

SJIIM Weekly Update 19 October 2018



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason

Dear Lasallians,

As we come to the half term break, this week's installment aims to be a little different (it has pictures!) and is rather celebratory in nature. I am pleased to report that on Monday 15 October 2018, the Catholic Students' Society went shopping for fresh fruit and fresh fish at the nearby NSK market. These food items were then delivered to *Rumah Kanak-Kanak Impian* (an orphanage run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul).

Quietly and behind the scenes, the Environmental Club had been diligently collecting various recyclable items (PPT or Paper, Plastic and Tin cans) all through these weeks of school. These items were then sold to our friendly recycle man, and the cash obtained from this exercise was – quite literally – used to put food on a small table for 8 very happy orphans!

While it is right that our students are to be *celebrated*, it really is the whole school community who should be credited because it was a joint effort. The process that was followed looked like:



Systems Flowchart by Year 11L Students Chong Kher Jin, Dylan Choo and Hannah Dumpor

St John Baptist de La Salle, writing to the children of his day in his *Rules of Christian Decorum and Civility*, always reminded our students that their actions spoke louder than words. I, for one, congratulate our students in their ongoing efforts in developing a *cash for trash* system to address the material needs of our underprivileged neighbours. May this meaningful project continue on through the year - with your support!

Yours in De La Salle

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC
Brother Director





Whole School Update

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Lysaght on the birth of her beautiful baby boy Shea and to Mr and Mrs Eves on the birth of their lovely baby girl Zaria. We wish both families much happiness and joy at this very special time.

CAC & LAC

Our Catholic Activities Committee met this week to discuss the continued development of the Catholic life in the SJIM community. The committee is made up of Elementary and High School staff but we would also like our Catholic families to be a part of this committee. The CAC will develop and encourage student and family participation within the Services, Masses and Liturgies throughout the year. With your support our aim is to create an exciting and vibrant committee.

As well as a Catholic Activities Committee, a Lasallian Activities Committee has been established. The committee is also currently made up of staff from both the High School and Elementary School. The LAC will manage and coordinate Service and Fundraising activities across both schools. Members of the school community wishing to organise a Service or Fundraising activity will be able to request to do so by contacting the LAC.

Sports

Please see the attached [link](#) to the PE Website to view the report from Mr Boyes on the swimming meet this week at GIS.

The Delivery of Fast Food

We request that parents and students do not have fast food delivered to the school.

