

SJIIM Weekly Update

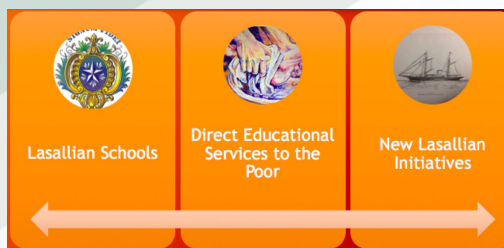
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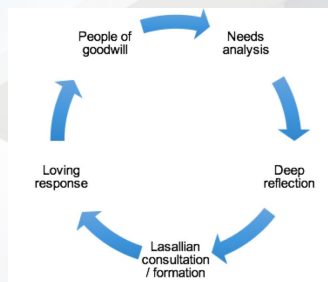
Brother Jason's Lasallian Reflection

Dear Lasallians,

Last weekend was an awesome one for me. I went on the Brothers' *Direct Educational Service to the Poor (DESP)* Retreat-cum-Conference at Janda Baik, Pahang. In attendance was [Brother John D'Cruz, FSC](#) who spearheaded the Brothers' movement back to the *Direct Educational Service to the Poor* many years ago. The retreat was facilitated by Mr George Gan, who has an amazing 40 plus year history with the Brothers. In summary, the DESP retreat touched on concepts such as *service is empowering those whom we serve, the need for ongoing formation, and the need for a Lasallian link up* of the 3 branches of our Mission Council:



DESP is a commission set up by the Brothers to animate, facilitate and support our direct educational work for (and with) the poor. DESP comprises Lasallians, Brothers and people of goodwill. DESP Projects are found at 33 centres throughout East & West Malaysia and generally follows this framework:



One could say that these 33 projects are a product of people of goodwill when they are inspired by the [life story](#) of St John Baptist de La Salle especially his philosophy of *Making A Difference* in the lives of the disadvantaged, especially children. Exposed to the needs of the community, and after deep reflection, formation and consultation, a loving response is planned, implemented and evaluated.

With that preamble, I am pleased to note that in many ways the Service Projects in SJIIM, especially the teachers' *Make A Difference (MAD) Project* (click [here](#) for more information) gained much interest from the participants. For me, The MAD Project is an example of how a new Lasallian school like ours can come together as one community to help underprivileged children especially those in close proximity to our school. Special thanks must go to Mr Gobi (School bus company) for very generously providing free transport to bring the Zomi kids to our school every Wednesday.

Surely, this is something we can **all** rightly, as **Lasallian people of goodwill**, be proud of!

Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC



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Whole School Update

Teachers and Staff Appreciation Hi-Tea

On 18th June, the PSG organized a “Teachers and Staff Appreciation Hi - Tea” to show their appreciation and gratitude to the teachers and staff of SJIIM. Members of the PSG and some parent volunteers helped set up the event at the cafeteria. Everyone was treated to a delightful evening tea, a delicious Indian buffet spread and healthy giveaway of fruits.



Riang Ria Hari Raya Bazaar

The PSG once again organized the yearly Hari Raya Bazaar on 14th June, last Friday. More info and lovely pictures can be found at the PSG link on the last page.





Whole School Update

PPG Meeting

Please take note that the next PPG meeting with parent reps will be held on 28th June and not 21st June as originally planned. It will be held at the 6th Floor Corporate Lounge at 8am.

School Photographs

School photographs have arrived in school today, you will receive the information on how to view and purchase your child's photograph early next week.

Textbook Sale

There will be a used textbook sale between 26th - 28th June at the ES Library.

Timings :

26th June (Wednesday) - 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

27th June (Thursday) - 8.30 am - 4.00 pm

28th June (Friday) - 8.30 am - 4.00 pm

Here is the purchasing procedure:

1. Parents should make their way to the ES Library on any of the dates stated above and collect an order form.
2. Parents should tick which used textbooks they would like to buy.
3. Payment must then be made at the Finance desk based on the completed tick list.
4. Books can be collected from the ES Library upon presentation of the list and the receipt.
5. Parents are required to check the books before leaving.
6. There will be no exchanges of books or refunds.
7. Books will be sold first-come, first-served basis as the stocks are limited.
8. Please bring a recycled bag for safe transportation.

