

SJIIM Weekly Update

14th January 2022

Important Dates:

22nd Jan - Open Day

Public Holiday:

18th Jan - Thaipusam

1st and 2nd Feb - Chinese

New Year

Term 2 half term break:

31st Jan - 4th Feb

Upcoming Events:

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Luke Hague - HS Head of Music and Instrumental Music Coordinator



I am a coffee hobbyist who first arrived in Malaysia in July 2016 as the founding Head of Music at SJIIM. Married to Natalie, we have two children, Felix (a founding student of SJIIM, now year 4) and Scarlett (year 1). Felix and Scarlett have both spent a majority of their lives in Malaysia with Scarlett arriving in Malaysia at the age of 8 months. Their life in Malaysia meant they were recently able to proudly share their experiences and knowledge of Malaysia on an Australian Kids news podcast SquizKids!

My wife Nat similarly shares a love of music, and previously studied Jazz Performance (saxophone) at the Elder Conservatorium of Music, and is now at the end of completing her degree in Early Childhood Education. In 2019 we returned to Australia for a year, managing the unexpected compulsory acquisition by the Australian Government of our property in Adelaide, and with Malaysia, it's culture, people, and sites on our hearts, we were delighted to return to SJIIM in 2020 to continue our journey here.

I was born in London (on the same day and year as Prince Harry!), but raised in Adelaide Australia from the age of three. You could say that being a musician and living in Asia was inevitable; my father being a Hong Kong-born Cambridge Choral Scholar, and my great-grandparents and grandparents working in China, the former having founded Hui Tien hospital in Kunming (now Kunming Children's Hospital). Throughout my own schooling I was heavily involved in music, drama and sporting activities; touring Malaysia and Singapore in year 10 with a school drama performance, Europe with the school Choir, Orchestra, Concert and Jazz Bands in year 12, and competing in national Australian tournaments as a state representative in Volleyball. However, music increasingly became my focus and in my final year of high school I was simultaneously involved in University percussion ensembles and tuition, and took out first prize in the National Eisteddfod in Canberra for Solo Marimba.

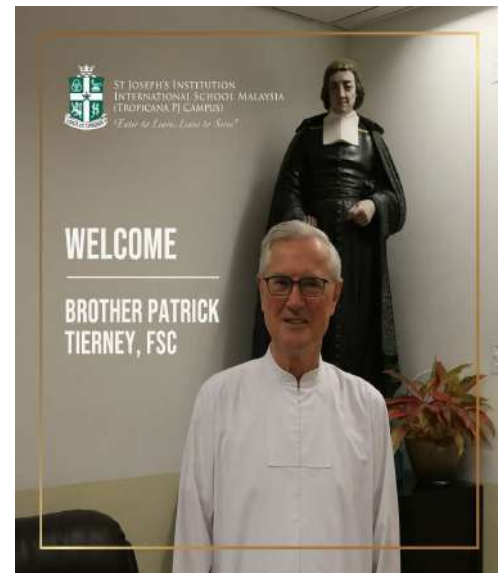
Continuing my tertiary education in Classical Performance (percussion) at the Elder Conservatorium of Music, I again gained international experience as my cohort hosted an International Marimba Festival, attended the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Columbus, and spent time performing and learning at University of Nevada including masterclasses and performances with Cirque Du Soleil and Orchestral percussionists. During this time I joined the Australian Army Reserve and was a part of the Army Band for several years.

A love for learning and young people led me to complete my PGCE, and I was appointed first as Senior School Music Teacher and then Senior Head of Year 12 at Tyndale Christian School where I worked from 2009 - 2016. In 2016 I was approached and appointed by SJIIM's founding Principal to the role of Head of Music, developing the curriculum for Key Stage 3, IGCSE and IB Diploma, establishing co-curricular ensembles and an Instrumental Music Programme, organising formal and informal performances throughout the school calendar and cultivating the enjoyment of music in the school community.

In my free time you will often find me exercising, exploring the sites of KL and Malaysia, and hunting down the local cafes, which brings us back to coffee! Coffee beans are harvested after a carefully considered process of preparing the soil, planting in particular altitudes and go on to have their particular flavours extracted and highlighted through roasting, grinding and brewing processes. We see that the seeds sown in establishing St Joseph's and the music programme have grown and flourished and through the roasting process of the past few pandemic years we see and will continue to uncover the delicate notes and powerful tones of the students of St Joseph's.

Catholic Corner

This week has been an exciting week as we welcomed Brother Patrick into our school community. We hope that he enjoys his time in our school and we look forward to working more closely with Brother Patrick in the year ahead.



How to be a good Lasallian

In our assemblies this week we posed the question 'How can we be good Lasallians?' The children had some wonderful responses. A common thread that emerged across all year groups was showing kindness and respect to all persons. Let us try to do exactly this as we welcome the new year 2022.

Show kindness and respect to all persons





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OPEN DAY

10am to 4pm
Saturday, 22 January 2022

Come speak to our Head of School,
Assistant Principals, teachers,
students and parents to find out
more about our school. We very
much look forward to meeting you.

