

SJIIM Weekly Update

8th April 2022

Important Dates:

8th Apr - End of Term 2

20th Apr - Term 3 begins

25th Apr - 10th June IGCSE

Exam

28th Apr - 18th May IBDP Exam

Upcoming Events:

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Mrs Victoria Stacey Head of Y11, Teacher of Lasallian Education

This time four years ago we were living in our dream home set in a lovely part of north Liverpool. My children attended wonderful schools, and Mr Stacey and I were extremely happy in our teaching roles. My parents lived around the corner and helped us on a full-time basis with childcare; it was a happy, comfortable life. The decision to leave this all behind and move to Malaysia was not an easy one and it certainly shocked family, friends and colleagues in the UK! The idea of leaving a happy life behind has impacted how we have viewed the opportunities that we have been afforded through international teaching; it was never about escapism or finding something better, it was about growing as a family through new challenges and experiences. We were married and became parents in our early twenties meaning that we didn't quite manage the round the world trip we had planned! There was always this itch, a recurring conversation that we would return to - what if we moved abroad and tried out international teaching? When I told my parents that we were moving to Malaysia they were shocked, but they did not discourage our decision or try to persuade us otherwise. My parents have always guided me to be the best version of myself, never comparing my journey to others, allowing me to flourish into the best that I can be. Four years later, they still continue to put their feelings aside and put mine and my family's interest first - unconditional, selfless love.

So, off we went! Thankfully, we made the right decision and the experience has most definitely been worth the risk! The greatest blessing that I am thankful for each day is the opportunity to be a parent teacher. I still get emotional when I cross the bridge and catch a glimpse of Isabella and Jude swimming with their school friends. I know that working parents often miss out on sports days, performances etc. I certainly did when we lived in the UK, so I cherish those moments and always try to remember how lucky I am to see my own children flourish at SJIIM. For me, the opportunity to spend time with your family in one school community is a unique experience, one that has brought us closer together and something that I know will stay with us all forever.

Since becoming a teacher, I have always tried to treat young people as I would treat my own children, understanding what a privilege it is to nurture young minds and hearts. My ultimate goal as a teacher is to guide young people to realise their potential, in the same way my parents did for me. St Catherine of Siena puts it beautifully, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." We all have to discern our path in in life. For some it is easier than others. For me, the people in my chosen photographs continue to inspire me every day to be the best I can as a parent, teacher, wife and daughter.



Catholic Corner

This term we have been blessed in many ways.

We welcomed back Catholic CCA, offered confessions to our staff and students and celebrated our first Mass together. It has been really encouraging to see students giving up their time to attend Mass and also to see new enthusiastic faces attending our weekly CCAs.

We look forward to growing the Catholic life within our school even further next term through Founder's Week, service learning and project work, Catholic CCA and the continuation of monthly Masses.



Catholic CCA

Please use the link [HERE](#) to sign up for Catholic CCA in Term 3. Students from Year 1- Year 6 are invited to join.

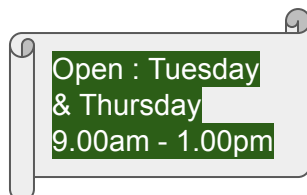
Future dates to note

April 27th Mass at 12:15pm



Final Deadline for Kangaroo Maths Competition Entries

The final deadline for entries to the Kangaroo Maths Competition is on the 19th April. This is open to students from Year 5 to Year 13 and is a great opportunity to represent the school using puzzle solving skills. The competition will be held during the school day on 17th June and we strongly encourage all students who enjoy maths and solving puzzles to enter. The competition will be presented in 3 languages (English, Bahasa and Mandarin) so we hope this makes it accessible to all participants. Please read this [letter](#) to see how you can enter.



Term break Bookshop Operating Hours

During the term break, the school bookshop will open only on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm.

