

SJIS Weekly Update

28th February 2025



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Important Dates:

Upcoming Events:

HS Production Mary Poppins JR :

Thurs 27 & Fri 28 Feb - 5.30pm
Sat 1 Mar - 2.00pm

Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences :17-24 March

Y9 Options Evening - 4 Mar - (4.30pm-6.00pm)

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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

This week, our students showcased their enthusiasm and sportsmanship across three fantastic ES Sports Days! On Tuesday, Key Stage 2 took to the field, followed by an energetic Key Stage 1 event on Wednesday, and finally, our youngest athletes in Early Years on Thursday. It was wonderful to see such high levels of engagement, teamwork, and house spirit throughout. In the overall house competition, Mutien claimed victory with 948 points, followed by Jaime in second (869), Miguel in third (836), and Benilde in fourth (781).

A huge thank you to all parents and the SPV for their support throughout the events!




Catholic and Christian Community



Lenten Services & Observances

Stations of the Cross (March only)

 **Every Friday for the month of March, , starting March 7th**


 **8:00 AM**

 **Chapel**

- Open to **parents** (please register at the guard desk beforehand).
- **Students** are welcome to attend.
- **Elementary School (ES) students** must be accompanied by a parent.
- All **ES & High School (HS) students** must inform their class teachers in advance.



Ash Wednesday - March 5th


 **12:30 PM**

 **Chapel**

- A **paraliturgy service** will be led by the **Brothers**.
- **Ashes** will be distributed to **students (Year 4 and above)** and **parents**.

Good Friday - Paraliturgy Service

 **April 18th**

 **12:30 - 1:00 PM**

 **Chapel**

- Open to **parents** and **students (Year 4 and above)**.
- Led by the **Brothers**.



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
[The sign up sheet for students in year 4 upwards.](#)



Mary Poppins – Final Shows This Weekend!

Our High School Production of *Mary Poppins* has been a magical experience, with students bringing this beloved story to life on stage. Over the past two nights, audiences have been captivated by the energy, music, and heartwarming performances. A huge thank you to our school community for the incredible support so far—your cheers, encouragement, and presence mean the world to our cast and crew!

If you haven't seen the show yet, there's still time! We have one more evening performance tonight at **5:30 PM** and a **final matinee tomorrow at 2:00 PM**. Don't miss this chance to experience the magic!

Tickets are RM40 and can be purchased here: [Ticket link](#)

We can't wait to see you there!



TERM 3 CCA



Term 3 CCA Sign-up

Parents will have only a few days to select activities, so please be prepared to make your choices promptly. You must sign-up through the Schoolbuddy system for your child's CCA. If you are still experiencing difficulties to activate your Schoolbuddy account, please visit the CCA team or our IT team for assistance.

List to parents : 5th March (refer to the CCA website from 5th March)
SchoolsBuddy Sign-up (open): Friday, 7th March @ 6pm
SchoolsBuddy Sign-up (close): Wednesday, 12th March @ 10pm

ISQM Visit 3rd - 4th March

From the 3rd - 4th March, Alison Hedley, our assigned consultant for the ISQM accreditation process will be back in school. Over the course of the two days, Alison will be in lessons observing teaching and learning and meeting with key stakeholders to assess our progress towards accreditation readiness.

Since Alison's first visit in Term 1, the school has been working on implementing recommendations from her first visit and we are looking forward to updating Alison on our progress.



Over the course of the two day visit, we aim to finalise a timeline towards accreditation with our final inspection visit taking place in the next academic year.

In Term 3, Mr Cairns will organise a School Development Plan Launch session which will look at what has been implemented as a result of the feedback from the ISQM accreditation as well as looking forward to new developments for the coming academic year and beyond.

FOBISIA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS - THAILAND



It has been an amazing 3 days meet at Thanyapura, Phuket Thailand where our swim team competed at the FOBISIA Swimming Invitational Meet (Division 2). Our young swimmers were phenomenal, racing their events with swimmers from 20 other schools across Asia. Driven and determined, they swam their fastest to finish their races with many proud moments as they received purple ribbons for finishing top 3 in their heats. Well done to the swim team for bagging 6 Gold, 6 Silver, and 9 Bronze Medals with 2 record holders! We are very proud of your achievements, and we have seen positive character attributes such as independence, resilience, and perseverance! A great appreciation to the staff and parents who were involved for their immense support and dedication. Please find more info and photos [here](#).



[Bookshop operating hours during term break:](#)

Closed : 31st March to 8th April 2025

Open : 9th to 11th April 2025, (9:00am - 1:00pm)

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Kangaroo Mathematics Competition

Students from across the school competed last May in the annual Kangaroo Mathematics competition. It was a fun mix of logical puzzles, mathematical brain teasers and complex calculations. The children in ES achieved many successes and some of these were celebrated in last week's assembly with a medal ceremony for those achieving bronze, silver and gold medals. Well done to all participants!



