

SJIS Weekly Update

6th February 2026



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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Important Dates:

14th, 15th, 21st & 22nd Feb : NO
Weekend CCAs

Upcoming Events:

9th Feb - School Mass
9th-12th March - Matilda The
Musical Jr

This week's contribution to our 10 Year Anniversary Reflections is from Doreen, Edwin & Kirsten Yap. Kirsten is currently in Year 13 and a founding student.

Ten years. What a journey it has been with SJIS. I still vividly remember the day we signed up for a school that wasn't fully completed yet. The SLT thanked us for our "leap of faith," and I recall Kirsten attending her first meeting and assessment for Year 4 at Catalogue House, a temporary office, with Ms. Quigley the Elementary Head of School at the time together with Brother Thomas. There were so many firsts: her first day at SJIS, the first SRC team, the School Opening and Blessing Day with the Brothers, Kirsten's first SJI Got Talent—so many moments that shaped our memories. The funniest from her first year was when she came home with a Singapore Math algebra question that none of us parents could solve! It was tough and that called for a "first" meeting with the Math Department. Through the years, Kirsten had such a positive school experience with wonderful friends and supportive teachers who influenced her love for Math and shaped her character.



First day of school, Year 4



Finding Clay production

While she breezed through her schooling years shaping strong bonds also through LYM, Soccer team and Swim team, I had the most wonderful time volunteering for school productions, PSG activities and other charity projects. Precious moments are shared with parents and teachers who have become lifelong friends, working together with a strong sense of camaraderie, teamwork and pure fun all for the same goal: supporting the children and making memorable experiences for everyone involved. This is not just a community we've built but has become our extended family.

By Doreen, Edwin & Kirsten Yap.

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When I'm asked about my decade here at SJIS, the first thing that comes to mind is how much the school has helped me grow. The emphasis on a holistic education and building character really helped me see what school is all about besides academics: making us well rounded and virtuous people.



School Blessing



Kirsten's Lasallian Scholar award Y12

Since ES, I've been privileged to experience everything the school has to offer and give back to the community, from joining sports teams, competitions and societies, to contributing in various leadership roles that resulted in me becoming the 2025 Lasallian Scholar of Leadership. A massive highlight has been being able to serve the wider community through the LYM. I'm so thankful for all the relationships I've built, opportunities that have been given, lessons learned, and how the teaching here has helped me find my passion for further studies.



SJI Got Talent



HS School production



Girl's Football team

By Kirsten Yap, Y13

Parent Workshop- Online Safety 12th February 2026- 8am- Drama Room

Our Online Safety Workshop bridges the gap between student reality and parental protection by exploring the moving from reactive crisis management (addressing bullying, mental health risks, and behaviour) to proactive prevention. We'll dive into recent case studies and student voices to help you implement effective parental controls, understand school safeguarding policies, and stay informed on current digital laws. Join us to turn digital anxiety into a practical toolkit for keeping your child safe at home and school. Please RSVP by Tuesday 10th February. [RSVP Link](#)

— Talking about —

ONLINE SAFETY

BY SAFEGUARDING TEAM
12TH FEBRUARY, 8AM
DRAMA ROOM

Presentation Lead by
Ms Chin and
Ms Jasmine

PLEASE SCAN HERE TO
RSVP by 10th February

This workshop is open for both
ES and HS families.

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Thursday 12th
February 8.00am
(Drama Room)

PLEASE SCAN HERE TO
SIGN UP

Catholic and Christian Community

From Discipline to Building Character:

It was a lovely morning of growth and inspiration as our school community gathered for Dr. Sammy's talk, "From Discipline to Building Character." Parents were challenged to reconsider their responses during difficult moments, focusing on how their actions can intentionally shape a child's character. The event fostered a beautiful sense of community, allowing attendees to connect with Dr. Sammy, Anne, and one another. Ultimately, participants left encouraged, carrying the reminder that intentional learning and a willingness to change are vital for building happy, meaningful relationships and growing alongside their children.



Save the date: February 9th

We look forward to celebrating Mass on February 9th at 12:30pm in our school chapel, located on level 6.

Students and families from year 3 and above are invited to join us.

