

SJIIM Weekly Update

14 December 2018



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason:

Dear Lasallians,

This is being written from the historic city of Melaka. As I compose this, and as the evening sun sets behind thick dull clouds in the distance, the view from my room is of St Francis' Institution's very green football field! As I take in all this, the Brothers from the *Lasallian East Asia District* or LEAD (click [here](#) for more information) are beginning to arrive for LEAD's 3rd District Assembly.

LEAD comprises about 133 Brothers from seven countries: Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Myanmar, Thailand, Japan and the Philippines. The District Assembly is convened every four years to discuss matters and forward-plan details pertaining to the Brothers: Governance, Interior Life, Community Life, Mission, Association, Vocation, Formation and Stewardship of Resources. We are also involved in the process to elect a new Brother Visitor.

As we enter the 3rd week of Advent, we celebrate the profound theme of *joy*. For me personally, it is indeed a *joy* to be renewing fraternal friendships with the Brothers, some of whom were instrumental in my life when I was a young Brother. And as we plot and plan the future of the Lasallian presence in LEAD, some of us will be checking for the *joy factor*. By that, I mean asking if our Mission and Presence in LEAD brings us *real, fulfilling joy*. And if so, perhaps that is a good indicator of what we are being called to do at this point in time.

In our heart of hearts, teachers know that the real effect of teaching results in *joy*. And this *joy* was echoed this morning when one Brother summarized what being involved in education was all about: *to go MAD - 'make a difference' in the life of one, one at a time!*

Acknowledging the joyful vocation of teaching, St John Baptist de La Salle often challenged the Brothers to check their *joy factor* too. In fact, more relevant today than ever before, he challenges us daily to find the source of this joy: *Does your joy come from within?* (Meditations for Sundays and Principal Feasts).

For the assembled Brothers in Melaka, the next few days will be about hard, but *joyful work*. Like De La Salle, we echo one of his favourite prayers from the Prophet Habakkuk: "*Lord, the work is Yours!*"

It has to be...

Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC
Brother Director



THE WORK IS YOURS

The Life of
Saint John Baptist de La Salle



Luke Salas, FSC
Second Edition

Whole School Update

Chinese Language Workshop

Professor Aw Guat Poh from the Institute of Education, Singapore will be running parent workshops entitled: 'Parents' role in nurturing bilingual children in 21 century context'.

Date : 15th December 2018.

Time : 10.00am - 12.00pm.

Venue : ES Art Room (Level 4).

Audience : Open for public

Catholic Mass (before and after the break)

End of term mass will be held on Tuesday 18th Dec at 12:30pm in our school chapel. All Christian families are warmly invited to attend. A new year mass will be held on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Feedback from Parents Forum

Security, Traffic flow and Premises issues: Parents have voiced their concerns and given improvement suggestions. We have compiled a document for Mr Tang for his consideration. We will update parents on the outcome. We would like to assure you that we take these extremely seriously and we will continue to work in partnership with parents to make any necessary adjustments.

Vaccinations and Dental check up: The nurse has requested the mobile vaccination unit visits SJIM. However Government schools get priority and we cannot guarantee that they will have time to visit us. The dental service is not available to international schools but should parents request this we will consider bringing in a private dentist.

Thank you to PSG - Christmas Bazaar

What a wonderful community event this has been. The stalls were fabulous and supported many worthy causes. Many last minute Christmas gifts were bought. Thank you so much to Sheela and the all the PSG parents- they have worked tirelessly over the last few days to make this event a great success. Thank you to all the parents who donated all the gifts, food and drinks. Without everyone's support the event would not have been possible.



Last Day of Term

School will dismiss at **1pm** on **Wednesday 19th December**. The children will return on Monday 7th January 2019.

Thank you to everyone for their kind gifts and Christmas wishes. On behalf of ourselves and the staff, we wish you all a happy Christmas and all our good wishes for a peaceful and healthy new year. Eileen and Nicola.

Elementary School Update

Christmas Shows

Early Years

It was great to see Nursery and Reception on the stage singing festive songs. They have been working hard to learn their songs and actions and dazzled their families with their show.

The Inn-spectors

Wow! The Phase 1 students (and teachers) have really impressed us this week! One-hundred and fifty children on a stage, singing, acting and dancing! What a fantastic show - teaching us the true meaning of Christmas.

Lights, Camel, Action!

