

SJIIM Weekly Update

21st January 2022

Important Dates:

22nd Jan - Open Day

Public Holiday:

1st and 2nd Feb - Chinese
New Year

Term 2 half term break:

31st Jan - 4th Feb

Upcoming Events:

Chinese New Year festive
dress day: 28th January

CCA Term 2 (via Schools Buddy)

Sign-up Open: 22nd Jan (10am)

Sign-up Close: 23rd Jan (10pm)

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Mr Joseph O'Connor Head of Physical Education and HS CCA Coordinator

With both of my parents in education and a love for sports and coaching growing up, it was an obvious choice to move into the role of being a PE teacher. Whilst loving playing sport, I also enjoyed coaching and from an early age would help out after school and school holidays at Football and Basketball camps as a leader. This helped to grow my confidence, push me outside of my comfort zone and give me first-hand experience of "coaching". At GCSE level I chose Physical Education and did so at A-Level, alongside Biology, Resistance Materials and Sociology. This gave me some options going into University, anything related to sports studies, physiotherapy or even sports journalism/marketing. However, I was fairly set on becoming a high school PE teacher. It was at that point I would direct my efforts towards the University of Bedfordshire, a small university, however, known for its long-standing and quality Physical Education programme.



Moving forward, after qualifying from UOB, I began my teaching career in Norfolk, my home county. However, I was keen from the start to take my teaching career abroad so I could see different parts of the world at the same time. After my second year, I moved to Cairo, Egypt. A great first experience, where I learned so much about my teaching, but also the benefits of being abroad. I enjoyed meeting new people, travelling to various countries and also benefiting from the incredible cultures that Cairo had to offer.



After 3 years in Cairo, it was time to move on, and South East Asia was on my radar. I knew very little about SEA apart from a short summer trip to Thailand. From my initial interview with SJIIM, I knew it would be a great fit and I looked forward to being a part of a new school and being involved in building the incredible school culture that we see today. I am so happy with how the PE department has evolved in my 5 years at SJIIM. The department works so hard to provide an engaging PE curriculum that encourages *all* students to succeed in so many ways. I am very lucky to have such a great staff at SJIIM to work with, but specifically a great PE department.

Aside from my teaching, I love to play sports outside of school. Whether that is on a weekend playing Football or Golf. I also, in my free time, enjoy recording episodes for a podcast Mr Hussain and I have created. It is something a little different to our day to day job, but aligns with our passion for talking and learning about new and interesting topics that we may not normally spend time talking about. "You Chat Too Much" - feel free to check it out. **Shameless plug**



Catholic Corner



It is great news to announce that we can finally resume Catholic CCA. This will start after Chinese New Year. Students from Year 1 to Year 6 are warmly invited to attend. Choosing Catholic CCA does not affect students other club choices on School Buddy.

Please use the sign up link [HERE](#) to add your child's name .



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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.

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 Schools Buddy 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.

[ES](#) [CCA](#) [Site](#)
[HS CCA Site](#)

All CCA sign-up for Term 2 will be done through Schools Buddy.



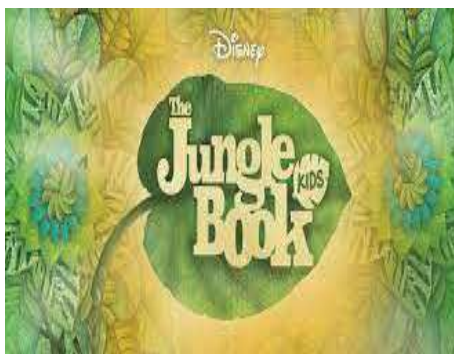
Jungle Book - Parent Volunteers

We are excited to announce that our school production this year will be The Jungle Book!

Auditions were held this week and the standard of performance was very high.

We are now looking for a wonderful group of parent volunteers to assist with costume, makeup, set and props. Our parent helpers have been incredible in the past and we know that you are a very talented group!

If you are interested in being involved with the show or ha





Parent Rep Involvement

Our ES parents reps have been busy! Parents have been liaising with our Heads of Years and class teachers to organise festive events and activities for the upcoming Chinese New Year celebrations. Thank you so much to everyone involved for their contributions - the decorations in classrooms look lovely! Our parent reps were also invited for coffee with Brother Patrick today, where we had a really positive sharing about all of the strengths in our community!



House Captains meet with Brother Patrick

Our house captains enjoyed meeting Brother Patrick this week. Over snacks in the Lasallian Centre, they discussed their experiences of our House events and what it was like being a House Captain in our school. Brother Patrick shared his experience and passion for sport and was impressed by the maturity and responsibility our young leaders showed.



School Photos - Advanced Notice

Make a note that school photos will be taken on the week of 14th February. Our friends from [Fotorex](#) will spend 4 days taking class photos and sibling photos too.



School Hats

A polite reminder to all parents to make sure your child brings a hat to school. Hats need to be worn on the field during PE time and any play time at break and lunch. We have noticed lots of children haven't been bringing their hats. If you have misplaced the school hat, please buy a new one or provide your child with another cap to wear whilst out in the sun.



Project HUAT

Project HUAT was created by the SRC as a meaningful service project to express our appreciation towards the elderly community this Chinese New Year. We will be donating CNY goodies and items needed by 3 old folk homes: Mitchell Care Home for the Elderly, Shalom Nursing Home and Unique Elderly Care Center.

We will open our donation drive of **both physical goods and monetary donations** on January 19th till February 8th. Donated goods can be dropped off at the booth set up in the school foyer near the drop off and pick up area, while monetary donations can be made by passing the cash donations to the SJIIM Finance Office. The SRC will also set up a booth outside the cafeteria during lunch times, so students can feel free to donate money then too.

For more information on essential items needed, please refer to the attached [poster](#).



Paletines

To start off the second half of Term 2 with a bang, the SRC has decided to organise an event **in celebration of friendship: Paletines!** The pandemic has disrupted friendships, so the SRC wants to foster a sense of community amongst the students and enable them to create cherished memories.

Here's what we will be organising:

- [Cupid's Gift Pack Packages](#) where students can send messages, candy and flowers to friends/teachers of their choice (pre-orders will be taken through this [form](#))
- A [bake sale](#) providing a delicious variety of confectioneries (pre-orders will be taken through this [form](#))
- A [photo booth](#) to capture their memories on Polaroid film

All funds raised will be used to **fund future SRC events** to better the students' school experience. Do check out the poster below for more information!



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[HS Student Absence Form](#)



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