

Singapore, 12 June 2020

Parents Information SSiS #9

Dear Parents,

Since we are not able to personally bid farewell under the present circumstances, Johannes Iten and I will say goodbye in a week's time with a newsletter. First of all, some information about the remaining school days and a lot of information about the new school year.

Last Day of School

As already announced in the Parent Information #8, unfortunately, we cannot celebrate the last day of school with our entire community this school year. The students will celebrate in their classes the last day of school. This is for all Little Tots, Playgroup, Kindergarten and P3 to P6 classes on Thursday, 18/6/2020. P1/2 will celebrate the end of the school year on Wednesday 17/6/2020 on-site and have a final video conference on Thursday.

Employment Passes for the New Teaching Staff

Thanks to the support from the Embassy, we have received 8 employment passes approved with 1 pending at this moment. EDB has also sent us email to support us in getting the teachers to Singapore (entry permit). We are positive that the teachers will be able to arrive in Singapore.

Start of the new school year

- **German as a Foreign Language Support (DAF):** DAF-Support for remaining students will start from calendar week 33 (11 to 14 August 2020) onwards, new students will start in calendar week 35 (24 to 28 August 2020). All parents of remaining students have already been contacted directly by the DAF teacher.
- **English Support (ES):** ES for remaining students will start from calendar week 33 (11 to 14 August 2020) onwards. New students will start in calendar week 35 (24 to 28 August 2020). All remaining parents will be contacted directly by the ES teacher before the summer holidays and details will be informed accordingly. ES for P1/2 will take place on Wednesday afternoon and for P3/4 on Monday afternoon.
- **Optional Full Day Offers (FDO) for LT/PGI, PGII/KG and KGF:** All full day offers will start from calendar week 33 (Tuesday, 11 August 2020) onwards.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA):** The booklet with our ECA offer for the first semester 2020/21 is available on our [website](#). Registration for the courses is also available on our website from now onwards. All ECAs start from calendar week 35 (24 August 2020) and run until 22 January 2021.
- **Language Preparation Course for the Transition from Primary to Secondary School for P5 and P6** will start from calendar week 33 (Friday, 14 August 2020) onwards.
- **EC and Primary Timetables:** The [EC](#) and [Primary](#) timetables for school year 2020/21 are now available online.
- **Mittagstisch (lunch service):** SSiS offers lunch service for all children who attend classes at our school in the afternoon (regular lessons, ECAs, DAF, ES, FDO PG2/KG, FDO KGF). Since the ECAs start in the third week of the school year, there are **two different registrations** for the lunch service. Details/registration links will be provided in Parents Information #1 on 5 August 2020. Registration 1 is valid for the first two weeks from 11 to 21 August 2020.

Registration 1 will be open from 5 August 2019 and **ends on 7 August 2020**.

Registration 2 is valid from 24 August until 22 January 2021.

Registration 2 is open from 10 August 2020 onwards.

- **Timeline**

Fri, 12 June 2020	ECA booklet with all courses for semester 1 is <u>online</u>
Fri, 12 June 2020	ECA online application starts
Tue, 4 August 2020	ECA online application ends
We, 5 August 2020	Registration 1 for Mittagstisch (school weeks 1&2) starts
Fri, 7 August 2020	Registration 1 for Mittagstisch (school weeks 1&2) ends
Tue, 11 August 2020	First Day of School
Tue, 11 August 2020	Start optional Full Day Offer (LT/PGI, PGII/KG, KGF)
Wed, 12 August 2020	Start DAF & ES
Fri, 14 August 2020	Start language preparation Course P5/6
Mon, 10 August 2020	ECA confirmation to all parents
Mon, 10 August 2020	Start of registration 2 for Mittagstisch (24.8.2020 to 22.1.2021)
Mon, 17 August 2020	End of registration 2 for Mittagstisch
Mon, 24 August 2020	Start of ECAs semester 1 2020/21

Introduction talk new students/parents - class teacher

The introduction and information talks will take place on the 5, 6 and 7 August 2020. New families will be contacted by email by 3 July 2020 at the latest to make appointments. During the visit, there is the possibility to buy the school uniforms.

Primary: School Material First School Day

In order to be prepared and perfectly equipped for the first day of school after the summer break on Tuesday 11 August 2020, please refer to the [school material list](#) for all Primary classes.

Parents Evenings in August/September 2019

The class specific parents' evenings provide the opportunity to meet the respective class teachers in order to build a good relationship and learn more about class specific topics.

Early Childhood: LTA, LTB, PGA, PGB, PGC	Wednesday	26 August 2020	7pm
German Stream Kindergarten: KGA, KGB	Thursday	3 September 2020	7pm
German Stream: P1/2A , P1/2B, P1/2C	Tuesday	1 September 2020	7pm
German Stream: P3/4A, P3/4B, P3/4C	Wednesday	2 September 2020	7pm
German Stream: P5/6A	Tuesday	25 August 2020	7pm
French Stream: KGF, P1/2F, P3/4F	Thursday	27 August 2020	7pm

ACSIS

Being the smallest member of the Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools ([ACSIS](#)), we are proud to offer our students and families regular sports activities free of charge. The mission of the Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools ACSIS is to provide student-athletes with an opportunity to compete in a broad and balanced inter-school athletic program that is an optional but integral part of their educational experience. Win or lose, the ACSIS schools will encourage student-athletes to provide a winning effort, exhibit sportsmanship, and demonstrate respect for all.

Our ACSIS offer for the school year 2020/2021 is as follows:

Season 1	Season 2	Season 3
Aug to Nov 20	Nov 20 to Feb 21	Feb to May 21
9U Football (6-7 games), Training possibility in our ECA 11U Tennis (6-7 games), Training possibility in our ECA	10U&11U Football (6-7 games)	8U Football (6-7 games), Training possibility in our ECA

All ACSIS football games are played in round-robin mode, without table, ranking or medal. The focus shall be on the spirit of sport and the mission of ACSIS.