Engines Running in the Car Parks

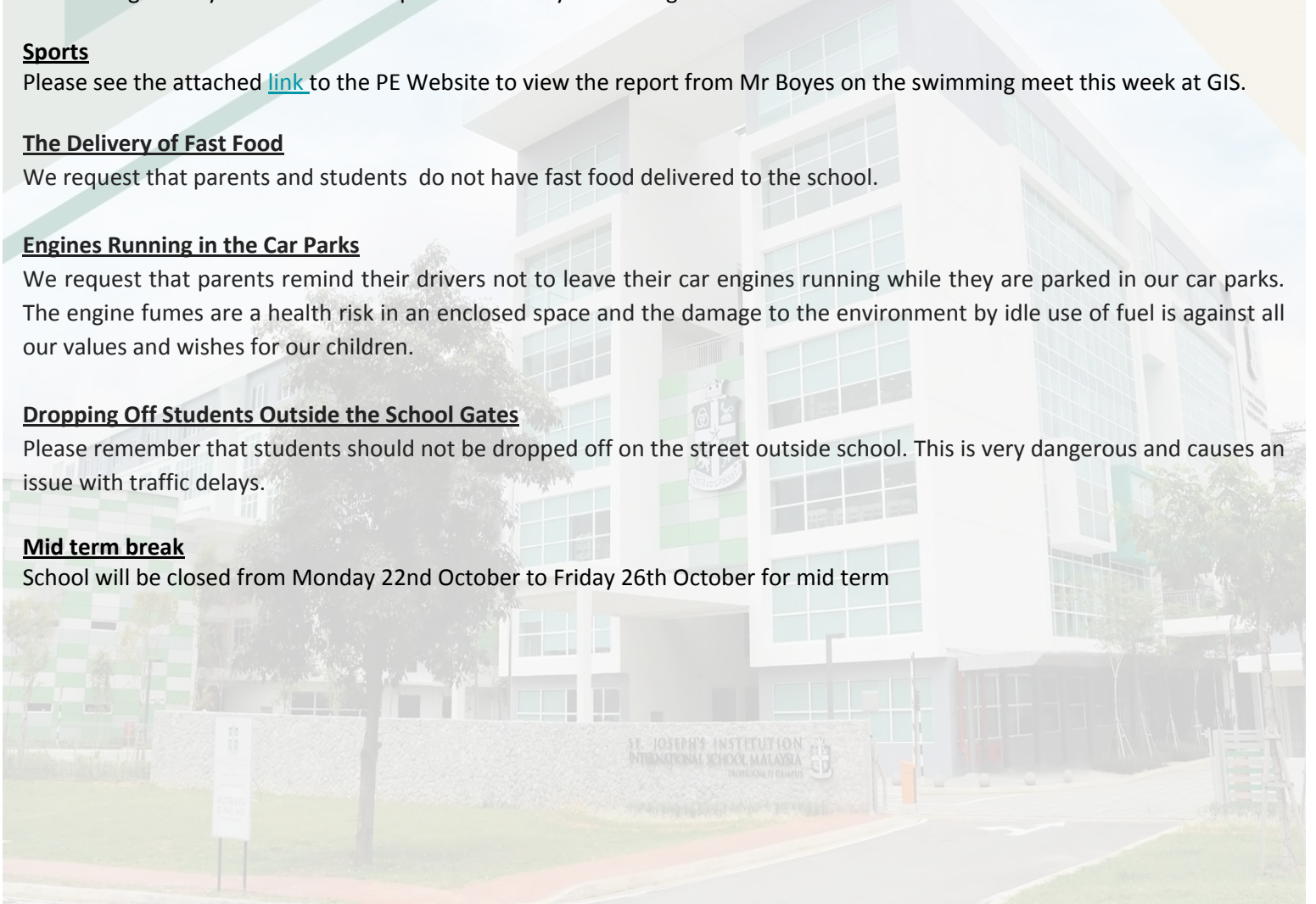
We request that parents remind their drivers not to leave their car engines running while they are parked in our car parks. The engine fumes are a health risk in an enclosed space and the damage to the environment by idle use of fuel is against all our values and wishes for our children.

Dropping Off Students Outside the School Gates

Please remember that students should not be dropped off on the street outside school. This is very dangerous and causes an issue with traffic delays.

Mid term break

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Elementary School Update

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to all the parents who booked appointments and attended our Parent Teacher Consultations. I hope you found the experience valuable and was able to see what your child has done this term so far.

Spelling Bee

This week we had our 2nd annual SJIM House Spelling Bee. It was conducted at three different levels—Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3. The competitors showed the virtues of determination, purposefulness and excellence which was demonstrated in the way they conducted themselves when placed in a high pressure situation. The students who were observing the Spelling Bee showed great patience and commitment when it came to how they showed their support. It was a great event and was enjoyed by both competitors and supporters. The winner was announced in assembly - congratulations to **Jaime!**

Mental Health Week

This week, children have been learning about how to keep themselves well - both physically and mentally. There has been a focus in assembly and in classes on how we manage our emotions and anxieties. Our students are a very busy bunch and we have shared some strategies with them for how to manage stress in their lives. One key note for parents is the importance of sleep. The prevailing medical advice is that elementary aged children should still be getting 9-11 hours of sleep nightly. Please do keep an eye on your children's schedules and make sure they are getting the rest that they need to develop, grow and succeed.

It was great to see so many children wearing their green t-shirts today to promote the importance of mental health. This is an area that we will continue to support and work on with the children.

