

## SJIS Weekly Update

18th April 2025

### Important Dates:

21st Apr - 11th June IGCSE exam

23rd Apr - 11th June AS/A Level exam

28th Apr - 21st May IBDP exam

### Upcoming Events:

21st - 25th Apr - World Book Week

25th Apr - Dress up day

### Enquires:

T | +603 8605 3605

E | [enquiries@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:enquiries@sjj-international.edu.my)

W | [sjj-international.edu.my](http://sjj-international.edu.my)



ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

*"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"*

## This Week's Highlight at SJIS

### LYM Mental Health and Neurodiversity Walk

On Tuesday, 15th April, our High School community came together for the Mental Health and Neurodiversity Walk, a simple but powerful initiative co-organised by the Lasallian Youth Movement (LYM) and the parents' group, KitaKita. Building on the activities from our Neurodiversity Week at the end of Term 2, the walk offered students a chance to slow down, connect with each other and show their support for a more understanding and caring community.

After morning registration and safety briefings, students headed out on a walk around the campus. It wasn't a race or a challenge, just a chance to move, reflect and show solidarity. Along the way, there were smiles, conversations and a quiet sense of unity as students walked side by side in support of a more inclusive and understanding school environment.

At the end of the walk, students were treated to fresh tea and healthy snacks, a small but meaningful way to celebrate the experience.

This event was a reminder that promoting mental health and celebrating neurodiversity doesn't always require grand gestures. Sometimes, it starts with a walk and a conversation. A big thank you to KitaKita, the SPV, LYM volunteers and all staff and students who helped make this event possible. Together, we continue building a community where every voice matters and no one walks alone.



## Catholic and Christian Community -CCC

During Holy Week, we were blessed to welcome Fr Kurt Zion Pala, a missionary priest based in Myanmar, to our school community. He was accompanied by Lasallian Brothers from across Asia.

Fr Kurt celebrated a meaningful Mass on Holy Wednesday, and on Good Friday, he led our community in a reflective Good Friday Liturgy with the support of Brother Mico.

He invited us to remember the people of Myanmar in our prayers and encouraged us to *"let all our actions, even the little ones, come from a place of love."*

As we celebrate the joy and hope of Easter Sunday, may we carry this message in our hearts and continue to be people of compassion, peace, and love in all that we do.

**Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyful Easter.**



### Save the Date

Our next Mass will take on Wednesday April 23rd at 12:30pm in our school chapel for families and students in Year 3 and above.

The sign up link is [HERE](#)





### Year 2 Gardening Workshop

We had a great time this week repurposing some old tyres and planting herbs and flowers as the first step to revamping our outdoor play area. The children have been learning about living things and growing so this was the perfect opportunity to test our knowledge and bring a little service learning to our own community. Do you know what all the herbs are?!



### Improved communication

We've listened to your feedback about too much communication from multiple sources. From now on, you'll receive one weekly update from your Head of Year, which will include class and specialist subject updates. Alongside this, the whole school update will continue on Friday afternoons. This change aims to reduce overwhelm and make communication clearer and more accessible.

### Welcome New Students

We were delighted to welcome 22 new students to our Elementary School. Our teachers and students have been incredibly supportive, using buddy systems and guidance to help our new joiners adjust to classroom routines and become familiar with the curriculum and school life. We also held welcome sessions for parents, where families met the Elementary Senior Leadership Team and learned about key procedures and routines at SJIIS. Additional sessions were held to support families of students who are English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners as well as how to use our Seesaw platform. We encourage all parents to join us in warmly welcoming these new families into our school community.



### SJIIS Book Week

From 21st-25th April we will be celebrating BOOK WEEK. We are excited for lots of storytelling, magicians and of course dress up day! Do you have your costume ready? Thank you for all your book donations. Ms Prema is now organising them all ahead of our EY and KS 1 Book Swap next week.



### Hari Raya Special Assembly

In conjunction with the school's Hari Raya Celebration, the SJIIS Parent Volunteers (SPV) organised two special assemblies for KS1 and KS2 students, showcasing the beauty of traditional Malay dances. Inang Tari Selendang and Joget Selayang Pandang were performed by seniors from a special Taylor's University programme called "Active Ageing." The SPV also arranged traditional Hari Raya delicacies for both ES and HS students to sample at lunchtime.





## International History OLYMPIAD



### History Bowl CCA: Success at the Asian Regionals!

On Saturday 12th April, two teams from our History Bowl CCA proudly represented our school in the online Asian Regional rounds of the International History Bowl, hosted by the International Academic Competitions. This buzzer-style competition challenged students with a wide range of history-based questions, encouraging quick thinking, teamwork, and a deep knowledge of the past.

