

SJIS Weekly Update

17th January 2025



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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Important Dates:

20th Jan - Term 2 CCA starts

Upcoming Events:

High School Sports Day - 14th February

Year 4-6 Sports day - Tuesday 25th February

Year 1-3 Sports Day - Wednesday 26th February

Early Years Sports Day - Thursday 27th February

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Ahoy, Me Hearties!

The Year 1s had a swashbuckling adventure for Pirates Day on Tuesday; the perfect entry point for our new IPC topic, *Treasure Islands*! The day was packed with exciting pirate-themed activities. We learnt to talk like pirates, played 'Captain's Commands', and crafted our own pirate flags. In the shared area, students built foil pirate ships, created playdough treasure, and dug for phonics sounds in the sand. Our young buccaneers tested their treasure-stealing skills in a Blooket quiz, sang hearty sea shanties, and enjoyed thrilling pirate tales. The White Box became a pirate's paradise, complete with an obstacle course and imaginative role-play. To top it all off, the lucky pirates uncovered gold chocolate coins! A huge thank-you to our parents for the incredible dress-up costumes - everyone looked shipshape and fantastic!



Catholic and Christian Community

As we begin a new year, let us reflect on God's blessings, embrace His guidance, and strive to walk in faith, hope, and love. Inspired by Lasallian values, may we deepen our faith, trusting in God's presence in every step we take. Let our actions be guided by service, reaching out to those in need with kindness and compassion.



Save the date

Our next school Mass will take place on **February 10th** at 12:30pm.

Thank you for visiting us, Dr. Fernando Santiago.

Dr Santiago is the Director of the South East Asia Research Center and Hub (SEARCH) at the De La Salle University Manila. His research interests include Agricultural/Rural History, Ethno History, Local History, Oral History and Biographies. He has presented extensively in local and international conferences. His research papers have been published in peer-reviewed journals.





Read With Me Programme

We have been very excited to see our 'Read With Me Programme' finally start! Our reading volunteers worked so hard before the holidays to prepare for our reading sessions. This week, we have launched and it has been a great success! We can't wait to see the fun and enjoyment from our children and parents in the weeks to come.

Music Parent Information Session

Led by Mr. Kent and Ms. Zayaana, this session gave parents an overview of the school's ES music curriculum and extracurricular offerings. The curriculum emphasises a well-rounded education in theory, performance, and composition, while CCA opportunities include KS1 & KS2 choirs, Music ensemble, and instrumental program. Parents learned how these programs support students' musical growth and provide avenues for performance, competitions, and personal development. The session concluded with a Q&A and a curriculum progression map to take away, where parents gained insights into how they can help foster their child's musical journey at the school.



Minecraft Competition

Over 800 students from 29 schools across Asia participated in an exciting Minecraft Showdown! Congratulations to **Suho** for taking 1st place in the Architecture Challenge and to **Ashton & Aiden** for securing 3rd place in the Creative Challenge. Well done to everyone who joined - each participant received a certificate for their fantastic efforts!



Lunar New Year Celebration 2025

We are excited to invite you to our **Lunar New Year Celebration on Friday, 24th January 2025, from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on the school field** (parent seating on the steps).

The celebration will feature a vibrant Chinese drumming performance, a lion dance, and a highlight performance where SJIS children across Elementary and High School will sing and dance to “有舍必有得”.

Attire:

- Red, yellow, or orange t-shirt (patterns allowed).
- Black, dark grey, or dark blue trousers (jeans allowed).

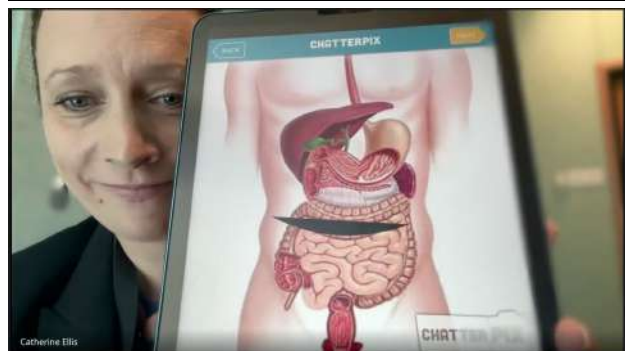
Join us for this heartwarming event and dance along! (Note: Parents cannot attend if moved indoors due to rain.)



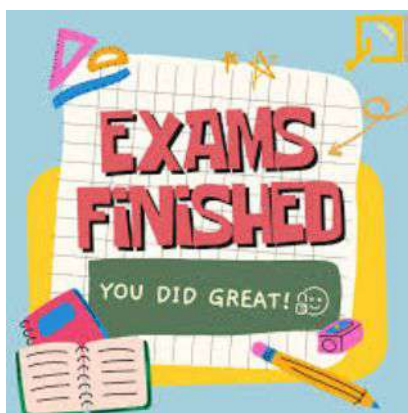


Digital Parenting Workshop

Thank you to so many of you for attending online this morning. You can find the [slides](#) and [recording](#) linked here and on the Parent Google Classroom (you will need to be logged into your school Gmail to access these).



We hope that many of you can join us for the in person follow up session at **8am on Friday 7th February**. This will not involve any new information or content, but is an opportunity so come and discuss how well strategies are working and ask any follow up questions. We will remind you about this nearer the time.



End of Mock Exams

After an intense 2 weeks, the mock exams are finally over! The Y12 and Y13 AS and A Level students returned to normal lessons on Tuesday and Thursday respectively whilst some of the Y13 IB students are busy with their Group 4 Science projects. Our students worked really hard and can be commended for their efforts.



HS Sports Day Update

The HS Sports Day will take place on Friday 14th February (It has moved from 21st February). It will be an all day event, more information will be provided closer to the time regarding the running and order of the day.



Staff Lasallian of the week:
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