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Deepavali celebrations

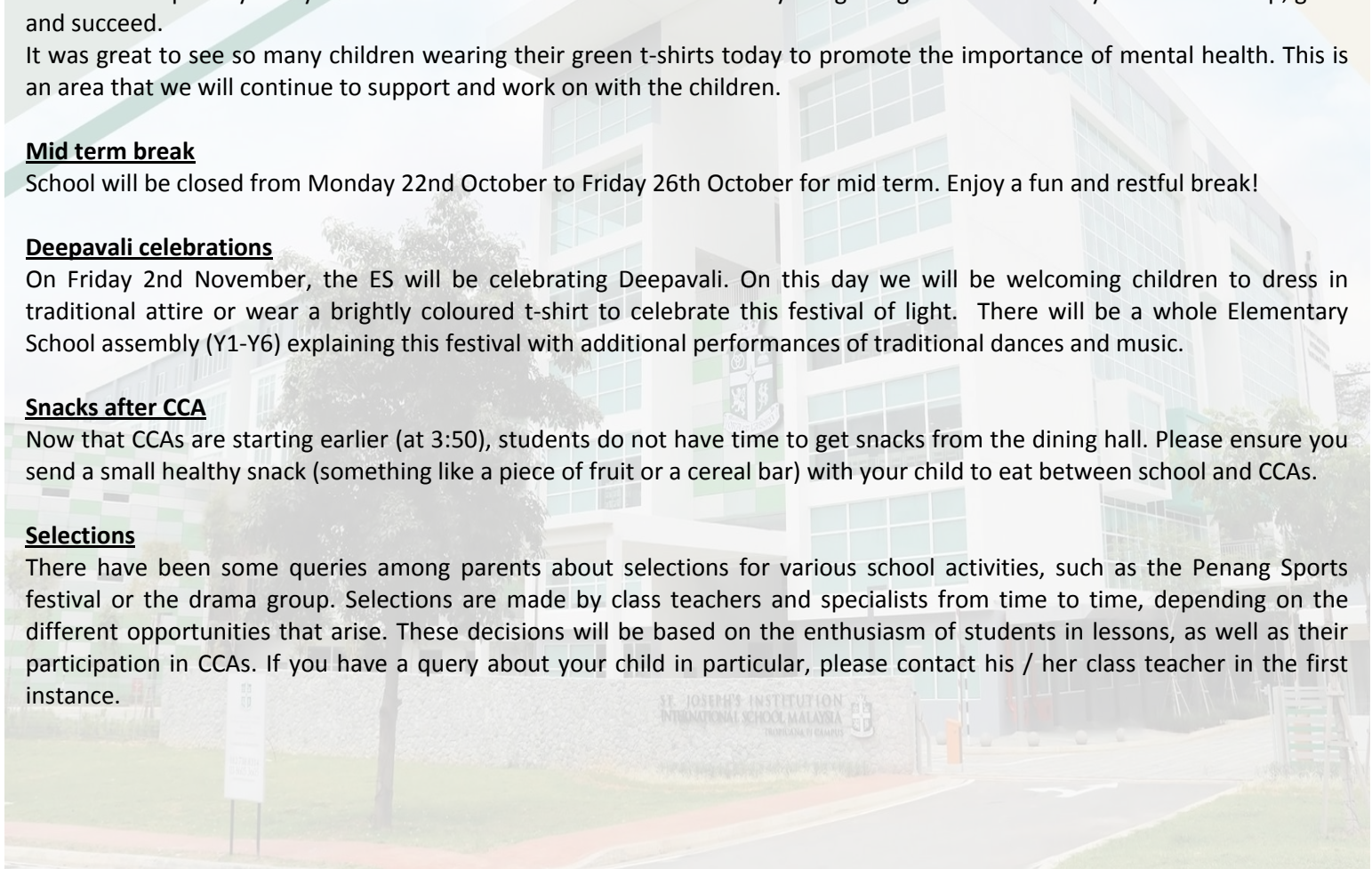
On Friday 2nd November, the ES will be celebrating Deepavali. On this day we will be welcoming children to dress in traditional attire or wear a brightly coloured t-shirt to celebrate this festival of light. There will be a whole Elementary School assembly (Y1-Y6) explaining this festival with additional performances of traditional dances and music.