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EYFS | IPC | Singapore Maths | Daily Mandarin | IGCSE | IBDP

Open Day

Our next Open Day will be held on **22nd January 2022, Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm**. Please help us share the event details with any of your relatives and friends looking for a top international school for their children. Parents will have an opportunity to meet our Senior Leadership Team members, teachers, parents and the students, to find out what makes SJIIM so special, as well as a tour of the school.

Visitors for the Open Day are by appointment only to limit the number of people present at the campus at any one time. They may contact us at enquiries@sji-international.edu.my for a slot or register at <https://www.sji-international.edu.my/open-day/>.



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IBDP Scholarships Programme

Our new IBDP scholarships to deserving students entering Year 12 in August 2022 is now open for applications. These merit-based and means-tested scholarships cover between 50% and 100% of the full IBDP tuition fees for 2 years. Please visit <https://www.sji-international.edu.my/ibdp-scholarship-programme/> for more information.

Applications close on **8th February 2022**. Full applications, including all relevant documents, are to be emailed to: scholarships@sji-international.edu.my.



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CCA's Term 2

CCA Term 2 : 14th February - 1st April

Sign-up Open : 22nd January, Saturday @ 10am

Sign-up Close : 23rd January, Sunday @ 10 pm

We will send out information to parents (ES) and students (HS) on the **17th January**. The SchoolsBuddy registration email has been sent to your SJIIM Gmail account last week. Please sign up to access the CCA sign up form. You can also download the School Buddy App which will make selection and monitoring CCAs easier.

All CCA sign-up for Term 2 will be done through SchoolsBuddy.
Thank you.



Safety Reminders

We would like to urge all of our families to continue the safe practise of weekly self-testing. This is in line with the government's new acronym, **TRIIS**: test, report, isolate, inform and seek help. If we take collective responsibility to test our children and ourselves often, we can all help to stop the virus from spreading within our community.



Chinese New Year Prep

There has been a wave of excitement flowing through school this week as preparations are in full swing for our Chinese New Year festivities. The Mandarin team have been busy practicing beautiful songs and dances for their annual CNY extravaganza, while our amazing parents have been transforming the foyer, the Early Years entrance and every corner of the school with beautiful decorations. What a wonderful community we have!



AIMS Writing Competition

You may recall the challenge shared before the Christmas holiday set by the Association of International Malaysian Schools (AIMS) and promoted by our English Leaders. We would like to thank all the children who entered the competition; it was lovely to read your creative writing. A big congratulations to the following students that will be representing the school in the next round:

KS1- Jacob Lin 1S, Kashvi Shamal 2M, Rohan Sivagurnathan 2M.

KS2- Ava Lim 5M, Raphael Yap 5S, Jillian Aiko 6J.

Phonics Parent Information Session

If you missed the Phonics session in October or if your child is new to SJIIM, our English Leader, Mrs. Hannah Woodhams, will be hosting a Phonics Information Session for parents of children in Early Years to Y2 on Thursday 20th January at 10:30am.

Please find the meeting code below:

Meeting ID: 812 0450 2083

Passcode: Phonics

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81204502083?pwd=eDUzTkZmYW8rWldCZlpldVpHcWVmdz>

A flyer for a Phonics Information Session for Parents. It includes a central title, a date and time, a Zoom meeting link and passcode, and several smaller graphics related to phonics.

How can you support your child with phonics?

How does SJIIM teach phonics?

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For Nursery - Year 2 parents new to SJIIM, parents interested in a refresher course or anyone who missed the October session.



Happy Hu Year

The SRC will be selling CNY cookie goodie bags, with a notecard included, for you to gift loved ones. The money from purchases will then be used as funds for future SRC events. The ordering period has been extended till 16 January, which you can order via [this Google Form](#).



2nd Annual Inter-House Performing Arts Competition

Due to popular demand, we have extended the deadline to 24th January 2022. Students are to apply through a [Google form](#) found here and posted on their House's Google Classroom. Houses can have as many submissions as possible, with each submission contributing house points. Students can participate in more than one category. Unlike last year, there is no specific theme for the competition, and so students are free to perform any song they wish with a 3-minute time limit.

Music submissions: performance of any piece, any style/instrument
Drama submissions: monologue/duologue either written by a student or a professional
Dance submissions: performance of any style

If you do have any queries, please do contact either Mr Stacey, Mr Hague, Ms Pardo, or any of the HS Performing Arts Leaders (Alysa Y11, Shir-Ning Y11, Amira Y10, Victoria Y10, Sher Ying Y10, Shir-Ree Y9, David Y9, Nathan Y9, Aurelia Y8, Shuen Y8, Vayden Y8, Michelle Y8).



Paper Bridges

For those of you who may not be familiar with it, Paper Bridges is a registered non-profit organisation that originally began in the US, but has since branched out internationally to countries all over the world. Here at Paper Bridges, our main goals and aims are to provide support to less privileged or vulnerable children, be it through emotional support and guidance, or material support and aid. In December, we at SJIIM have officially begun our letter-writing project and just submitted our first round of letters to our penpals. [Click here](#) to read more about this service project



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