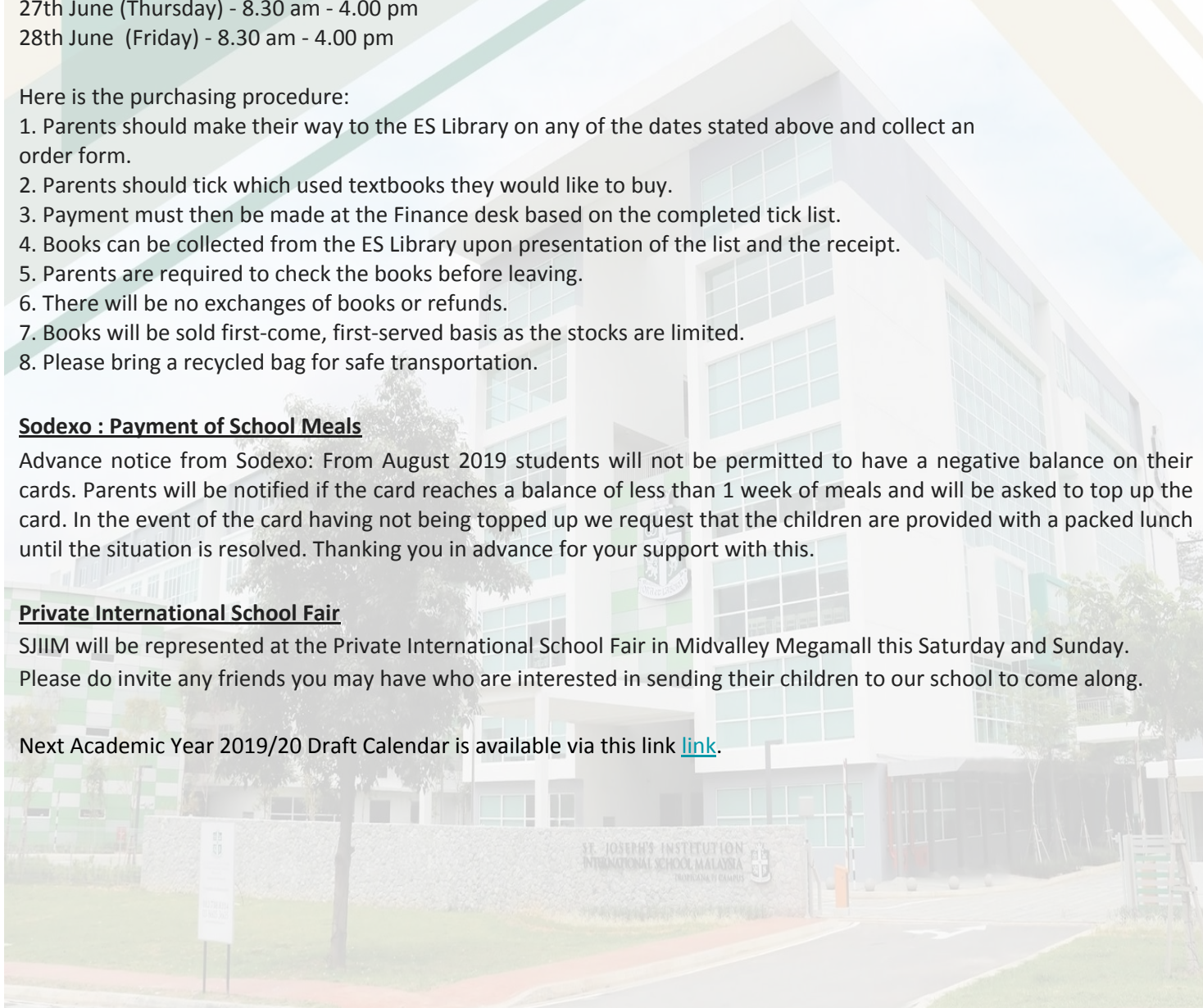
Sodexo : Payment of School Meals

Advance notice from Sodexo: From August 2019 students will not be permitted to have a negative balance on their cards. Parents will be notified if the card reaches a balance of less than 1 week of meals and will be asked to top up the card. In the event of the card having not being topped up we request that the children are provided with a packed lunch until the situation is resolved. Thanking you in advance for your support with this.

Private International School Fair

SJIIM will be represented at the Private International School Fair in Midvalley Megamall this Saturday and Sunday. Please do invite any friends you may have who are interested in sending their children to our school to come along.

Next Academic Year 2019/20 Draft Calendar is available via this link [link](#).



Elementary School Update

End of Year Reports 2018/2019

Your child's report will be available today at 4.00pm on the Parent Portal. (Please note nursery parents will be emailed the report directly by the class teachers.)

To log into the Parent Portal, please use your SJIIM family g-mail account. An email has been sent to help with the retrieval of your child's report.