Our students worked collaboratively in teams of four, engaging in intense rounds throughout the day and competing against peers from across Asia and New Zealand. We are incredibly proud of all our History Bowl participants for their commitment, teamwork, and academic achievement. Well done, historians! Please read more info [here](#).

### Upcoming World Book Week Celebrations (21st Apr-25th Apr)

Students across HS will be participating in a range of activities next week as part of World Book Week celebrations, both within and beyond the classroom.

We are excited to welcome KS Shakespeare who will be performing *The Tempest* for Years 7-10 on Monday. On Friday, 25th Apr the week will culminate with a book-inspired dress up day (changed from Wednesday 23rd) - we would encourage all students to get involved by coming into school dressed as their favourite book character, past or present!



### Chengdu Cultural Exploration Trip (26 March – 1 April 2025)

From 26th March to 1st April 2025, a group of students embarked on an enriching cultural exploration trip to **Chengdu**, a city renowned for its deep historical and cultural heritage. During the trip, students visited a variety of famous landmarks including **Huanglongxi Ancient Town**, **Dujiangyan Irrigation System**, the **Sanxingdui Museum**, **Wuhou Shrine**, **Chunxi Road**, **Chengdu 798 – Eastern Suburb Memory**, **Kuanzhai Alleys**, and **Jinli Pedestrian Street**. Each location offered a unique glimpse into Chengdu's vibrant past and present, from ancient civilizations to modern cultural hotspots. Please find more photos and info [here](#).





**Congratulations!**

### Year 13 University offers

To our exceptional Year 13 cohort, your journey to this moment has been filled with hard work and determination. Today, we celebrate your well-deserved university offers. You've shown us what it means to strive for excellence, and we are confident you will continue to shine brightly in your future studies. From esteemed national institutions to renowned international universities, you are poised to embark on exciting new chapters in your educational journeys. Now, believe in your abilities and maintain your concentration throughout your exams. Good luck! Please read more from [here](#).

### Y13 Leavers Assembly

Today, we celebrated an important milestone with our Year 13 Leavers' Ceremony. It was a memorable event filled with laughter, reflection, and a few happy tears as we looked back on the journey our students have taken. The celebration featured student voted awards, touching memory videos, and inspiring speeches from the tutors, Mr. Glanz, Mr. King and Ms. Regan, as well as Ms. Cole the Head of Sixth Form. The ceremony marked the end of their final day in Year 13 as they head into study leave and focus on their upcoming exams.

### Year 11 Leavers Assembly

Today, we shared laughter, near tears, and immense pride as Year 11 showcased their incredible talent in their final assembly alongside their tutors and Ms Battle. It was a poignant celebration of their journey together. We are so proud and will miss you all. Wishing you the very best in your IGCSE exams!

### Y11 Teachers' Appreciation Lunch

On Wednesday the Y11s organised a beautiful high tea for their teachers. The food was amazing, especially the sweet treats baked by the Kong brothers! Not only this but we were surprised with personalised frames with messages from year 11 sharing their gratitude and thanks. It means a lot to each and every teacher and we'll cherish those words forever!



Staff Lasallian of the week:  
Mr Carroll Moreton





[ES Student Absence Form](#)  
[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[SJIIS School Calendar](#)  
[HS Parent Calendar 2024/2025](#)  
[ES Parent Calendar 2024/2025](#)  
[HS Parent Overview Assessment Window 24/25 calendar](#)



[WS Teaching Staff Email 24/25](#)



[Epurse \(Top Up Credit\)](#)  
[Eservice Manual](#)  
[Term 3 AY24/25](#)  
Delischool Email:  
[cafeteria.sji@shfservices.com](mailto:cafeteria.sji@shfservices.com)



[Safeguarding Poster](#)



[SPV Update 2024/2025](#)



[WS CCA Website](#)  
[ASCC Website](#)



[SchoolsBuddy Website](#)



[Parents Portal \(For ES\)](#)



If you need support, please email to [customerservice@tekgroup.my](mailto:customerservice@tekgroup.my) or call +60125537202  
[Order Online Guide](#)  
[Tekbookmart App](#)  
[ES Booklist 2024/2025](#)  
[HS Booklist 2024/2025](#)



To know more & to join us please write into us at [cac@sji-international.edu.my](mailto:cac@sji-international.edu.my)



[Music Website](#)