

SJIS Weekly Update

27th March 2026



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Important Dates:

- 27th Mar - HS PTC
- 30th Mar - 10th Apr - Term 2 break
- 3rd Apr - Good Friday
- 5th Apr - Easter Sunday
- 14th Apr - Term 3 starts
- 27th Apr - CCA Term 3 starts

Upcoming Events:

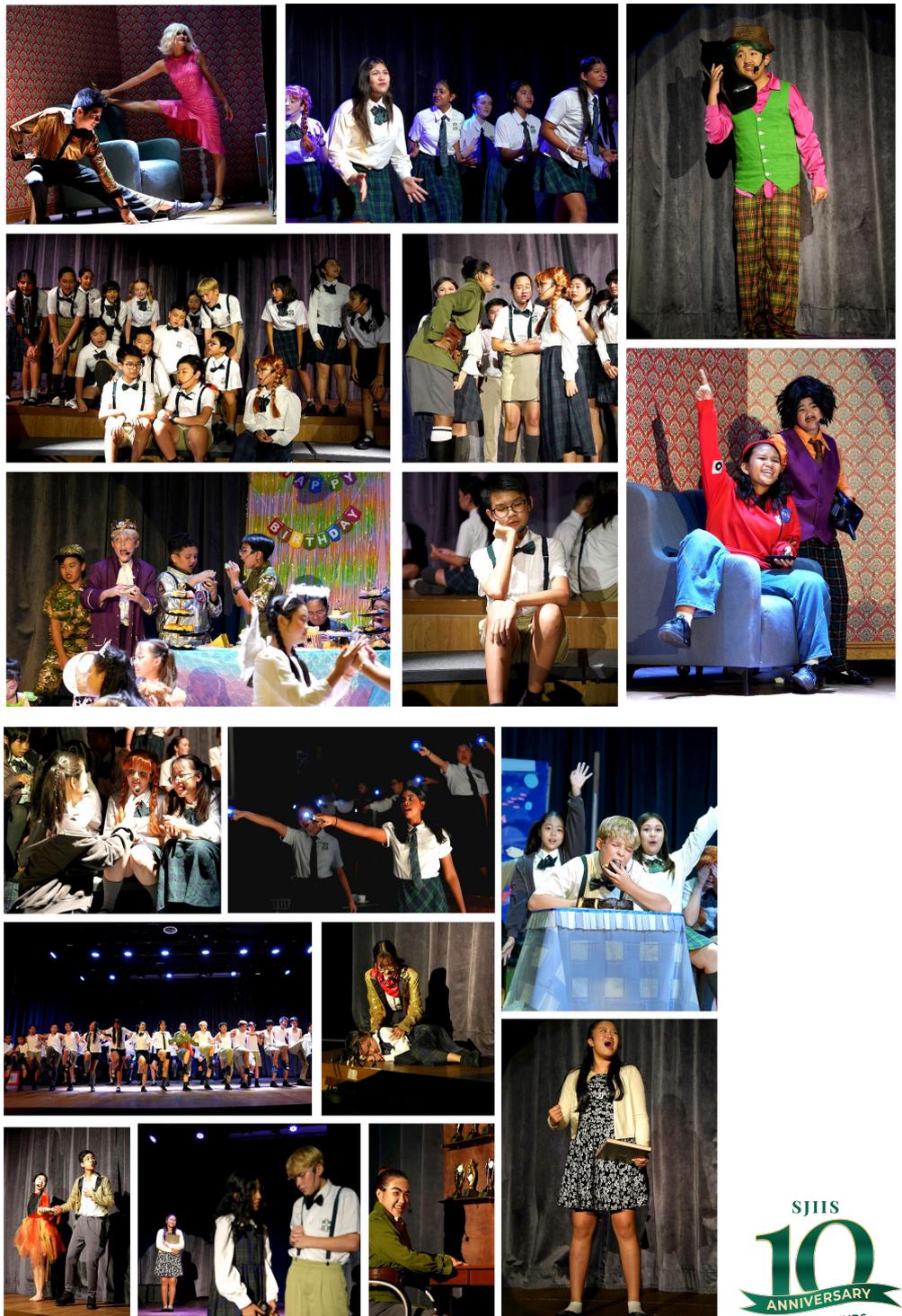
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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Matilda Jr. – More Than a Musical!