Should you need assistance logging in to the Parent Portal please contact the helpdesk@sjj-international.edu.my.

The helpdesk is open from Monday to Friday, 8.00a.m.- 4.00p.m.

Student Led Conferences - Friday, June 28th

Please sign up for an appointment via the school's online booking system. The system will close on Monday, June 24th at 4.00p.m.

Please note you must enter the information as recorded on our school system to access the booking form-we have sent you this information in an email.

There will be no normal lessons on this day. Children come with their parents at the booked time and leave with their parents after the conference. It is not necessary for children to wear their school uniform.

Music Ensemble Concerts.

Our final ensemble concert of the year will take place on Thursday, June 27th at 4.30p.m. The children have made so much progress over the last year. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the concert.

Year End Assemblies

Today saw the final of our Y1-5 end of year assemblies. It has been a delight to listen to the children remembering their learning experiences. They have taken part in trips, camps, special celebrations and have enjoyed many exciting IPC topics. It is a pleasure to hear them talk about the year with enthusiasm and confidence. They are all looking forward to continuing their learning journey next year. We are looking forward to our final assembly where we will be saying goodbye to our Y6 children.

Tee Ball Competition

Well done to all our children who took part in this competition this week.

We hear you were very successful! More to follow in the sports website.



High School Update

World Scholar Cup Global Round: Beijing

Shared by Mr Gary Cairns from Beijing :

All of our teams have arrived safely in Beijing and are having a great time eating delicious dumplings and roast duck. The Juniors had their opening ceremony today and a scavenger hunt at a theme park. The competition begins for them tomorrow with debates, collaborative writing and the scholar's challenge.

For the Seniors, their opening ceremony will take place on Saturday and the competition will start on Sunday.

We wish them the best of the luck for the tournament, hope they embrace their experience, make friends with people from all around the world and add to our growing trophy cabinet!



Juniors Team in Beijing



Seniors Team in Beijing

Year 11 Graduation

Wednesday, 19th June, saw our celebration of all of the hard work that Year 11 have put in over the previous two years during their IGCSE courses. The event was attended by a number of special guests, including Mr William Wong (former chairman of the PSG), parents of the Year 11 students along with all of the other High School Students. The event was superbly MCed by Clement Khoo and Rachel Choy, including excellent addresses from Mr Michael Sng and Mr William Wong, and wonderful speeches by Yip Ren-Wei, Lee Jia-myn and Elliya Marie Shawn. The musical talents of the cohort were showcased in two excellent performances: Jing Yuan Chan gave a great performance of Debussy's La plus que lente, whilst the whole cohort gave a rousing rendition of 'Seasons of Love'.

Overall, the event was a great success and a brilliant way to recognise the achievements of an exceptional group of young people.





High School Update

New Staff - University and Careers Counsellor

We would like to welcome Mr Sam Hollis as the new University and Careers Counsellor. His profile can be found [here](#). For Year 12 parents and students, please go to the last page and read the link under the Upcoming Events and University Counselling as there are due dates for request of letter of recommendation.

Student-Led Conferences (SLC) Yrs 7- 10 & 12 on Monday, 1st July

As published in the Calendar, the final Student-Led Conference of the academic year will take place on Monday 1st July. An email giving full details of the event and how to log onto the system has already been sent. The booking system: [Meet The Teacher](#), opened this morning (21st June) and close on Friday 28th June at 12 noon. The SLC will take place between 8am - 12.15. From 1.15 until 3.10pm there will be a drop in session to meet subject teachers. No appointments will be necessary for this session. There will be no lessons for High School Students on this day. Students will be expected to attend their SLC appointment.

Year 12 Introduction to Predicted Grades and Cialfo

Date: Monday 1st July 2019. This is during at SLC day.

Venue: Drama room 1st Floor

Time 9.30- 10.30

Led by Mr Hollis the new University and Careers Counsellor and Ms Maureen Fitzgerald IBDP Coordinator.

This session is aimed at parents of Year 12 students, who are just beginning the university application process. During the session, the process for predicted grades and the use of Cialfo will be explained. Cialfo is the university counselling platform that we are using with students to support their university research and to track their work on university applications. All parents of Year 12 are encouraged to attend this important session.

Textbooks:

New textbooks can be purchased from the school shop from July onwards. The information on recommended books has been prepared by the relevant Head of Department. Please contact them should you have any further questions. Please click on the relevant links below for the book lists.