Please use the [Sign up sheet HERE](#)

For Non-Muslim families only.

Feast of St. Miguel

HOLY MASS

FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES IN YEAR 3 & ABOVE

*Monday, February 9
12:30pm school chapel 6/F*

WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR SAINT
FOR VOCATION & THANKSGIVING FOR
LUNAR NEW YEAR

Matilda the Musical Jr.

SJIS is delighted to present *Matilda the Musical Jr.*, a *revoltingly* fantastic musical theatre production performed by our talented students in **Years 7–10**. Performances will run from **Monday 9th March to Thursday 12th March**.

Based on Roald Dahl's beloved story, *Matilda* follows an extraordinary young girl with a sharp mind, a courageous spirit, and remarkable abilities. Unloved by her cruel parents and underestimated by the adults around her, Matilda finds solace in books and forms a special bond with her kind-hearted teacher, Miss Honey. However, her school is ruled by the fearsome and tyrannical headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, whose hatred of children leads to shocking and unjust punishments. Determined to stand up for what is right, Matilda sets out to change her story- but will her intelligence and bravery be enough to defeat Miss Trunchbull?

Packed with energy, humour, and heart, *Matilda the Musical Jr.* promises an uplifting evening for the whole family, celebrating courage, kindness, and the power of young voices. As the show reminds us: "Even if you are little, you can do a lot."

Book your tickets through the QR code on the poster above or through [this link](#) and watch our video trailer teaser [here](#). Please read more info [here](#).



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ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

9 March 7pm
10 March 5pm
11 March 5pm
12 March 7pm

Book by Dennis Kelly
Music and Lyrics by Tim Minchin

Tickets
RM30
bit.ly/3Ne8qVX



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Reminder: Students remaining on school site after end of lessons

Students are **not permitted** to stay on the school site after lessons have ended **unless they have signed up for a CCA**. It is important that all student activities are supervised by a member of staff to ensure their safety. There are a number of students who are staying after school to use the sports facilities or play games in the canteen, staying until or beyond 4:30pm, in some cases.

Once lessons are finished, students who are not in a CCA should leave the premises. If they are waiting to be collected or for a sibling they should wait in the foyer or designated area. Families, supervising their own children, are welcome to use the canteen after school but children **must be supervised accordingly and leave the site before 4:30pm**.

Wellbeing Info: Children's Mental Health Week

Taking place from 9–15 February in the UK, this year's theme invites children to explore **belonging**.

When children feel safe, accepted, and confident that **this is my place**, they are better able to grow, learn, and thrive.

These resources share good ideas to support children's wellbeing and create long-term positive ripple effects for families, schools, and the community.

[Place2Be 2026](#)

[Children's Mental Health Week Resources](#)

[BBC CBeebies](#)

[BBC Bitesize Parenting](#)



Whole School Lunar New Year Celebration

You are warmly invited to join us for our Whole School Lunar New Year Celebration on **Friday, 13 February, from 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the field**

Attire: Traditional costume or red shirt or anything with bright colour

The celebration will feature Chinese drumming, a whole-school dance, firecrackers, and a lion dance performance. We hope you can join us to celebrate the festive morning together!

Year 4 Residential - Janda Baik

This week, our Year 4 students enjoyed a memorable excursion to the Janda Baik Retreat Centre. Students showed wonderful resilience, determination, commitment, and unity while taking part in activities such as river trekking, A-frame house building, knot-tying, paintballing, crazy golf, archery, fishing, and evenings around the fire pit roasting marshmallows and dancing under the stars. The retreat also provided valuable opportunities for students to grow in independence, support one another, and experience the joy of spending meaningful time together, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

A huge thank you to head of year 4, Miss Jones and the entire year 4 team for organising such a seamless and enriching experience. The biggest acknowledgement goes to our students, who behaved impeccably and represented SJIS in a truly stunning manner.