This year's high school production of *Matilda Jr.* has been nothing short of extraordinary. With our largest cast in recent years, the show brought together students from across year groups in a vibrant, energetic, and truly memorable performance that captivated audiences of all ages. From the first note to the final bow, it was clear that this was a production filled with talent, heart, and an infectious sense of joy. Please find more info and photos [here](#).



Catholic and Christian Life

It was a blessing to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation in school with Father Alvin and our wider school community. As part of this special Mass, we prayed for peace in our world and for our examination students and their families. We also gathered together for the Stations of the Cross, taking time to reflect on the journey of Jesus and its meaning for us today.

Wishing all our families a joyful and blessed Easter.



Ministry of Education: Heatwave Guidelines

As announced in the media on Wednesday 25th March, the Ministry of Education has issued guidelines in the event of a potential heatwave. To ensure the safety of our students during the potential heatwave, our school is strictly following the Ministry of Education's tiered response guidelines. For daily temperatures **below 35°C**, we will focus on maintaining high levels of hydration for all physical activities. Our PE team and duty staff will ensure students take plenty of water breaks and wear their hats when participating in outdoor activities. Should temperatures rise to **Level 1 (35°C–37°C for 3 days)**, we will suspend all outdoor sports and co-curricular activities.

We encourage parents to help by reminding their children to drink plenty of water and ensuring they have their hats when coming to school.



Visiting Ballet Performance - Inspiring budding performing artists.

High School students (all of Key Stage 3 and selected Key Stage 4 & 5 students) enjoyed an inspiring performance by artists and scholars from **Ballet Theatre Malaysia** today. The visit was arranged by alumni Jinn Ng, offering students a glimpse into professional dance pathways ahead of the **Ballet Stars Gala** in April.

Families are reminded that our school community can enjoy a 10% discount on tickets to the Gala—simply use the code **GALA10-SJI** when booking via [Ballet Theatre Malaysia](#) (valid until 31 March 2026). More photos found [here](#).



Family Festival 2026 will be extra special this year!

For the first time, the Family Festival will feature **student-led stalls**, where students will plan and run games, food, and/or activity booths with the guidance of their teachers, all in support of the school's appointed charity.

This unique initiative gives students the opportunity to build teamwork, creativity, and leadership while creating a **meaningful festival experience** for the whole community.

We look forward to seeing parents come and support our students as they bring their ideas to life!

This year

SJHS Family Festival 2026

Will Be Different!

Saturday 13 June, 2026 * 9AM to 4PM

NEW!

Student-Led Stalls!

Students will plan and run their own stalls with teacher support to raise funds for charity.

Your support helps create a memorable Family Festival for our students.



Year 1 Trip - Butterfly Park

During Science Week, Year 1 visited the Butterfly Park. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience an outdoor environment first-hand and use this to support their setting description writing. We were particularly impressed with how they brought their experiences to life through their ideas. The Year 1 team were also very proud of the students' **cooperation, courtesy, and self-discipline** throughout the visit.

Parent Teacher Conferences - Thank you

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into school over the past two weeks for our parent-teacher conferences, across all areas including class teachers, the arts, sports, and languages. These meetings provided valuable opportunities for meaningful and purposeful conversations about students' learning, their progress, and the next steps in their journey. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. We greatly appreciate the important role you play in supporting your child's learning and development throughout the year.



Springtime Showcase

The **ES Springtime Showcase**, held on **17th March**, was a joyful celebration of our students' musical talents. Students from across the Elementary School performed with confidence in a vibrant programme featuring drumming, singing, dance, choir, and instrumental ensembles. We were especially proud to showcase our new **CCA Ukulele Ensemble and String Ensemble**, who demonstrated the virtues of **excellence and enthusiasm**. Thank you to our students, staff, and parents for your support in making this such a successful and enjoyable event.



