



# SJIIM Weekly Update

## 28/09/18

### Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason

Dear Lasallians,

Writing sometime between 1900 and 1914, one of the Brother Directors of St. Joseph's Institution Singapore had this to say about the school: 'I know of no place where more good can be done than here.'

The Lasallian Youth Movement (LYM) in the HS decided to celebrate Founder's Week (7 – 15 May 2018) last academic year in a rather special way. We decided to respond to Brother Superior General's call to help build a new school in South Sudan by appealing to everyone in our school community. To raise funds, the LYM sold customized T-shirts, organized *ala-A Minute to Win It* games, held a very successful cookie sale and initiated lunch break karaoke themed activities. Besides approaching our students, parents and teachers, we also asked Sodexo, the bookshop, our bus company, other vendors and also the organizers of the 12 Hour run if they would support this cause.

We received a tremendous response!



I am pleased to report that a total amount of USD10,000.00 was raised for South Sudan and has been combined with the donations from other Lasallian establishments. These monies are now in Rome and is being used for building our newest Lasallian school.

On behalf of the Brother Superior General, all Brothers and *the children confided to our care* in South Sudan: "Thank you." I am very grateful for your generosity.

For me, what was written over a 103 years ago is still true today, of our school: *I know of no place where more good can be done than here* – Brother Ascisus Michael Noctor (Brother Director 1900-1914). And may it always be!

Yours in De La Salle

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC  
Brother Director







# Whole School Update

## Parent Partnership Group

Thank you to our parent representatives who attended meeting this morning. Dr Brown and Mrs Quigley were delighted to welcome the parents to our very first PPG meeting. Please follow the [link](#) for the email addresses of the class representatives. The class representatives will be sharing the outcomes of the meeting via the parents school email addresses. If you have not received an email from your parent representatives by the end of next week please do email them directly. If there are any issues which you feel are unresolved then please do make an appointment to meet with any of the schools' leadership teams. We always promote an open door policy. Thank you for your continued support.

## Traffic

A common discussion point at the PPG was the traffic. Please ensure that your child or children are dropped off at the appropriate points within the school grounds for the children's safety and to avoid traffic congestion on the road outside the school. Please do NOT drop your child (either ES or HS) on the road outside the school. Please do not park on the internal perimeter road whilst waiting to collect parents or children - this is adding considerably to the congestion.

## Future dates: Chinese Parent workshops:

We are delighted to announce that Professor Wong and Professor Aw, from the Institute of Education in Singapore, will be running parent workshops explaining how we teach Mandarin at SJIIM and how you can help support this at home. Please save the dates:

**Friday 9th November:** 8.15am- 9.15am

**Monday 10th December** 8.15am- 10am

**Prof. Aw Guat Poh** is the HOD of Asian Languages & Cultures department in NIE who specialized in the teaching and learning of Chinese as a second language, Teachers' education, Children's literature as well as Singapore Chinese Women's literature. Prof Aw is an active practitioner in Singapore who works together with teachers from preschools, primary and secondary schools in the teaching and research of Chinese language.

**Dr. Wong** is senior Research Scientist in Office of Education Research (OER) who specialized in computer-supported collaborative learning, Seamless learning, Student-generated Design, technology-enhanced language learning

## Child Protection & Safeguarding


Child protection and safeguarding is a priority in our school. This week Dr. Brown, Mrs. Monnery and Ms. Lysaght attended a professional development course for International School leaders at BSKL with UK consultant Mr. Robin Watts. We will continue to ensure highest standards in safeguarding for all our students.

## B2 Parking Closed

Please take note that the B2 Parking will be closed on 4th October at 3.30pm to 5th October 3.30pm. This is to make way for the HS STEM Week event.

## Whole School Open Day

There will be an Open day on Sunday 30th September. Please share this with friends and families who may like further information about SJIIM. Please follow the [link](#) for further information.





# Elementary School Update

## Congratulations!

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Willoughby had a baby boy weighing 3.24kg on Wednesday. Mother and baby are both doing well. On behalf of the community we wish the Willoughby family every happiness with their new addition. Ms. Silva will be covering 4I's class whilst Mrs Willoughby is on maternity leave.

## Service Learning in the ES

In SJIIM this year we are more committed than ever to developing compassionate leaders in our school community through Service Learning. By this we mean teaching our children about the true meaning of giving service to others. Our focus this year is to actively engage all our students in their own service learning campaigns. To this end, we have developed links within our curriculum to ensure that the students have adequate time to develop their leadership skills through a hands on service learning program. We know that by investing quality time in service learning campaigns, we are helping to develop lifelong compassionate leaders who will remain dedicated to making positive changes happen for people, animals and the environment. Our students will realise that they can be the instruments of change in our world today. Please follow the [link](#) to view the different projects each year group is involved in.