Snacks after CCA

Now that CCAs are starting earlier (at 3:50), students do not have time to get snacks from the dining hall. Please ensure you send a small healthy snack (something like a piece of fruit or a cereal bar) with your child to eat between school and CCAs.

Selections

There have been some queries among parents about selections for various school activities, such as the Penang Sports festival or the drama group. Selections are made by class teachers and specialists from time to time, depending on the different opportunities that arise. These decisions will be based on the enthusiasm of students in lessons, as well as their participation in CCAs. If you have a query about your child in particular, please contact his / her class teacher in the first instance.





High School Update

Student Led Conferences/ Breakout Session/Year 9 Options

Thank you to all the parents who booked appointments and attended both the Student Led Conferences and Breakout sessions. We hope it gave you an insight into the High School and valuable knowledge about how and what your child has learnt throughout this term.

High School Curriculum Overviews

Curriculum Overviews are available [here](#) for Years 7- 11. These will be updated when IGCSE courses are updated and changed and Years 7- 9 are reviewed by Departments. Individual teachers may change the order of the content that will be taught in their particular subject.

Camps and Character

Many thanks to Ms Walton, her team of tutors and, of course, the students for their efforts on the Year 8 camp. By all accounts the students have had a wonderful time, worked very hard and demonstrated that they are ready to make a difference to the lives of others. Every morning, when our students arrive at school, they see the words, 'Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve.' Engaging with activities, such as these camps, provide the students with the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of others and grow into people that are kind, compassionate and tolerant.

The Year 8s will be followed in the next half term by Year 9, Year 7 and Year 10 respectively. We thank all of the students, teachers and members of the community who have contributed to making these trips a success.

Year 9 Camp Monday 29th Oct - Friday 2nd Nov

Dear Y9 Campers and Families. Please read over the [final details](#) for Y9 camp which includes the packing list. We look forward to seeing the Y9s refreshed after the half term holiday and ready to make a positive impact on the Penyabong community. Remember to bring a pack lunch for the bus ride on Monday 29th October. See you at 8am!

