support all the teachers and your children this school year. Last school year, we actively implemented many approaches to update and improve the quality of education. Our teachers worked very hard to help your child grow and make progress.

In the academic year 2018-2019, the Vietnamese Curriculum will continue to focus on improving the quality of teaching and learning. From the beginning of the school year, we focused on settling all children into their classes, and organized the Vietnamese and Mathematics tests in Vietnamese for Grades 2 through to Grade 5. Class teachers were able to ascertain your child's level in these subjects. It was useful for them in writing lesson plans and developing teaching methods suitable to each group of students from their classes.

Our teachers have had workshops to new teaching methods by participating in professional refresher courses organized by the company's training department under the Education Department of Tay Ho District.



**VU THI BICH LIEN
HEAD OF VIETNAMESE STUDIES**



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We arranged for our students to attend the "All-day Children's Day at School" throughout the first week with a cheerful atmosphere welcoming first-graders into the school.

In the past two weeks, we have sent you letters of recommendation, weekly information, weekly lesson plans ... and we have had a good time getting acquainted and getting to know each other. This is the key for us in building a good relationship between school and families.



With the enthusiasm of the professional teaching staff, your constant and continuous support and your child's positive learning during this school year, I am confident that all of us will have a wonderful school year with many exciting experiences.



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Classroom Matters

Year 6

This month Year 6 International started their 'Zentangles' Art project. We are learning to use a variety of materials to create patterns and designs. The students are learning how to produce patterns and extend these patterns to create a 'Zentangle' design. In Music year 6 are beginning to learn to play the recorder.