[Year 7 Book list](#)

[Year 8 Book list](#)

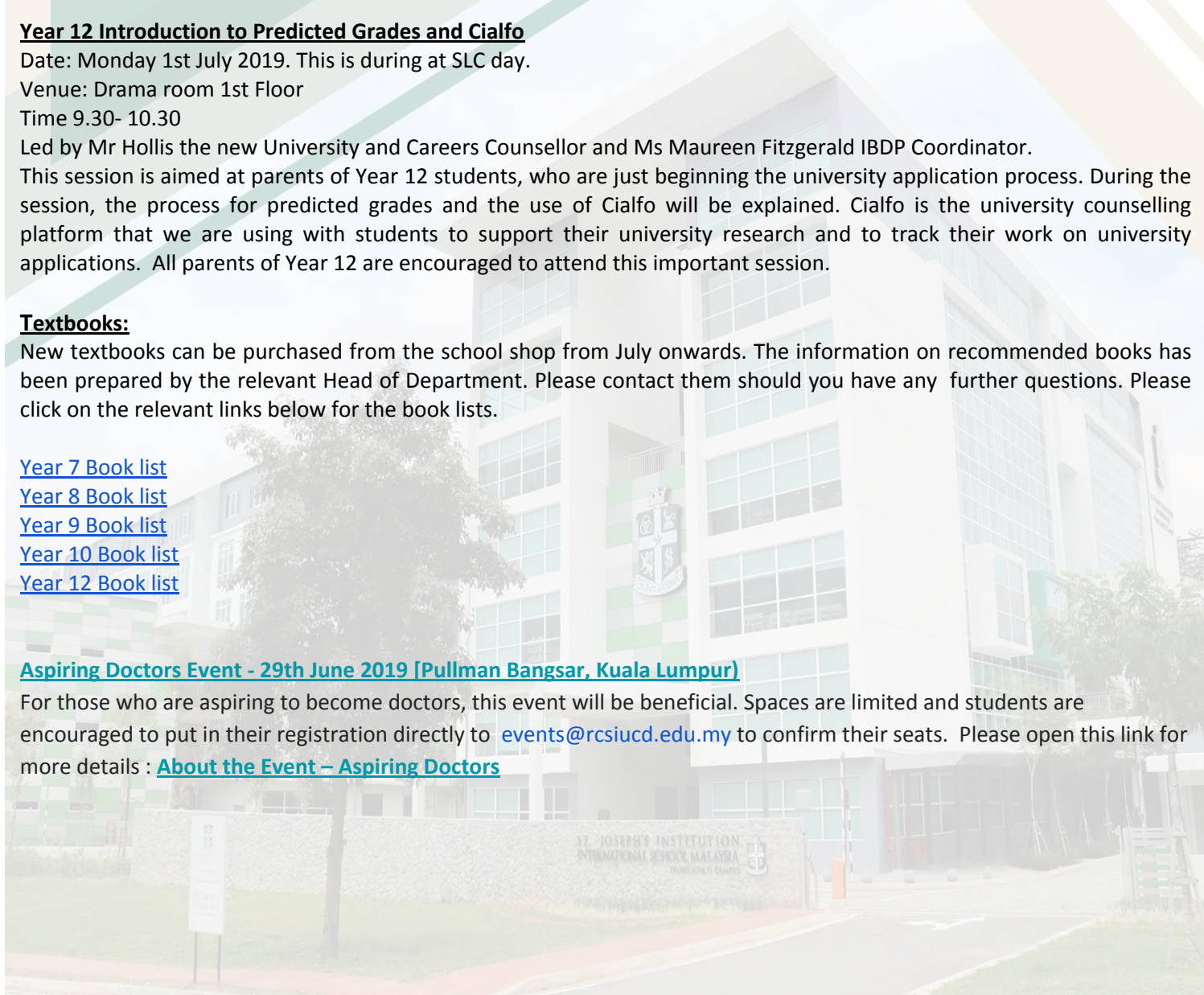
[Year 9 Book list](#)

[Year 10 Book list](#)

[Year 12 Book list](#)

Aspiring Doctors Event - 29th June 2019 [Pullman Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur]

For those who are aspiring to become doctors, this event will be beneficial. Spaces are limited and students are encouraged to put in their registration directly to events@rcsiucd.edu.my to confirm their seats. Please open this link for more details : [About the Event – Aspiring Doctors](#)



Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG AGM 28th May 2019](#)

[Hari Raya Bazaar](#)



[Sports Website](#)



[ES CCA Website](#)

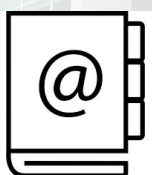
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