

SJIIM Weekly Update

15 March 2019



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason:

Dear Lasallians,

We concluded another Open Day last Sunday. It was a well-attended event. Many prospective parents who showed an interest in us attended with their children. One role that I take on at these Open Days is to share a bit about the Brothers' Mission, the countries that we are found, our student numbers, the number of our schools etc; and all within the allocated time frame of 7 minutes! It is like doing a 339-year summary of the De La Salle Brothers in double quick time!

I realized that we love our stats and, sometimes triumphalised, numbers:



Over the span of the week, I was on 'KAVE Service Project' mode and accompanied two Year 9 classes on their trips to the [Spastic Children's Association of Selangor and Federal Territory](#) (for video, [here](#)) and the [Children's Home of Hope](#) which is connected to the National Cancer Society of Malaysia.

I have come to realise that, despite the importance of statistics and numbers, what we are *really* about is *to touch the hearts of the children confided to our care - just one - one at a time*. This idea is beautifully illustrated in the photo below of one of our students (Jared Leong of 9L) 'touching hearts' and making a new friend at the Cancer Home.

St John Baptist de La Salle reflected this sentiment when he wrote to the Brothers in the 17th century, encouraging them to play the role of a *Guardian Angel* to their students: *Cheer the faint-hearted, support the weak, and be patient to all* (MTR #6 second point).

May we do the same too!

Yours in De La Salle

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC
Brother Director



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Whole School Update

Lent

The season of Lent has officially begun. We celebrated a very special Mass on Ash Wednesday in school. It was wonderful to see so many parents, staff and students in the Chapel. In our Catholic CCA this Lenten season, we will focus on things that we can do to help others, rather than things we can give up. [Attached](#) are some ideas that you and your family can try at home too.

Founders Day Community Event- 16 May 2019

We will be celebrating our Founders Day on Thursday, 16th May. This will be a celebratory day with a school Mass, musical ensembles, dancing and much more. More details will follow over the coming weeks - please save the date!

CCAs

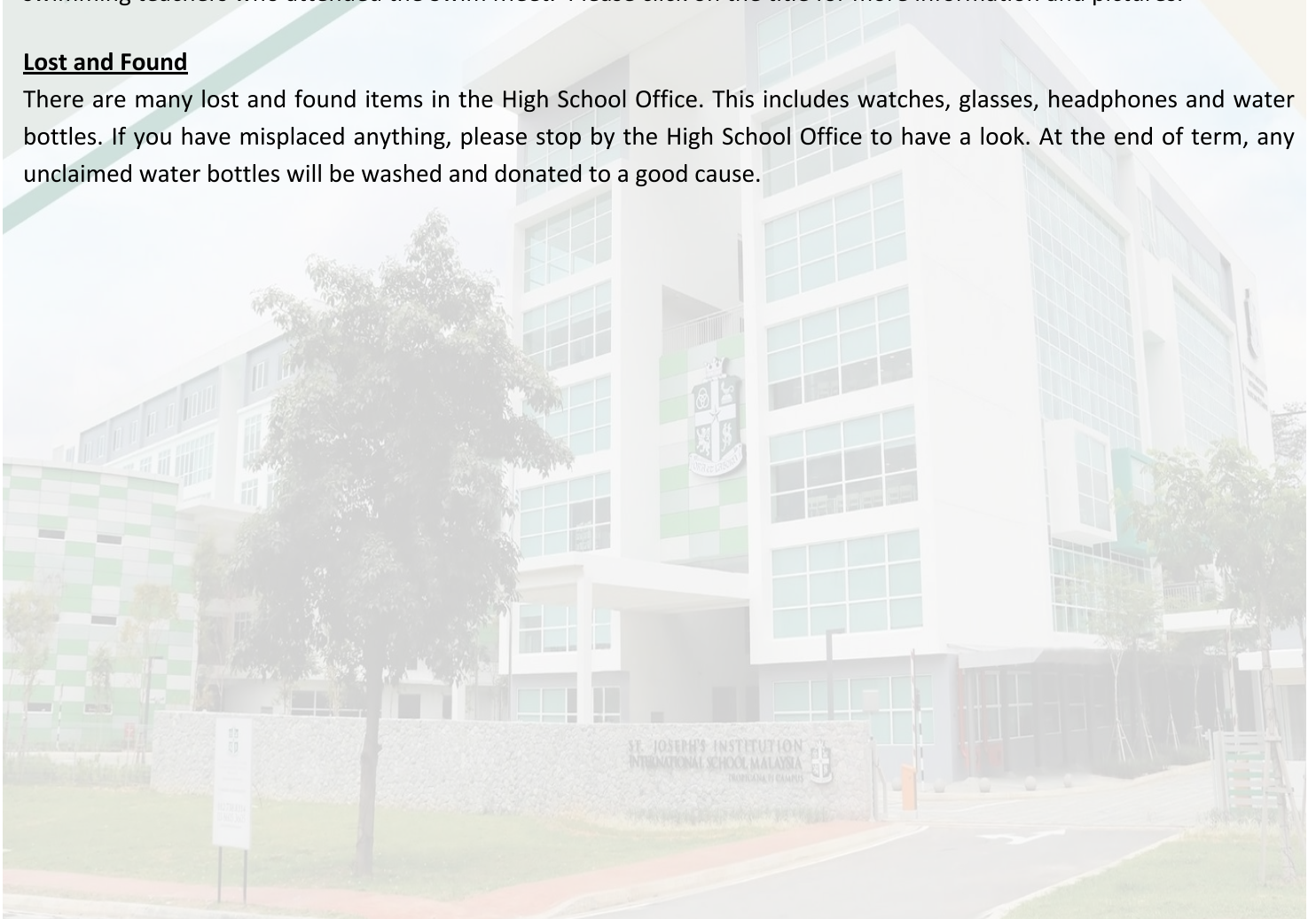
The final day for non-paid CCAs this term will be Monday, April 1st. Paid CCAs will run until Thursday, April 4th.

