

# SJIIM Weekly Update

## 2 November 2018



### Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason

Dear Lasallians,

As you may know, the numbers 3 and 5 are significant in SJIIM. 3 stands for our three Lasallian Core Values (Faith, Service and Community) and 5 is for our five Lasallian Principles of Education:



The “3 and 5” [emphasis mine] are a shared reflection from the Brothers’ 339 year-old lived history since our first French school which was opened in 1679 (further reading: <https://www.dlsfootsteps.org/cities/reims/st-maurice/>). As a group, we have come to realise that all our schools carry these 3 Core Values and 5 Lasallian Principles of Education embedded within our Curriculum, in our ethos and culture, and in our very mindset, in some degree or another.

In many parts of the Lasallian world, the “3 and 5” will be used as a framework to plan out various activities to commemorate the Tercentenary and the Year of Lasallian Vocations which starts on 25 November 2018. Essential questions around the “3 and 5” ought to be asked by all in order to deepen and refine our understanding of the Lasallian Core Values and Principles of Education. The “3 and 5” isn’t just a convenient *framework* but should really be a part of what we stand for; of how we act, transact, interact and react with one other as a community harmoniously and with integrity.

Writing in his *Meditations for Sundays and Principal Feasts*, De La Salle emphasized the importance of harmony within the community: “Union in a community is a precious gem. If we lose this, we lose everything.” His emphasis on unity may be understood as *valuing all persons within the school* – the security guards, cleaners, Sodexo staff, teachers, parents, students etc.

In SJIIM, we must never tire of trying to achieve this Lasallian ideal.

Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC  
Brother Director



# Whole School Update

## Catholic Mass

We will be celebrating Mass on Tuesday 13th November at 12.30pm in our Chapel and welcome our Catholic families to join us. If you have a child in Year 3 or below and would like them to attend with you, please inform Siow Yin in the ES office. We will also be holding an Advent Liturgy on Friday 30th November at 3.15pm in the Black Box. We welcome our families and children to come along to celebrate this exciting time of year as we prepare for Christmas.

## SJIIM Chinese Language Workshop with Dr Wong

The SJIIM Chinese Language Department had an opportunity to collaborate with NIE Singapore to invite Dr Wong Lung Hsiang, the senior Research Scientist in Office of Education Research (OER) to conduct a Mandarin workshop with SJIIM parents on Friday, 9th November with the title "What ICT can do for your child's Chinese learning that you probably don't know yet".

The workshop was well attended by parents from both ES and HS. Dr Wong introduced a variety of apps and online learning tools for parents to help their children learn Mandarin at home. Our parents enjoyed the workshop and are looking forward to enhancing the learning of their children at home using ICT.



## PSG - Needs your help!

The PSG would welcome additional support as unfortunately some parents have had to step down from the committee. If you are able to help the PSG please contact Sheela Samarasan to register your support. ([p-h1014@sji-international.edu.my](mailto:p-h1014@sji-international.edu.my))

## Lanyards

A reminder that all parents must wear their Parent ID lanyards and display them visibly at all times whilst on the school premises. The school guards have been asked to question adults without lanyards. I am sure you will agree that the safety of your children is paramount and is a responsibility we should all share.

## Open Day

On Sunday, 18th November there will be an Open Day, please tell friends and family who are interested in SJIIM as a school for their child.





# Elementary School Update

## International Day

Thank you to parents for your interest and inquiries about the International Day celebration, which will take place on November 23rd, as a culmination of our two weeks of international studies. Each year group has a designated country, as below:

Nursery - South Africa  
Reception - Costa Rica  
Year 1 - Vietnam  
Year 2 - Italy  
Year 3 - Greece  
Year 4 - Australia  
Year 5 - Japan  
Year 6 - New Zealand

On the 23rd November, pupils can come dressed in the traditional dress for the country they are studying or the colours of that country. Alternatively, pupils may choose to come in their own traditional national dress.

## Swim Meet at Garden International School

This weekend, SJIIM will send a large group of swim team students to compete at Garden International School. If you are in the area, pop in to cheer them on!

## Virtues

This week, we have rounded out our study of the Virtue of Tact. The emphasis here was on being kind with our honesty and delivering messages with the feelings of the receiver in mind. Please do continue these discussions with your children at home. Next week, we are moving on the Trustworthiness, which is being a person who others can rely upon and trust to keep their word. Next week's Virtue will be Trustworthiness.

## IPC Exit Points

Year 6 had the privilege of hosting Year 4 for their Exit point of their IPC unit, Full Power. They created interactive activities for the Year 4 students to participate in. Some were carnival type games, some were a test of memory and there were other original ideas. The students had only a few short days to come up with an idea and prep the idea for the climax on Friday. Well done to all the Year 6 students for showing the virtues of creativity and purposefulness in creating an enjoyable Exit Point.





# High School Update

## Requests for Students Testimonials

Students requiring references from SJIIM should make the request to Dr Brown in the first instance, rather than individual teachers. We do not provide testimonials without details of the specific institution being named. If further clarification is needed, please contact Dr Brown directly.

## High School Subject Departments Open Afternoon

Following on from the successful Student-Led Conference event, on the afternoon of Thursday 29th November the High School Subject Departments will be opening up their classrooms for parents to come and meet the teachers. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn more about the subjects taught at SJIIM. The afternoon will commence at 12.30pm with a short presentation. Further details regarding the timings for each department event will follow.

