

First Day at School







First Day in the Nursery



Message from the Brother President



Warmest greetings to our SJIM family and friends.

I have always loved the 'rhythm' of the Lasallian school day. It has been part of my life for 50 years: the daily sounds, the silences, the movements telling us that quality Lasallian learning is taking place in a happy environment. So as the opening of our new school approached I was wondering just how long it would take to feel this rhythm emerging in SJIM. Now, in only our second week, it is so pleasing to find how quickly everyone, teachers, students and parents, have begun to forge our own special Josephian 'song'. My congratulations and thanks to you all but especially to our Principals who have worked so hard to ensure a smooth start to our new school.



I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that we will be having the official Blessing and Dedication of our School on Saturday 1st October 2016. We would be delighted and honoured if you would join us on this first public event for our school.

As a Lasallian school we strongly believe in three core values of Faith, Service, and Community. Our Blessing ceremony is an expression of our Faith that God will be ever present to protect and guide us in our life's journey, that we will be available and committed to serve the last, the lost, the least in our society and that promoting the brotherhood and sisterhood of all peoples is at the heart of our mission.

St. John Baptist De La Salle.....Pray for us.

Br Thomas
Brother President.

Message from the Principals

What an amazing start to the school we have had. Thank you to our 425 Founding students for the incredibly positive way they have taken up the challenge of making their own piece of history in our new school. We have no doubt that this school is going to be an extremely successful one given the quality of the students that have commenced with us. The leadership and initiative they have shown has been quite remarkable.

Thank you also to our parents for the amazing faith they have shown in us. We have been humbled by the good wishes and congratulations from our parent community. A key element of a successful Lasallian school is Community and it is quite evident that we have made great strides to build a wonderful Lasallian Community over the past 3 weeks.

Finally, our most sincere thank you to the staff for ensuring the start of our school has gone so smoothly. We promised our parent community outstanding teachers and the evidence of the past month is that we have exceeded that lofty expectation.

I have thoroughly enjoyed walking around the school and observing quality teaching with highly motivated and engaged students. Congratulations to all for a wonderful start to SJIM!



Message from the Middle School Co-ordinator.

It has been wonderful to see the Middle School students growing in confidence with each passing day. They have navigated a new school building and, in many cases, a new style of education. The academic staff have enjoyed getting to know our new students and have already developed warm and open relationships with them.



Our Y7-9 students have begun their Foundation IGCSE courses in a wide range of subjects, including history, geography and music. The students have shown enthusiasm and dedication when tackling these challenges. The Foundation course is full of opportunities to work collaboratively and with imagination, I look forward to watching the students' progress.

Our Y10 students have begun their IGCSE courses in their chosen subjects. They have already begun to organise their learning programmes and the materials they will need to succeed. The Cambridge International Examination programme is rigorous and rich, and is sure to develop their critical thinking skills and independence.

Our Y11 students have begun their Foundation IB courses in their chosen subjects. This year group has the privilege of using the IB Lounge during lunch and break times. They have more freedom than the younger students and we hope they will be inspired to perform to a high level by the IB students they meet.

Dr Nicola Brown

Message from the IB Coordinator.



The Year 12 students at SJI International Malaysia certainly got off to a flying start. The first thing they did was conceive, manage and run a series of orientation sessions for the other new students in the school. These were well organised, lively, enjoyable and really helped the students get to know each other - in a school where everyone is new! They are continuing to run sessions for the other tutor groups during Tutor Group sessions on Fridays. How many senior students show such a level of initiative at such an early stage? It is certainly an indication of how proud we are going to be of our senior students in days to come.

All our Year 12 students have embarked on their IB Diploma Programme studies. They have all enjoyed lessons in their six academic subjects comprising English, a second language, a humanities

and a science subject, mathematics and either an arts subject or their second choice humanities or science, plus Theory of Knowledge. On top of all that, they have begun planning their Creativity, Activity and Service (or “CAS”) activities. However to lighten the load, each student has a number of study periods. In addition, all of them may enjoy the privilege of our “IB lounge”. Here, they may socialise, study, engage in discussion, plan activities, enjoy their packed lunches or any number of other activities. Although it may well be that they have not yet quite appreciated the amount of work they are going to have to do, we are all looking forward to great things!



Ms Pam Carter

Message from the ES Teaching & Learning Leader

It has been delightful to be able to welcome the children into school every morning, they always greet me with a smile and a ‘Good Morning’. Whilst standing at the bottom of the ES staircase the children excitedly wait for 7.45am so they can get into their classrooms to start their active learning. It has been a pleasure to use this time to interact with the children and get to know their families.