BISKL International Swim Meet

It was SJIIM's first ever fixture at BISKL and our athletes rose to the occasion performing exceptionally well against the other teams from Myanmar and the Philippines. The students' commitment to training and hard working attitudes are resulting in the continued development in their personal best times. Thank you to all of our parent supporters and swimming teachers who attended the Swim Meet. Please click on the title for more information and pictures.

Lost and Found

There are many lost and found items in the High School Office. This includes watches, glasses, headphones and water bottles. If you have misplaced anything, please stop by the High School Office to have a look. At the end of term, any unclaimed water bottles will be washed and donated to a good cause.



Elementary School Update

Parent workshop - Virtues

Last Friday morning, Sahana Fried, our Character Development Leader, presented a 'Virtues in the Family' workshop to our elementary school parents. She explained how the virtues are very much the building blocks and are fundamental to 'who' we are as people. Sahana went on to say that these virtues are within us all—they are like gems which we dig deep to find and then polish until they shine. The parents had a lovely time sharing their own experiences, gaining insight and gelling together as a virtues community. Watch out for the next workshop which will be about resolving conflicts using a restorative practice.



Virtue of the week: Reliability. Please check out our [Virtues Website](#)

Parent Teacher Consultations

End of term 2 **Parent & Class Teacher Consultations** will take place on Tuesday & Wednesday, April 2nd & 3rd from 3.00-5.30p.m.

Parent & Language teacher Consultations will take place on Tuesday & Wednesday, April 2nd & 3rd from 3.00-5.30p.m. and on Monday, April 8th from 8.00-3.00p.m. Yesterday, you received an email informing you how to book consultations with your child's teachers. Our online booking system, Meet the Teacher has opened today, Friday, at 3.30p.m.

Year 5 & 6 SRE parent talk - Thursday 4th April, 8:15 - 9:15 am.

Punctuality

Please ensure your child is in class on time. Yr 1 - 6 children are allowed into their classrooms from 7:50 am and registration closes at 8:05 am. Any Elementary child arriving after 8:05 am will need to sign in at the ES office. EYFS opens at 8:00am and registration begins at 8:20 am.

Willy Wonka Production - Thursday 4th April - Saturday 6th April 2019

Tickets will be on sale from Monday. Please come along and enjoy the show!

CCA snack

Please pack a snack for your child if they are in Yr 1, 2 & 3. Only children in Year 4-6 will be able to independently buy a snack from the dining hall before their CCA.

Mrs Quigley

I will be out of school next week as I have been asked by Cambridge Education to undertake school reviews in New Jersey. I will hopefully bring back lots of ideas for SJIIM. In my absence Mrs Monnery and Mrs Lysaght will be in charge of the ES.

High School Update

HS Music Showcase 2019

Next Wednesday, 20th March 4:30pm, our musicians will take the stage in the auditorium for our annual showcase concert. Scheduled to allow our students to come watch after their CCA's we would love to see you all there and make transport arrangements for your children to stay and support their peers.

Last weekend two of our performers, Jing Yuan and Shao Yong Chan, competed in separate Grade 8 categories in the ABRSM High Scorers' Competition. Jing Yuan came in 1st while Shao Yong received an Honourable Mention, both playing violin. We look forward to them presenting these same pieces in our programme, alongside performances from our Orchestra, Concert Band, Choir and soloists.

Tickets are free and need to be secured through the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sjiim-hs-music-showcase-tickets-57958075163>

ABRSM High Scorers' Competition

In addition to the achievements of Jing Yuan and Shao Yong Chan mentioned above, Odelia Ong from 8L also competed and won first prize in her category. These results are a testament to a lot of dedication and hard work.

Y7/Y10 Geography trip

All parents of students in Year 7 and those enrolled in Year 10 Geography are kindly reminded that permission forms and payments for the field trip to the Sungai Inki are due back by 25th March at the latest. This field trip, which was also done last year, will involve fieldwork to do with rivers and river systems, which will be the next unit studied in Geography in both year levels. We greatly appreciate your support with your child's attendance of what is bound to be a highly engaging and memorable learning experience. Attached photos are from last year's trip.

Mr. Glanz & Mrs. Moden



Summer Internships in London and New York - Full Schedule

Please refer to this [link](#) for more information.



Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG - Character Development for Parents](#)

[PSG - Parent Virtue Talk](#)

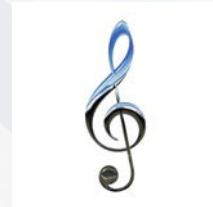


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