PSG Update



Proud overall winner Caleb Pern Liang Ewe of Y6M (Mutien)

PSG Logo Design Competition results

To raise awareness of its role and mission, the PSG recently organised a Logo Design Contest, inviting students to send in their logo designs to best portray the work of the PSG. The contest attracted 27 creative and unique designs from the ES and HS. The panel of judges comprised a good representation from school staff and the PSG to decide on a winning logo that best represents virtues of Multiculturalism & Respect, Community & Teamwork, and Service & Compassion. Attractive prizes include marshmallows and sponsored vouchers for beverages and fried chicken.

Congratulations to Caleb Pern Liang Ewe of Y6M (Mutien)! He is the proud designer of the winning logo. Caleb not only won for himself RM100 worth of vouchers, his design will be used in all PSG communication materials.

All logo entry contestants have also earned points for their House as follows :

ES House Points

Mutien - 19 points
Miguel - 11 points
Benilde - 9 points
Jaime - 7 points

HS House Points

Miguel - 14 points
Benilde - 14 points
Jaime - 6 points
Mutien - 5 points

Congratulations to all proud winners and thank you again for the enthusiasm in the Logo Design Competition!



IGCSE/IB Exam Care Packs from PSG

It is that time of the year again for Year 10, 11 and 13 students.

May this quote: **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. THE WORD SAYS IT: I M POSSIBLE** be an encouragement in their examination preparations, together with an exam care pack with compliments from **The PSG**.

Hari Raya

The PSG welcomes Hari Raya Aidilfitri in SJIIM with colorful decorations in the foyer, and setting up the ever popular Raya Bazaar on 22 April 2022, after a 2-year hiatus, featuring food, drinks, traditional games and activities that promote mindfulness to coincide with Mental Health Week to welcome students back from their Easter Break.

Hari Raya is also a time to show kindness by blessing SJIIM guards and cleaners with a [Raya Hamper](#), and for this, parents' sponsorships in cash of RM35 per hamper are warmly welcome. If you would like to sponsor a hamper(s), please approach the finance office or transfer online (details in the poster). Your generosity is much appreciated in advance.



Arts Week 2022

Selangor Symphony Orchestra - We kicked off Arts week with a bang! The Selangor Symphony Orchestra worked with a number of our students from ES and HS towards our first live concert, taking place on Saturday 2nd April 2022 to an audience of 200 and raising over RM3400 to support the RPX Boys Home, a project of the Society of St Vincent De Paul. This is the first stage in a new partnership with Eugene Pook, leader and conductor of the SSO, coaching and developing our school orchestra and giving our students wider opportunities in Music. There is an Orchestra CCA, led by Mr Pook, which will begin in Term 3. [Here](#) you can see some of the pieces played at this performance, featuring students from ES and HS.



Pop-up Performances - Performances have been held throughout the week, with HS students in the main foyer and ES students, from Years 4-6, performing in the EY foyer. Students have also been encouraged to take part in our lunchtime busking activity in the canteen throughout the week. You can see a number of images and recordings of these performances [here](#).

Class Music performances - EY and other year groups watched a short performance each day during their break time in the EY playground. These were performances from Years 1 and 3 classes, focusing on playing percussion instruments, xylophones, recorders and singing, all led by Mr leung. You can see images and recordings from this in the link above..

Perfect Playlist - Staff across ES and HS have shared some of their favourite songs to inspire our students to develop their wider listening and strengthen the bonds within our school community. You can see the selections made by the staff [here](#). If you would like to listen to the community playlists found on Spotify, you can listen [here](#).

ES Music Showcase - [Here](#) you will find a link to the first of two ES Music showcase showing some of the work that students in Years 4-6 have been doing in Music lessons and Year 1-4 have been doing in Choral lessons. Please watch and share in this celebration with your family. We look forward to part two which will be released later in the year, featuring more choral performances and classwork from EY and Year 1-3.

Dramatic Performances - Drama students performed scenes from "*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*" and "*The Hunger Games*" to High School classes throughout the week. The confidence shown by the young actors in front of their first live audiences for a long time was fantastic to see. You can find photos and videos of their performances [here](#).