The children have settled into school life at St Joseph’s very quickly. With so many children, teachers and families joining us from all over the world, it has already been a positive experience and a promising start to the school year.





The children in the Elementary School have been getting used to their new learning environments, they have responded well to the different learning zones and collaborative learning within their year group. I have heard the children talk about their new learning space with excitement and enthusiasm, they have taken ownership of their space.

Throughout the school there are engaging lessons which are inspiring the children to grow as learners on their learning journey. There is a focus on Lasallian values which is linked into our own school rules and learning mindset. In these short weeks the children have learnt the Lasallian song, put actions to it and they sing it with pride during our weekly assembly.

The children are making the most of the school's resources, some have had their first swimming lesson in the pool, others have taken books out from the library and all the children have made the most of the football pitch. It has been a busy few weeks but we continue to look forward and progress through this term.



Mrs Lucy Monnery

CCA Programme Commences

We are less than a week into our CCA program and already we have seen the creative, artistic, sporting and academic prowess of our students on display. From developing their golf swings, badminton and tennis serves, volleyball sets and digs and football skills, to their photographic, singing and dramatic exploits as well as fine tuning their minds in Mathematics' Competitions, World Scholars' Cup teams, Lego Engineering and computer coding. It is exciting to see our students embracing the range of opportunities available to them. If you have any questions about the High School CCA program, please don't hesitate to contact Peter Bartlett at pbartlett@sj-international.edu.my





Malaysia Day Assembly.

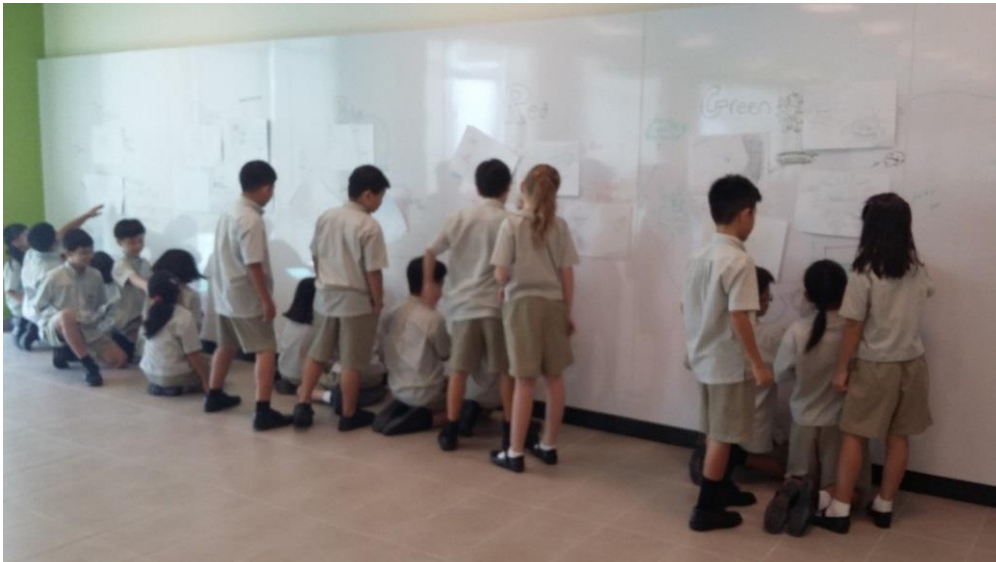
The Malay Language IB class is honoured to have been given the opportunity to be a part of the first assembly programme on Monday. Creating an awareness and a deeper understanding about the formation of Malaysia Day, Hong Xuan and Hana brought us along a journey of the yesteryears from the days of pre Merdeka to independent Malaysia. With zeal and excitement, the Year 7s were actively engaged in crafting the Jalur Gemilang and sang to Negaraku with pride. The insightful presentation was then given a finale with Negaraku, as Hong Xuan sang with gusto to the anthem. Dirgahayu Malaysia! Long live Malaysia!

Cikgu Ervina

Head of Malay Language Studies and Cultural Department



Year 5 Art



Year 5 started off the year in Art by designing posters explaining the 5 Golden Rules. After analysing characteristics of Pop Art, students drew their own designs being influence by this Art Movement. Students then worked in a team to choose elements from everybody's drawings they liked, and drew 1 final group design for their allocated Golden Rule. Next week they will create their final posters.