Year 5 Residential - Melaka

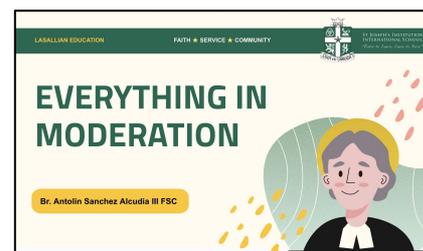
Our Year 5 students have returned from a spectacular three-day residential in Melaka, proving themselves to be absolute legends! The adventure began with high-energy team challenges, including the legendary "Dragon Rock-Paper-Scissors" showdown and the thrilling Skytrex Mini Dino aerial course. On Day 2, we transitioned into "explorer mode," spotting massive monitor lizards on a Melaka River Cruise, taking in 360-degree views from the Taming Sari tower, and exploring the city's historic forts and cathedral ruins. We wrapped up our final morning at the Melaka Craft Complex, where students tried their hand at traditional batik painting, rattan weaving, and even a bit of archery. Beyond the activities, this trip was about personal growth. The students surpassed all expectations, rising to every challenge, supporting one another through moments of homesickness, and showing incredible grit under the sun. They return home a little more independent and much more bonded as a year group. A huge thank you, this trip wouldn't have been possible without the seamless organisation of the Wilderness Malaysia team.

A massive thank you also goes to the Year 5 staff team, whose constant care for the children was second to none, and to Miss Wu and Mr. Ruxton for being absolute legends in their support roles. We are beyond proud of every student. They certainly deserve a relaxing weekend and perhaps an ice cream or two to celebrate their achievements!



This week's Assemblies with Brother Butch

Our Feb 6 ES assemblies were all about the awesome power of Moderation! Young Lasallians learned that "Everything in Moderation" is the secret to a happy day. In class, we're balancing hard work on our drawings with quick tidy-ups. At lunch, we're fueling our bodies with healthy treats and playing safely with friends. Even at home, we're being superstars by switching off the TV to get plenty of sleep! By finding this perfect balance, we stay energized, kind, and ready for anything.



FOBISIA 2026 Climbing Championships

On 29–30 January, seven SJIIS students competed in the FOBISIA 2026 Climbing Championships at Camp 5, KL East Mall. Hosted by Sri KDU International School, the event brought together 110 students from 12 schools across Asia for two action-packed days of top-rope climbing and bouldering.

Our students demonstrated exceptional physical strength and mental resilience, spending up to nine demanding hours in the qualifying rounds as they tackled extremely challenging routes. Their perseverance was evident throughout, even as they picked up a few scrapes and bruises along the way.

The entire team: Beatrice Merrett, Jun Renn Chew, Ian Teh, Nathanael Chan, Rahul Vaihunthan, William Thomas and Lyndon Loo represented SJIIS with pride. They showed outstanding sportsmanship, consistently encouraging and supporting competitors from other schools.

We are also proud to celebrate an impressive medal haul. Beatrice Merrett won bronze in the Girls Category C finals, Jun Renn Chew secured silver in the Boys Category C finals, and Lyndon Loo not only qualified for the Boys Category A finals but also won bronze in the Boys Under 15s category. A fantastic achievement by all involved!

High School Assemblies – Performing Arts Celebrations

During High School assemblies on **24 and 25 January**, we proudly celebrated the achievements of our students in the **High School Performing Arts Competition**. Trophies were presented to winners across **KS3 Music Ensemble and Solo**, as well as **KS4/5 Music Ensemble and Solo** categories.

House Points Update

Following the Performing Arts Competition and the House Carolling Competition, the current House standings are:

- 🏆 **Jaime House** – 85 points
- **Miguel House** – 70 points
- **Benilde House** – 70 points
- **Mutien House** – 20 points

With **Sports Day coming up later this term**, there is still everything to play for. Well done to all students who have contributed to their House so far, both on and off the stage.

A message to our multilingual community

At SJIIS, we are working together with our multilingual families to make engagement with school easier and more meaningful. Please scan the QR code below to share your thoughts and help us strengthen our partnership.