Year 3 Artist Visit - Sarah Gray

Year 3 had the exciting opportunity to welcome digital artist Sarah Gray, who spoke to us about her artwork and creative journey. Sarah shared how she moved from England to Malaysia to capture the incredible wildlife in its natural environment. The children prepared thoughtful and insightful questions in advance, and we learned a great deal about her life and work.



Year 5 IPC Exit Point

This week we had a blast showcasing our learning for our IPC unit on ancient **Romans and Greeks**. Highlights included parents attacking our Roman formations with dodgeballs and sharing our learning with parents, it was great to see everyone getting involved. Thank you to everyone who showed up and showed their support.



Holiday Reminders

Please note that the end of term holiday break will begin on March 28th. **The return date for students to start Term 3 will be on Tuesday 14th April.** Kindly note that there will be no school on Monday 13th April as this is an INSET Staff Professional Development day for all staff.





Year 13 Farewell Lunch

Our Year 13 parent community organised a thoughtful and beautifully executed farewell lunch for our students and their teachers. Every detail was planned with great care, creating a warm and memorable occasion for everyone involved.

A particularly special touch was the personalised goodie bags prepared for each student, including jars filled with individual good luck messages from their teachers. This gesture captured the spirit of care, encouragement and Lasallian community that defines our Sixth Form.



Science Week Showcase 2026: Sustainability in Action

On 19 March, our Science Week concluded with the Science Showcase, held in the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH). This event celebrated a week of student collaboration, creativity, and scientific learning centred around this year's theme: Sustainability.

Working in teams, students designed and built models that demonstrated scientific ideas connected to real-world environmental challenges and solutions. Using mostly recycled materials, they explored topics such as reducing waste, conserving water, protecting living things, energy awareness, sustainable use of materials, and climate awareness. Please read more info [here](#).

LYM Update

This term, the LYM has been involved in a variety of projects and initiatives. One new project is Trashketball, led by several members of the society. The aim is to bring our school community together through a sustainable basketball-themed activity. Students donate recyclable materials such as cans and tins, which are converted into house points. The collected materials are then sold to an external organisation, and the profits will help fund future LYM projects. Please read more info [here](#).



Ski Trip

Last week we took 26 High school students to Niseko Japan on a 6 day Skiing trip. The students developed their skills in skiing and snowboarding across 3 different resorts that make up Niseko United in Hokkaido. Our First timers are now budding skiers and snowboarders and our more experienced are now advanced skiers and snowboarders. We got to take in some Japanese culture and had a great experience from start to finish. Keep your eye out for the information regarding next years trip.



Year 11, Sixth Form Reminder

Preparations for our Sixth Form A Level offerings in the next academic year are well and underway as we look to build on the outstanding A Level results. We hope that you and your children continue to be part of this journey with us.

If your child decides not to continue with us, please be reminded to provide us with the withdrawal notice/email on or before the first day of Term 3, which will be Tuesday 14th April 2026.

Please address the notice/email Mr. Gary Cairns, Head of School, at gcairns@sj-international.edu.my

If you have already sent in your withdrawal notice, please disregard this reminder message. We thank you for all the support you have given us over the years and wish our students every success in their upcoming IGCSE examinations.

Global Call World Youth Painting Competition

Congratulations to Hose Lee (Year 7) who was awarded Champion in the Age 12-13 category!



General Comments:

This artwork strikes at the heart through stark visual contrasts: raging flames engulfing the city, orange-red and ink-black hues intertwining to depict the despair of destruction, while a white dove with outstretched wings emerges as a beacon of hope—its pristine white feathers standing out vividly against the inferno and azure sky. With bold, powerful brushstrokes and a striking collision of warm and cool tones, it not only portrays the brutality of war and disaster but also conveys a profound longing for peace, delivering immense intellectual depth and artistic impact.



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