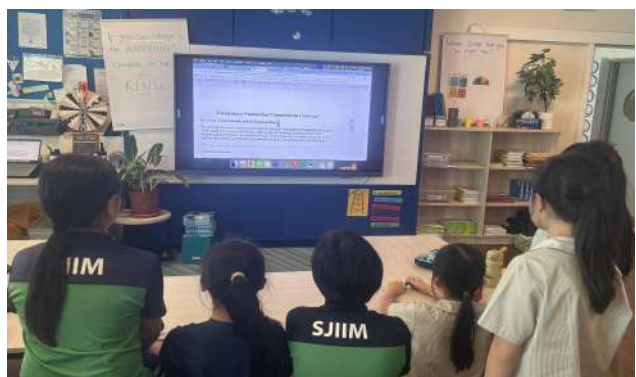
Year 6 Art Showcase

Our Year 6 students put on a fantastic showcase celebrating the life and work of Jean-Michel Basquiat! The event was a vibrant display of creativity, featuring bold and expressive artwork inspired by Basquiat's unique style. Students confidently presented their pieces, explaining the meanings behind their use of colour, symbols, and words, demonstrating their deep understanding of his artistic impact.



Ramadan Assemblies

This week's assemblies focused on Ramadan and its importance to the Muslim community worldwide. Students learned that Ramadan is a special time for Muslims, marked by fasting, prayer, reflection, and a strong sense of community. The assemblies also highlighted the significance of Eid al-Fitr, the joyful celebration that marks the end of Ramadan, bringing families and communities together.



Year 5 & 6 Production

This week, the production team of *The Secret of the Chocolate Factory* met to discuss expectations, signed a contract, and demonstrated commitment by planning how to prepare for Term 3's production practice. The cast had the opportunity to watch the High School's *Mary Poppins* production, hopefully gaining valuable insights from the experience.

ES Parent Teacher Conferences

Reminder that Parent Teacher Conferences which will take place between Monday 17th-24th March. The booking window **opened today, Friday 28th February at 12pm** and runs until **Wednesday 12th March at 4pm**. You can book these in person meetings with these teachers using the Meet the Teacher platform. You will have received an email last week about accessing the Meet the Teacher platform. If you have any queries, please contact the SJIIS Helpdesk: helpdesk@sjj-international.edu.my





Year 8 LEdu Project 2023 Update

Remember our Year 8 LEdu Service Project in Term 2 of 2023? Our students supported the Treehouse Society in Langkawi, donating their favorite children's books and writing letters to Rohingya refugee children, helping to build their library and improve language skills. We're thrilled to share that the Treehouse Society students have responded! It was heartwarming to deliver these letters to our current Year 10 students, demonstrating the tangible impact of their efforts. Our school continues to support the Treehouse Society through ongoing projects and we're excited to share future successes. The Treehouse Society now seeks regular sponsors, with a USD\$10 (<RM50) monthly donation supporting a child's education. Learn more about how you can contribute at <https://imkiran.com/projects/the-treehouse-society/>

Volunteering at the 'Wings of Freedom' Exhibition by Greater Action Charity.

A group of dedicated students volunteered their time to support the Wings of Freedom art exhibition, organized by the Greater Action Charity on the 22nd and 23rd of February. Himari Tai, Linh Doan, Jenny Wu, Zining Law, and David Motha all contributed by running children's activities, assisting with sales, guiding visitors through the exhibition, and even participating in a fashion show. A special commendation goes to Katelyn Shi and Charlotte Lim, who took on leadership roles as student representatives. They independently managed the volunteer team, attended meetings leading up to the event, and ensured everything ran smoothly. The exhibition provided a meaningful opportunity for students to engage with the community, show empathy, and support an important cause. Well done to all involved for demonstrating both responsibility and kindness in making this event impactful!



FOBISIA Climbing

Last week, nine of our talented high school students took on a thrilling challenge at the FOBISIA Climbing Competition, held at Camp 5, Asia's largest indoor climbing centre. The two-day event tested their strength, skill, and determination against climbers from across the region.

Congratulations to Lyndon, Amelia, and all nine of our students who represented SJIS with such passion and sportsmanship. Your dedication and hard work have made us all incredibly proud. We look forward to seeing your continued success in future competitions! More information and photos found [here](#).





Model United Nations (MUN) conference

Recently, twenty students from SJIS took part in NISMUNC'25, a prestigious Model United Nations conference held from February 21st to 23rd at Nexus International School. The conference was divided into ten different councils, and the SJIS delegation covered all of them, with at least one student in each of the councils.

These delegates were immersed in fierce debates, tough negotiations, and brainstorming for three days, assuming the role of diplomats representing various kinds of nations and dealing with difficult issues around the world using diplomacy and fervor. The conference was a strong platform to hone their diplomatic skills, enhance critical thinking, and establish authentic connections with students from other schools.

While every participant demonstrated commendable effort and dedication, three students distinguished themselves with exceptional performances, earning well-earned awards: Joe Hynn Ng, Best Delegate in HCC; Nathanael Wei Xuan Chia, Most Diplomatic in ECOSOC; and Caitlyn Huey-Sen Chia, Outstanding Journalist in IPC.



UWE's Sustainability Competition!

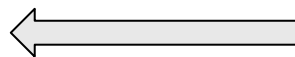
This is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their creativity, engage with sustainability, and compete for exciting prizes. Please find more info [here](#).



Goal: Students design a household product that reduces waste, using sustainable materials and eco-friendly practices.

Submission Requirements: A 2-minute video or 500-word PDF with supporting visuals describing their idea, how it reduces waste, and the materials used.

Prizes: The first prize is a MacBook Air, with other prizes including an iPad, Apple Watch, Amazon vouchers, and digital certificates. Deadline to submit is: **14th March 2025 (Friday)**.



Staff Lasallian of the week: **Ms Heather Smith**

Student Lasallians of the Week

Our KS3 awards were caught up from last week and our new Lasallians of the Week. Keep up the good work!





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