Pippa Grocott
Art teacher

Visitors from La Salle College, Kowloon Hong Kong.



A group of Old Boys from La Salle College Hong Kong, many of whom are former students of Br. Thomas, came to visit SJIIM on Friday 9th Sept 2016. On their arrival, our Principals Stuart and Eileen warmly welcomed them and gave an introduction to the school. Br Thomas then took them on a tour of our special purpose facilities like the Auditorium and Lasallian Mission Centre and they were very impressed with the quality and spaciousness. They were especially thrilled to spend time with our little ones in the nursery and reception who gave them a very happy welcome. The visit concluded on the 5th floor with a call to the Brothers Community where they enjoyed refreshments and presented a souvenir gift to the school. This group of Old Boys contributes to La Salle College by long-time service on the schools Scout Committee. They expressed a hope that at some future time they may be able to establish scouting links with SJIIM and would be happy to help in the formation of a troop.



Congratulations Ren-Wei Yip

Congratulations to Ren-Wei (Year 9) on winning the HRM Queen Elizabeth 90th Birthday poem competition organised by the British High Commission. Ren-Wei will be attending a lunch cum Certificate Award Ceremony with the British High Commissioner, H.E. Vicki Treadell on September 14.

Here is Ren-Wei's winning entry.

"I can give my heart and my devotion to these old islands,"
"And to all the people of our brotherhood of nations."
To this vow Her Majesty has kept,
Since and indeed before her coronation.

Through wars and crisis she has stayed strong,
Empowering the decent folk she lives among.
Exuding goodwill and persona the Queen lives on,
Calm and confident even when internally torn.

Her 90th birthday is met with universal joy,
Even me, who is but a boy.

SJIIM Speakathon Series.



The SJIIM Speakathon Series is a talk series designed to create a platform for speakers to share their experiences and perspectives in life as well as to provide SJIIM students with access to a wealth of stimulating and thought-provoking resources. It will mainly cover the IB Programme, university applications, career paths and other unique topics/opportunities. In just 2 weeks since its inception, 2 scholars from the founding batch at St. Joseph's Institution International Singapore (SJIIS) have already shared their

experiences in IB and how they have benefitted from the programme. They also communicated to them what initiatives they took and implemented as well as some of the challenges they experienced being part of the pioneer group of students at SJIIS. We were also fortunate to have a music therapist come over to share her education and career journey as well as provide the Year 12 kids with an opportunity to intern with her. In true Lasallian fashion, many other alumni from SJIIS as well as entrepreneurs from different backgrounds have already agreed to be part of this series to share their IB, post-IB, and life experiences with the hope that it helps provide a channel for our Year 12 students to learn and ask any burning questions they may have. We hope this programme enhances their education journey at the school.

SJIIM Hostel Update.



All 20 boarding students have left their homes and families to embark on their new education journey with St. Joseph's Institution International Malaysia. So far, everyone has settled down comfortably at the school's hostel located at Pacific Place, Ara Damansara. We have 5 people from the Philippines and 2 from Vietnam along with a number of students from Melaka, Penang, and Sabah. Every school morning, the school's designated transport chauffeurs the students to school and makes two return journeys at 3.30PM as well as 5.00PM for those having CCAs that day.

Since the start of school, all the kids have managed to prepare themselves for the early morning bus and we are expecting it to stay that way as they continue to learn to be independent while living

away from home! A shopping mall, LRT station, convenience stores, clinics and a plethora of unique Asian and Western cuisines surround the hostel and provides the students with many options to eat and travel. The students staying here will also have 1 outing per month together to explore the vicinity. They are enjoying life in their new home with their new families thus far 😊

World Scholar's Cup

As part of the school's extensive CCA programme, SJIIM will be offering the World Scholar's Cup to all students within the High School.

The World Scholar's Cup is an exciting academic competition in which students compete against other students from around the world. Students will participate in debates, collaborative writing and be quizzed on their knowledge of areas such as science, literature, history and the arts.

Song Ling (Year 11) and her brother, Ren Wei (Year 9), both participated in the event last year and they have now qualified to compete in the Tournament of Champions at Yale University in the USA.

Speaking of her experience with the WSC, Song Ling said, "The World Scholar's Cup Competition gave me the chance to improve my debating and writing skills. It has also made me realise the importance of collaboration, taking charge and facing challenges. It gave me the opportunity to garner a network of lasting international friendship."

We wish them the best of luck and hope that, next year, more of our students will be showcasing their talents in this challenging but rewarding global competition.