The singing and swinging phase 2 have shown their talents this week! They rocked the stage with a lively and modern rendition of the Nativity Story. Well done to Phase 2!

Straw and Order

Phase 3 really showed their leadership and shone at the top of the school in their dress rehearsal of 'Straw and Order'. We are sure their show tonight will be fantastic. Break a leg, Phase 3!

Three different version of the nativity and three amazing shows!

Thank you to all the staff and parents that were involved with the Christmas shows. A special thank you to our Music department, Mrs Taylor and Mr Leung, and our drama teacher, Ms. Pardo, for preparing the children for the shows. Each and every child had a role to play and shone like stars on the stage.

Last Day of Term

School will dismiss at **1pm** on **Wednesday 19th December**. Students will have an early lunch before they are dismissed. There will be no ASCC on this day.

Lost & Found

Any unclaimed items from the Lost & Found box will be recycled on the 20th December.

Sports day

Date in advance - Saturday 26th January 2019



High School Update

High School Christmas Concert

On Wednesday, 12th December at 4:15pm our community celebrated the Christmas season with a uplifting night of music, dance and drama. We explored the concept of belief, reflected on what Christmas means to each of us, as well as being reminded of the first Christmas night when the sky was filled with angels heralding the coming of the saviour. Thank you to our choir, orchestra, concert band as well as our soloists and tech crew. We wish you all a Merry Christmas.



Music Pop-up Performances

At St Joseph's we are looking to provide our students with opportunities to perform in a variety of contexts and to raise awareness of the musical talent that is being developed here. You can see some examples of this [here](#).

World Scholar's Cup

As mentioned in last week's update, our students that returned from Yale University have written a reflection on their experience of the competition. Please refer [here](#) to read about their time in the WSC. Many thanks to Meagan, Allison, Kwang-Wei, Jeslyn, Zhen Yi, Jarebb, Rachel, Ying Xuan, and Kelynn for sharing their experiences with us.

Chinese IB Excursion to Purple Cane

In line with the IB Chinese B Option Topic: Cultural Diversity - Culinary Heritage, Year 13 IB Chinese B students visited Purple Cane Tea Art Centre to learn about Tea Art and testing the Traditional Chinese Culinary on Monday, 10th December. Learners learned to appreciating tea and had a hands on Tea Art presentation session, which is a process involving the preparation, the action of brewing, serving and taking tea, and the tidying up. Learners built up and nurtured an interest in learning the knowledge on Tea Art.





High School Update

Hong Kong Polytechnic University Open House

If you are interested in the above, please refer to this [letter](#) here.

Term 1 reports and Login Details.

The Term 1 High School report was issued today, Friday 14th December. We will be using a new reporting programme called Managebac. Please click [here](#) to access a short video and 'How To Guide' on how to set up access to this portal and create a password. A new welcome email from Managebac was sent today to any parents that have not logged into the system. The password link is only active for 24 hours. If you were unable to set up a password please contact Mr Philip McCormick (Pmccormick@sjj-international.edu.my) for a new Managebac welcome email.

Year 9 Science Options Update.

Year 9 Students when choosing their IGCSE subjects will be able to select Triple Science, Coordinated Science or single science subjects. The exact subject choices and groups will be released in the Options Handbook closer to the Options Evening on Wednesday 6th March 2019.