Anti-Bullying Week - In PSHE this week, we looked at anti-bullying across the Elementary School. The children have started designing their projects to promote kindness within our community. We will see these projects come to fruition on World Children's Day in November. At Friday's assembly, we were delighted to welcome our guest speaker, Mr. Laurent Duvillier, UNICEF Malaysia. He spoke to our children from years 2-6 about anti-bullying initiatives and the Kindness Project which links very closely to our Virtues.

Parent Teacher Consultation (PTC) - You will have received an email regarding the Parent Teacher Consultations which will be held on **Saturday 13th October**. You can sign up via the 'Meet the Teacher' website and book a 15 minute appointment with your child's class teacher. Language teachers will be available at selected times from **Monday 8th - Friday 12th October**. You will need to sign up separately, via Meet the Teacher, for this appointment.

Toddler Group - This week saw the launch of our new Stay and Play group. This is a weekly session where children, aged 2-3, come with their parents for 1 hour. The session was so successful that we have decided to offer a second session for another group of children. If you know of any parents with toddlers who may be interested in attending the session please follow the [link](#) for further information. Here are some lovely [photographs](#) of the event.

Virtues Training - This week, Mrs. Fried has undertaken further training in the Virtues Programme in Singapore. This will ensure that our character development programme remains central to all our work at SJIIM. Mrs. Fried will now be qualified to train all our new teachers in delivering the Virtues programme going forward.

CCA Snacks - If children would like a snack before CCA, please ensure that it is a snack that can be eaten, by hand, in 5 minutes rather than a larger meal. Suitable snacks would include a cereal bar, piece of fruit or a piece of cheese. Please be reminded that we are a Nut Free school and children should not be eating any snacks that contain nuts.

ES Parent Information Sessions - Thank you to all of the parents who attended our information sessions. We have now finished all class and specialist sessions. We would very much value your feedback on these sessions. If you have a few minutes to spare please could you complete the form at this [link](#).

Updated links - We understand that previous links in the update have not been working. These have been changed now so please do go back to look at the relevant links. Update 1: [September 7th](#) Update 2: [September 21st](#)



# High School Update

## Student Led Conferences

These will be held on Saturday 13 October for all High School Students. Booking will be via 'Meet the Teacher'. An email has already gone out this morning explaining booking instructions for both the Student Led Conference and the additional breakout sessions that will take place during the day.

## House Captain Elections

This week, elections took place to decide on the House Captains for Benilde, Jaime, Miguel and Mutien. We would like to thank the students that put themselves forward, stepped outside of their comfort zone and delivered speeches to their peers and teachers. In schools that develop good character, students are encouraged to contribute in meaningful ways and it was wonderful to see so many students respond to that message by applying for leadership roles. We will formally announce and congratulate those that were elected next week.

## Poetry Slam

For the second year in a row, we have SJIIM students competing in the annual Sunway International Slam Poetry Competition: an event which began last year and sees schools from around KL compete in performance poetry. This year, we have a dedicated group of students who have been studying the form through the Slam Poetry CCA. Aside from the personal skills they will gain such as confidence, collaboration, and expression, they will also benefit from being a part of a larger community of Malaysian youth poets discussing important issues such as personal and collective identities. The competition will take place at 6pm on Thursday, October 4th at Sunway International School. We would love to see you there supporting our team! Best of luck to Kyra Chellam, Zen Ng, Alyx Chuah, Stefanie Lim and Rachel Ooi. We appreciate your efforts.

## Maternity Cover for Mrs Eves

Please read the details of Mrs Eves' maternity cover arrangements [here](#).

## STEM Week

From Oct 1st through Oct 5th, the High School will be celebrating STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). There will be events planned within the Sci/Maths/IT classes, some potentially during lunch times and a grand finale event on the afternoon of Fri Oct 5th.

In order to have a space large enough to accommodate our growing numbers we will be using B2 Car Park. Please note that this area will be closed to cars all day on Friday October 5th in order to keep this space clear. Sorry for any inconvenience. Please look for photos in future Updates.

## SEAMC

From Oct 6th through Oct 9th, 6 intrepid SJIIM students will head to Jakarta for the South East Asian Mathematics Competition (SEAMC). This is a qualifying event for the World Maths Championships. The students are all in Yr12: Thaddaeus Lo, Yi Jin Toh, Justin Hew, Faith Lai, Yuyang Wang and Shin Huey Ter.

## Donation Drive 24 Sept – 5 Oct

Please refer to [here](#) for information on the Donation Drive.

## KL International Arts Festival

There will be two events by the KL International Arts Festival this week. Details can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

# Useful Links

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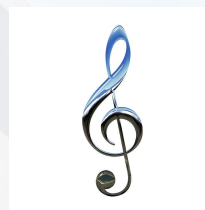
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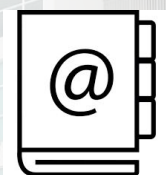
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