## Message from the University Counsellor

Please click the 'University Counseling Newsletter' and 'University Visits and College' icons at the end of this update to get information about upcoming university visits, college of the week, career of the week, and the "You've Been Counseled!" newsletter.

## IBDP Scholarship Launch

We are delighted to announce the launch of our next round of IBDP scholarships. The official launch date was yesterday (Thursday 8 November). Please see the school website for more details.

## KL Players

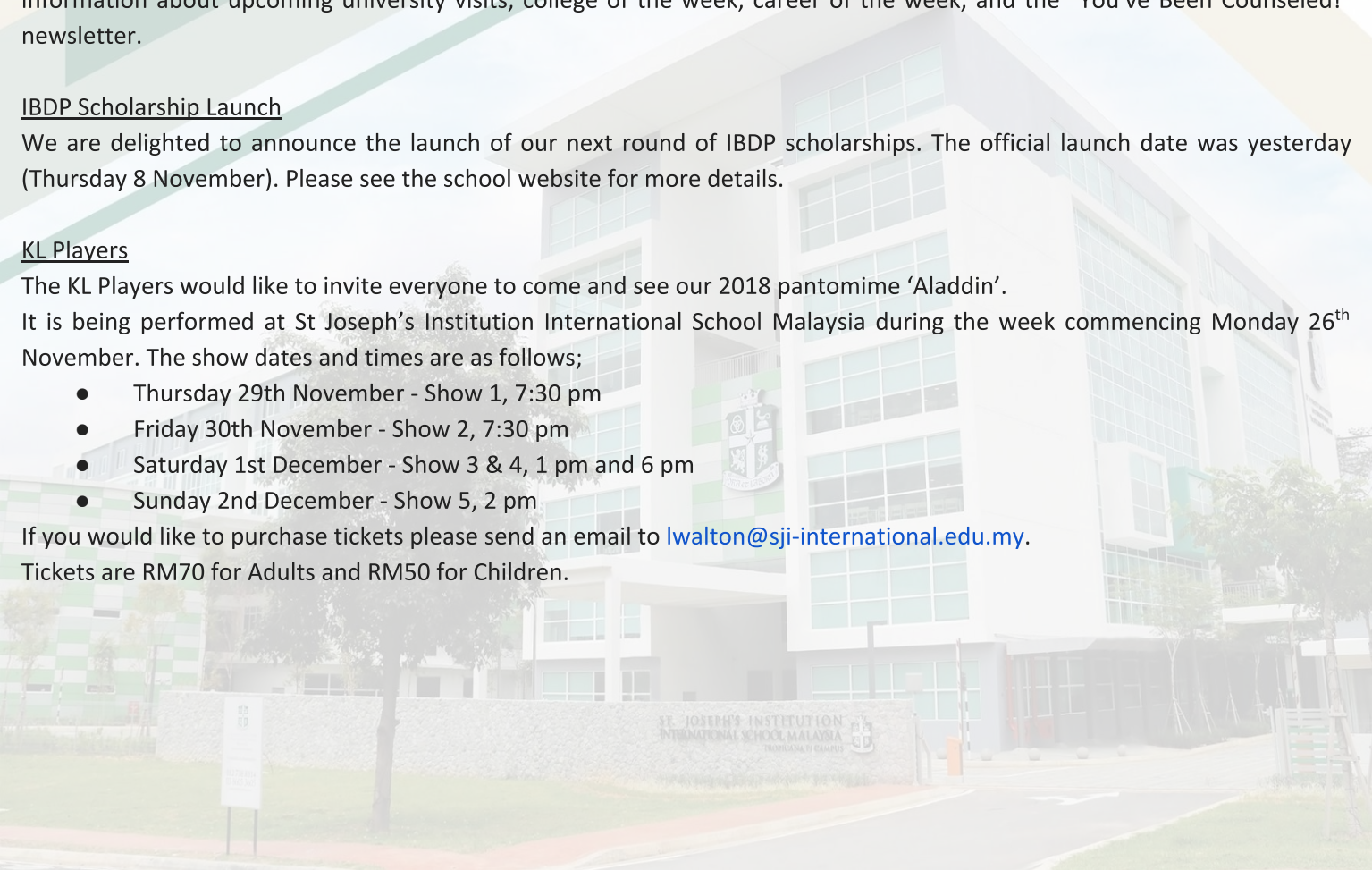
The KL Players would like to invite everyone to come and see our 2018 pantomime 'Aladdin'.

It is being performed at St Joseph's Institution International School Malaysia during the week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The show dates and times are as follows;

- Thursday 29th November - Show 1, 7:30 pm
- Friday 30th November - Show 2, 7:30 pm
- Saturday 1st December - Show 3 & 4, 1 pm and 6 pm
- Sunday 2nd December - Show 5, 2 pm

If you would like to purchase tickets please send an email to [lwalton@sj-i-international.edu.my](mailto:lwalton@sj-i-international.edu.my).

Tickets are RM70 for Adults and RM50 for Children.





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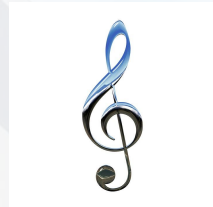


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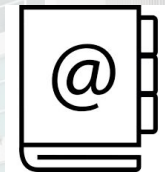
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