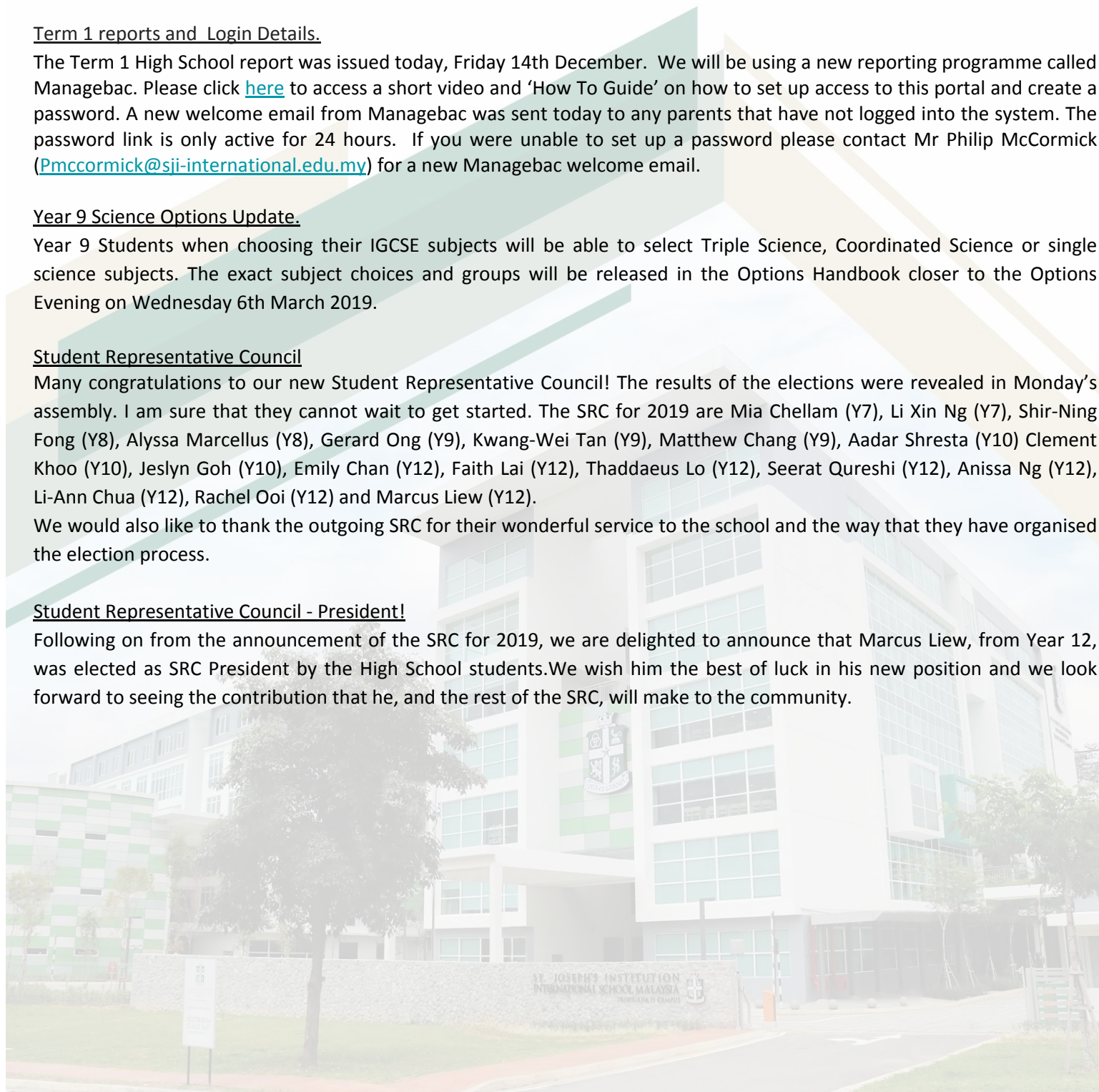
Student Representative Council

Many congratulations to our new Student Representative Council! The results of the elections were revealed in Monday's assembly. I am sure that they cannot wait to get started. The SRC for 2019 are Mia Chellam (Y7), Li Xin Ng (Y7), Shir-Ning Fong (Y8), Alyssa Marcellus (Y8), Gerard Ong (Y9), Kwang-Wei Tan (Y9), Matthew Chang (Y9), Aadar Shresta (Y10) Clement Khoo (Y10), Jeslyn Goh (Y10), Emily Chan (Y12), Faith Lai (Y12), Thaddaeus Lo (Y12), Seerat Qureshi (Y12), Anissa Ng (Y12), Li-Ann Chua (Y12), Rachel Ooi (Y12) and Marcus Liew (Y12).

We would also like to thank the outgoing SRC for their wonderful service to the school and the way that they have organised the election process.

Student Representative Council - President!

Following on from the announcement of the SRC for 2019, we are delighted to announce that Marcus Liew, from Year 12, was elected as SRC President by the High School students. We wish him the best of luck in his new position and we look forward to seeing the contribution that he, and the rest of the SRC, will make to the community.



Useful Links



2019/20 Calendar is available via
this [link](#)

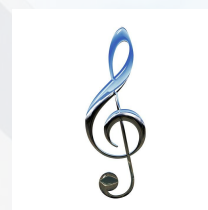
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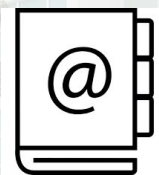


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