在 SJIIS, 我们正与多语言家庭携手合作, 让家长参与学校事务变得更加轻松且更有意义。请扫描下方二维码, 分享您的想法, 帮助我们进一步加强家校合作。

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Parent Event: Assessment and CAT4

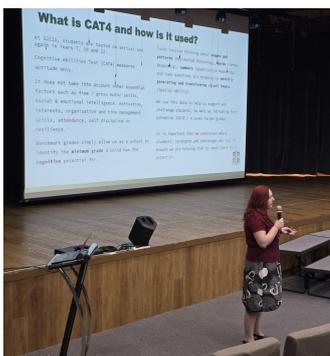
This morning, we were delighted to welcome a wide range of parents from Years 7–13 to our Assessment at SJIS workshop, led by Catherine Ellis (HS Assistant Principal) and Victoria Thomas (Pupil Progress Leader). The session aimed to demystify how assessment works across the secondary school and to strengthen the partnership between school and home in supporting students' progress.

Parents were guided through how assessment at SJIS is used as a diagnostic and preventative tool, not simply a reporting mechanism. The workshop explored how data helps teachers adapt teaching and curriculum, how progress is viewed in context rather than through a "one size fits all" lens, and how high attainers and students requiring support are monitored with equal care. A key focus was the Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4), including what it measures, how it is used to inform target grades, and how parents can interpret CAT4 reports.

The session also clarified common assessments, reporting structures, assessment windows, and how assessment develops from Year 7 through to IGCSE and A Level. Importantly, parents were given practical guidance on how best to support students at home by promoting independence, healthy routines, and constructive conversations around learning.

Thank you to all parents who attended and contributed so thoughtfully to the discussion.

Here are the [slides](#). We will be running a repeat online session before the end of Term 2.



Understanding SJIS pathways and choices at Year 9 AND BEYOND

We invite Year 7 and 8 parents to an information session hosted by Ms Ellis (Assistant Principal: T&L) and Ms Quennie (University and Careers Counsellor) to learn more about Year 9 (and beyond) academic choices & pathways. It's never too early to start planning ahead.

Thursday 26th February
8.00-9.00am
Auditorium

Please scan the QR code to register.



Parent Event: Understanding SJIS Pathways and Choices at Y9 and Beyond (for Year 7 and 8 parents)

We invite Year 7 and 8 parents to an information session hosted by Ms Ellis (Assistant Principal: T&L), Ms Anu Warriar (Head of Sixth Form) and Ms Quennie (University and Careers Counsellor) to learn more about Year 9 (and beyond) academic choices & pathways. It's never too early to start planning ahead.

Date : Thursday 26th February

Time : 8.00-9.00am Venue : Auditorium

Please click on the [link](#) to register.

Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to our Year 13s who have started to secure offers from an elite roster of global institutions!

Reaching this milestone at such world-class universities is a direct reflection of your relentless hard work, academic excellence and the unique perspectives you bring to the table. As Lasallian students of SJI, you have pursued excellence with integrity, supported one another as a community, and approached challenge with purpose rather than entitlement.

Whether you find yourself on a historic British campus or within the vibrant, innovative hubs of Australia and Southeast Asia, you are embarking on a transformative journey that will sharpen your skills and broaden your global horizons.

We are incredibly proud of your success and can't wait to see the impact you'll make on the world stage, grounded in the values that have shaped you here: humility, service, and responsibility to others.

Good job, Class of 2026!

Imperial College
London



University of
St Andrews



University Talks

Join representatives from three prestigious UK universities to explore their academic culture, teaching style, and student experience. This is open to all interested Year 9 to Year 13 students.

Date: Thursday, 12 February 2026

Time: 1:00–1:50pm

Location: Room A05-02



University College London (UCL): London's Global University

Known for its "disruptive thinking," UCL is the place for students who want to bridge different worlds—like combining architecture with climate science or medicine with AI. In this session, you'll learn how UCL's multidisciplinary approach helps graduates tackle complex global challenges.



Imperial College London: The Innovation Powerhouse

Imperial is more than just a STEM university; it is an ecosystem for entrepreneurs. Beyond the labs, the university's "Enterprise Lab" helps students turn scientific ideas into startups. This visit will focus on the fast-paced, high-intensity environment that prepares students for leadership in tech, finance, and medicine.



King's College London: In Service of Society

Located in the civic heart of London, King's is deeply integrated with the city's legal, political, and healthcare institutions. This session highlights King's unique commitment to "service"—how your degree will connect you to real-world policy-making and social impact right outside the classroom doors.



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