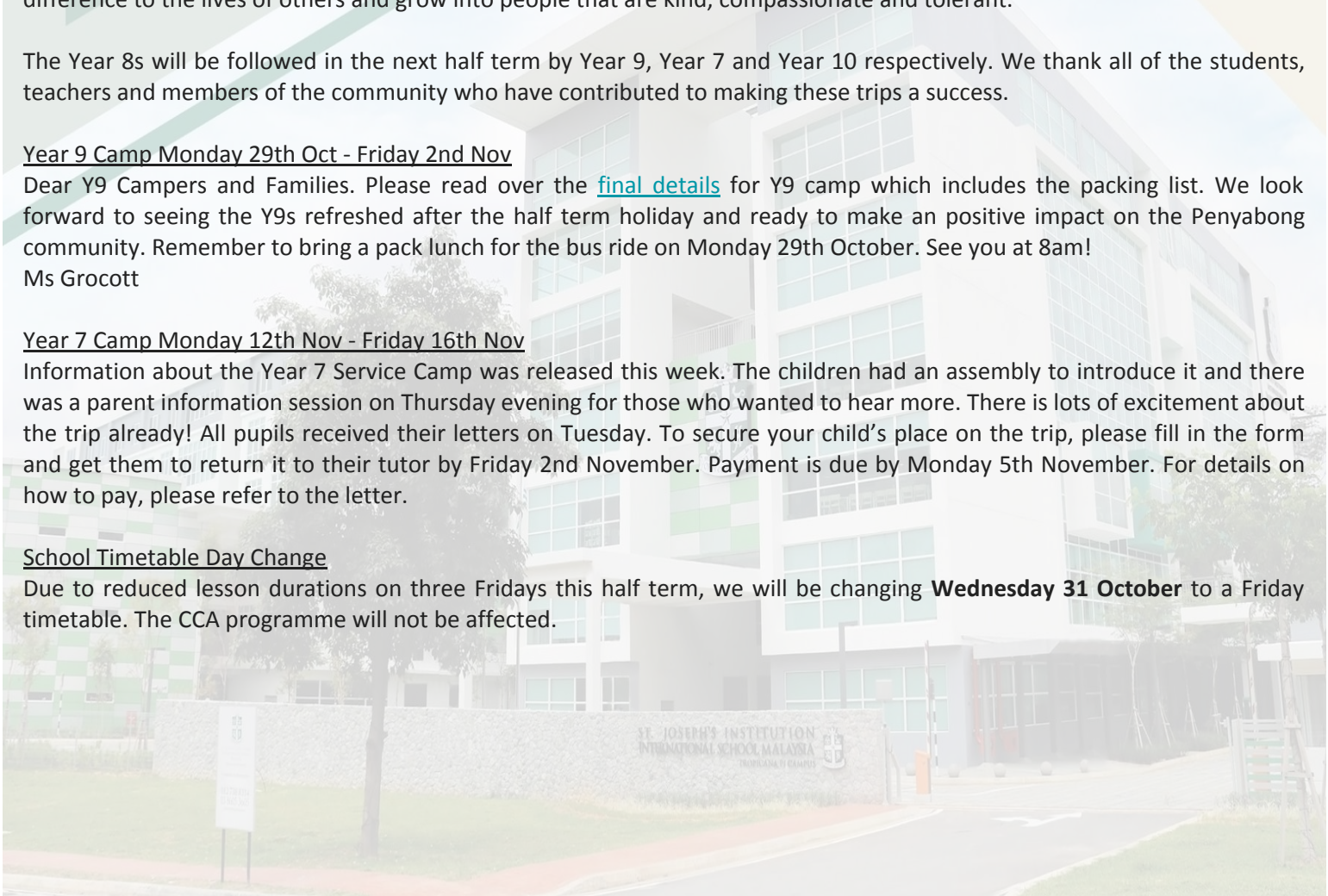
Ms Grocott

Year 7 Camp Monday 12th Nov - Friday 16th Nov

Information about the Year 7 Service Camp was released this week. The children had an assembly to introduce it and there was a parent information session on Thursday evening for those who wanted to hear more. There is lots of excitement about the trip already! All pupils received their letters on Tuesday. To secure your child's place on the trip, please fill in the form and get them to return it to their tutor by Friday 2nd November. Payment is due by Monday 5th November. For details on how to pay, please refer to the letter.

School Timetable Day Change

Due to reduced lesson durations on three Fridays this half term, we will be changing **Wednesday 31 October** to a Friday timetable. The CCA programme will not be affected.



High School Update

Best Mathematician In Malaysia Award

You will be aware of the excellent IGCSE results attained by our students this summer across many subjects. However, we have recently received news that Joey Chee in Year 11 who was the top performing student in the whole of Malaysia in the International Mathematics IGCSE examination. This is particularly impressive as Joey sat the exam a year early as part of our accelerated mathematics programme. Congratulations to Joey, and we are sure that she and the rest of the cohort will go on to further success next summer.

This is the second year running that an SJIIM student has taken this award, and long may this tradition continue!

Parents Email Group

Below are the emails of the Y7-Y9 parents email group:

Year 7: parent_y7@sj-international.edu.my

Year 8 : parent_y8@sj-international.edu.my

Year 9 : parent_y9@sj-international.edu.my



Useful Links

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[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG Update](#)

[D&D Thank you](#)



[Sports Website](#)

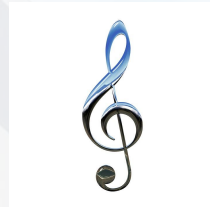


[ES CCA website](#)

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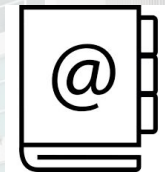
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