Arts Week has been so fantastic! SJIIM Students have many hidden talents! We have painted some large scale artworks. Had a Famous Art recreation Challenge and a beautifully executed [Art exhibition](#). Well done to all involved.

House Improv Competition - Students from Years 7-12 represented their houses in Friday's improv competition, demonstrating an ability to think quickly and be incredibly funny at the same time. Taking part in activities such as *Yes, And!*, *Scenes from a Hat* and *Emotional Interview*, they kept their audience entertained from start to finish, with Benilde emerging as the overall winners. Photos and videos of these funny folk can be found [here](#).



Mental Health Week 2022

Thank you to everyone that made Mental Health Week such a success. Each day, we had a different theme; from Mindful Monday, Wacky Wednesday, to Feel Good Friday! The children explored why we need to take care of our mental health just as much as our physical health. We also talked about who to turn to if we ever feel worried and need some advice. Here is an amazing 5 page [pack](#) of conversation starters that will make your meal times more meaningful and help lift everyone's mental health. You can even make yourselves a conversation [jar](#).



House Spirit Day - STEM challenges

We celebrated Term Two's House Spirit Day today with a STEM theme. Children competed in their Houses on various STEM related challenges. In science, children built rockets, boats and parachutes. In technology they competed to see who could design the best glasses, hats, umbrellas and instruments. In engineering, they designed aeroplanes, catapults and slingshots to see who get the furthest distance and in Maths, they focussed on their developing their measuring skills. Please see below for the End of Term 2 House point totals!

Benilde	Jaime	Miguel	Mutien
2082	1687	2159	1799



SRC Bake Sale

What an amazing event! The support from parents, staff and students was overwhelming. A delicious range of treats was available and the SRC students from Year 1-6 did a fantastic job of setting up and running the sale. Kara, 3I, said; 'it was a lot of fun selling. I enjoyed giving treats to people and welcoming people.' Hyo Jae, 5J said he 'enjoyed working hard and trying my best. I liked meeting many friends.' A huge thank you to all of our parents for supporting us with your fabulous baking skills and to the SRC leaders for demonstrating the virtue of service so well. We raised a staggering **RM4160** for our House charities and our SRC school project.



School Newspaper

The St Joseph's Journal editorial team are proud to announce the first ever issue of the school newspaper. All members of the CCA worked together to plan, write and edit a number of exciting and interesting articles. They chose to celebrate key events in the SJIIM calendar, such as Book Week, whilst also showcasing the creativity of their fellow students. We look forward to reading the second edition after the holidays.

Wishing all of our families a relaxing holiday!
See you back at school on Wednesday 20th April

Y12 Mock TOK Exhibition



On Tuesday, 5/4/22, Year 12 students completed their mock Theory of Knowledge (ToK) Exhibition. The ToK Exhibition task involves students applying what they learn in ToK to a real-world context by choosing objects that demonstrate an answer to one of many knowledge questions. As a prelude to their "real" Exhibition coming up in June, students in their first year of the IB Diploma set up their work in an art room, took turns curating their own pieces, and then viewed each other's assignments. Students gained valuable experience through the completion of this task, and received some affirmative feedback from their peers. Now that things are slowly returning to normal, we hope to make the real ToK Exhibition a more public event when the time comes!



Exam Care Packs

On behalf of the staff, parents and students we would like to say a huge thank you to the PSG for providing these care packs to students who will be sitting their examinations very soon.



LYM Founder's Day T Shirts

The Lasallian Youth Movement have been busy designing and organising this year's Founder's Day T Shirts.

[Please click here](#) to see more details and to place your order.

Please be aware that payment needs to be made before Monday 25th April.



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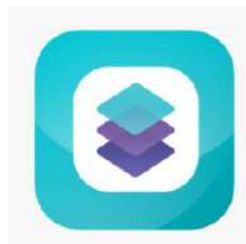
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