We also take part in the following competitive football tournaments:

- **VW Cup** German School (Jan/Feb, this year maybe also in October due to Covid-19), two organised training sessions before, we will try to send the best team we can in each category.
- **Embassy Football Cup** (April, to be confirmed), two organised training sessions before, we will try to send the best team we can in each category.

As with this school year, we will provide detailed information about the various offers, possibilities and dates in an ACSIS newsletter before each season. The Season 1 newsletter will be published mid-August. Olliver Marx is the ACSIS rep responsible of our school. If you would have any questions regarding these sports offers, please contact him directly: acsis.sport@swiss-school.edu.sg.

Wax Museum P5



Dear parents

Each year, the P5 students take part in our very own living Wax Museum, where students are tasked with researching and presenting individuals who have made an impact on the world.

This year, due to the current Covid situation, we had to be creative about how we would present to our audience and we came up with a neat solution. Over the course of the HBL and school year, students have been using the Flipgrid app to speak their minds and share how they were feeling. Thus, this was a perfect way to record our Wax Museum and be able to present it to you!

Kindly go to www.flipgrid.com and use the code *nolan4971* to gain access.

Enjoy, leave your own comments, and thank you for your support.

Thanks and have a great weekend!

Jimmy Nolan

Parents Referral Program – ECA Voucher

For every successful student referral provided by our current families, an ECA voucher will be rewarded to the family as a thank you. This voucher can then be used to redeem an ECA course for their enrolled child during the next semester. We would like to take the chance to thank you once again for being great ambassadors to our school.

SSiS Parentsforum

The Parents Forum Board would like to thank all Class Reps, volunteers and helpers for their engagement and help with our community during this school year. Unfortunately, a lot of the planned events could not take place this year due to the challenging situation we are all in. We hope to be able to make it up together with all of you next year.

- **Board members wanted:** The Parents Forum Board is looking for new motivated members to join us next school year! If you are interested in getting involved or to find out more please contact Jenny Neuse (jenny.neuse@gmail.com).
- **Welcome Coffee:** The traditional “Welcome Coffee” organised by the SSiS Parentsforum will take place at the Swiss Club Jungle Bar on Friday, 14 August 2020 from 8.40am to 10.30am. This is an informal event and great opportunity to meet new and existing parents, make new contacts, ask questions and exchange valuable experience. Please note that the Parentsforum is collecting your children’s old uniforms again. Kindly drop them off at the school office. They will be sold during the “Welcome Coffee” in August. Proceeds from the sale will go to the charity committee’s fund. Thank you very much!

Library

Holiday break and want something to read? This year, our Library team makes it possible for bookworms to enjoy their passion for reading during the long summer break. Students are allowed to borrow six books for up to eight weeks. All books should be returned in **good condition** to the library in the first week after the holidays. And to all the children who are leaving, please return your books before the last school day. Thank you!

Renovation Works

The contractor has informed us that they are unable to start work for the roof replacement and the noise mitigation walls. The roof replacement has been re-scheduled to December 2020 and July 2021; the noise mitigation walls has been re-scheduled to Autumn Holidays. The contractor is facing challenges of getting permits to resume work, coupled with a foreign workers issue.

Alumni

As many families are leaving our school this summer, we would like to use this opportunity to call your attention to the Swiss School Alumni Association. The association’s aim is to foster contact amongst alumni – former students, parents, employees and friends of SSiS – and it organises gatherings for its members a few times a year where they can mingle with each other and revive old memories.

If you wish to keep in touch with other alumni, please access their website at www.swiss-school-alumni.org and register for membership. We warmly invite all of you to continue supporting the SSiS beyond your time here and become part of this growing alumni community.

Save the date for their upcoming Alumni Gathering on Saturday, 5 September 2020 in Zug/Switzerland. The Annual General Meeting, which had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 measures, will take place on occasion of the Alumni Gathering. More information about these events will be published on the Alumni website at a later date.

Upcoming Events (see also: Semester Overview [Semester 2 2019/20](#) and [Semester 1 2020/21](#))

WED, 17 June 2020	Last Day of the School Year On-Site for P1/2
THU, 18 June 2020	Last Day of the School Year (P1/2 HBL)
FRI, 19 June 2020	No school – Start of summer holidays for students
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WED-FRI, 5-7 August 2020	Introduction talks new parents with class teachers
WED, 5 August 2020	Quartalsbrief class teachers (latest by 05/08/2020)
MON, 10 August 2020	National Day (public holiday in lieu), School is closed
TUE, 11 August 2020	Start new school year, 8.30am
FRI, 14 August 2020	Welcome Coffee Parentsforum, 8.40am
MON, 24 August 2020	Start ECAs 1 semester 2020/2021
TUE, 25 August 2020	Parents Evening P5/P6, 7pm
WED, 26 August 2020	Parents Evening EC, 7pm
THU, 27 August 2020	Parents Evening French Stream, 7pm
FRI, 28 August 2020	Casual Friday
TUE, 1 September 2020	Parents Evening P1/P2, 7pm
WED, 2 September 2020	Parents Evening P3/P4, 7pm
THU, 3 September 2020	Parents Evening KG, 7pm

Upcoming Publications

MON, 15 June 2020	Distribution Yearbook P1/2
TUE, 16 June 2020	Distribution Yearbook EC, KG, P3 to P6
THU, 18 June 2020	Newsletter
WED, 5 August 2020	Parents Information #1 2020/21
FRI, 4 September 2020	Parents Information #2 2020/21

Have a great weekend.



Yours Sincerely,
Markus Pallmann
Principal