



Whole School ACTIVITY CALENDAR

NOW & NEXT

2018-2019

MARCH 2019

25th - 29th Mindfulness Week (Secondary)

APRIL 2019

6th International Family Fun Day @ SS3 campus
- Starting at approx. 8.00am *

11th Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs BVIS @ BVIS
- Starting at approx. 4.10pm *

6th Saigon Senior Maths Challenge @ AIS - Starting at approx. 9.00am *

15th King Hung's Anniversary (Public Holiday)
- NO SCHOOL

8th - 12th Science Week

15th - 19th KS2 Trip Week

8th - 12th Primary ECA Session 2 end this week

16th - 19th No ECAs this week

8th Primary Swimming Meet (Under 11) vs RISS @ ABCIS (Primary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.10pm *

19th Term 4 Ends, School ends at 3:10pm

9th Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs CIS @ CIS
- Starting at approx. 4.10pm *

22nd April - 3rd May 2019 TERM 4 BREAK – NO SCHOOL

MAY 2019

6th INSET DAY for Teachers (NON-PUPIL DAY)

15th Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs BIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *

7th Term 5 Starts

18th Junior Logic Challenge @ BIS - Starting at approx. 8.00am

8th Primary Swimming City Championship (Under 11) Pool A @ ISHCMC - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

20th Under 11 Girls Basketball City Championships Pool A @ AmIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

8th Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs CIS @ ABCIS (Primary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.10pm *

21st Under 14 Boys Volleyball City Championships Pool A @ ABCIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

9th Primary Swimming City Championship (Under 11) Pool C @ AIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

22nd Under 11 Mixed T-Ball Friendly Championships @ BIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

13th - 17th Primary ECAs (Session 3) start this week

23rd Under 14 Girls Volleyball City Championships Pool B @ CIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

14th Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs SING @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *

27th Under 11 Boys Basketball City Championship Pool B @ CIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

15th Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SING @ ABCIS (Primary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.10pm *

Abbreviation Key

*	Parents are welcome to attend	BIS	British International School
@	At	BVIS	British Vietnamese International School
approx.	Approximately	SING	Singapore International School
TBC	To be confirmed	CIS	Canadian International School
TBA	To be announced	ISHCMC	International School of Ho Chi Minh City
ECAs	Extra Curricular Activities	RISS	Renaissance International School
Go MAD	Go M ake A D ifference (Charity/Service)	SSIS	Saigon South International School
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage	AmIS	American International School
KS2	Key Stage 2	AAVN	American Academy Vietnam
SS1	Saigon South Campus 1 (Primary)	AIS	Australian International School
SS2	Saigon South Campus 2 (Early Years Foundation Stage)	RMIT	RMIT University Vietnam
SS3	Saigon South Campus 3 (Secondary)	TAS	The American School
FOBISIA	Federation of British International Schools in Asia	COBIS	Council of British International School



News from PRIMARY

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the most recent version of Now and Next! Firstly, a thank you from me to the large number of parents that attended last weeks Parent's Day, it was lovely to see you and it is so important to use this opportunity to ensure your child is making the best of their learning opportunities.

Secondly, I wanted to give a reminder about the upcoming International Family Fun Day on Saturday April 6th. This year we will be hosting the day on our Secondary campus and I hope to see all of you there enjoying the activities and

supporting our charity fundraising. For more details about how this money is used, please see our school website.

I hope you enjoy the updates.



**Mr. Steve
Principal**
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After a well-deserved Tet holiday, it has been great to see everyone back and excited for the new year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all good luck in 'The Year of the Pig' and I hope it proves to be a successful one for you and all your family.

Throughout Term 3, internal assessment judgements were carried out and they have helped us to identify where your children need to be academically in the coming weeks and months. These informed the parental reports you received and we hope that your most recent Parents' Day Meeting was informative and productive. I greatly enjoyed meeting so many of you on this day.

Another wonderful opportunity to see you all will be our International Family Day which happens this term on Saturday 6th April. It is even more exciting this year as it will be the first time we have ever held it on our new SS3 Secondary Campus. As ever there will be a big variety of stalls and activities alongside food sales, a raffle and other vendors. More information is to come but please put this one in your diaries as it is always one of the highlights of the year.

We have some upcoming class assemblies towards the end of Term 4. These are as follows:

- March 29th - Class 3R
- April 5th - Class 3J
- April 12th - Class 2C
- April 19th - Class 1M

In Key Stage 1, the children have been working very hard and enjoying all the exciting events we have had so far, including Book Week. They are also looking forward to our

upcoming Science Week. As part of Science Week, Year 1 will be having a visit from a representative from a local animal shelter and learning about the needs of animals. They will also have the opportunity to meet a well-trained and loving dog. Year 2 are now very much more comfortable in the campus and now have extended their lunchtime activities to include independent access to our library and all the fantastic books we have on offer.

In Key Stage 2, Trips Week is fast approaching and you should be receiving information on the activities and equipment needed on these trips. They are always a highlight of the year and I am pleased to see so many children attending. A special well done to the Year 4 parents who are supporting the trip as I know that for many it will be the first time their children have stayed away overnight. We hope that the recent coffee morning sessions were useful for those who attended and that the presentations we emailed out were useful. Please help us by returning any information request letters as soon as possible as it allows us to ensure all children are safe and looked after when they go. Rest assured that your children's well-being is always our number one concern.



**Mr. Chris
Head of Campus 1**
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Since our last 'Now and Next' publication, all of our Primary students have performed in concerts at the new SS3 Secondary Campus. For both the Christmas Concert (Years 1-3) and 'Let's Put on a Show' event (Years 4-6), we had our highest numbers ever attending so we thank you all for your support. The children were amazing as always and we look forward to next year's concerts.

All across the school, we hope that children are using their virtual learning environment (Edmodo or Google Classrooms) to access resources and collaborate on their learning. Please also encourage your children to be reading regularly and using Bug Club to help push their abilities even further. All aspects of English can be improved by reading as it will extend their vocabulary and fire up their imagination.

A special mention goes out to our Athletics, FOBISIA Maths & Swimming teams who have represented our school so well in competitions in recent weeks. We also wish our Basketball & FOBISIA Sports teams good luck in their upcoming city championships and trip to the Phuket Games respectively.

RED RIVER RUN

Mr. Grant Bowdery and Mr. Rob West would like to share with you the **Red River Run**. In the April holiday they will be running from the National Children's Hospital in Hanoi to a provincial clinic 300km away in Lao Cai with the challenging aim of completing the distance in under 36 hours. They are doing this to raise awareness and funds for **Newborns Vietnam**.

<https://www.newbornsvietnam.org/>

If you would like more information and would like to make a donation to Newborns Vietnam then please contact Mr. Grant

The road to the 2018-19 school year begins now so I hope that all of our students can continue to work hard and get plenty of rest during the school week. A sensible bedtime is a must for concentration during the day! **I would also ask that parents ensure their children get to school by 8:20am each day, at the latest, so they can see their friends and be in time for morning lineups where we give important messages and start the day in a settled way; this is especially important for our younger students.**

As always, if you have any queries, feel free to contact your Head of Year, class teacher or myself at:
christophercarr@theabcis.com

and he will be able to share more details with you. Please see The Red River Run facebook page for more information. Mr. Grant and Mr. Rob would really appreciate your support.

A sponsored run for the students at the ABCIS is also being arranged: The students will be encouraged to run as far as they can knowing that each kilometre they run will make a difference to newborn lives in Vietnam.

Details to be announced shortly!