

SJIS Weekly Update

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Important Dates:

25th Apr - Weekend CCA T3 starts

27th Apr - CCA Term 3 starts

1st May - Labour Day (PH)

Upcoming Events:

25th Apr - Open Day

13th June - Family Festival

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This week's contribution to our 10 Year Anniversary Reflections is from Justin and Peaches Ong, parents to James from year 8 and Georgina from year 7.

Back in 2015, my husband and I began the journey of finding the right school for our son, Jamie. We visited so many schools, but just couldn't seem to agree on one that felt right for us. Then a friend mentioned a new school opening in Tropicana called SJIS, and suggested that we check it out.

We took her advice and met Eileen Quigley, who shared her vision and plans for the school. She said it was very essential to support the development of a growth mindset among the students and that convinced us that we were in the right place.

Of course, we were a little hesitant. It was a brand new school, after all, but we told ourselves we could always move if it didn't work out. Fast forward to ten years later, and we're still here.

SJIS is right fit for our family. Coming from a Lasallian background, I value the emphasis on character and values-based education. It's something I see reflected not just in the curriculum, but in the way the children are guided and supported every day.

Over the years, our kids have had such a rich variety of experiences—choir performances, their very first overnight trips away from us (which were harder on me than them!), school productions, sports, and academic competitions. Each of these moments has helped shape them in different ways, building their confidence, resilience, and sense of responsibility.

And then there are the friendships. The children have grown up together, forming bonds that I believe will last a lifetime. And, as parents, we've been just as lucky. I've found genuine friendships with fellow parents, who have shared memorable experiences with us over the years.

What has meant the most, though, are the teachers, who truly care, go the extra mile, and who leave a lasting impression on the children. My kids still talk about certain teachers with so much fondness.

One of my best memories is seeing the school productions come together. The level of dedication from both teachers and parent volunteers is admirable. The energy, the teamwork, the willingness to give time and effort says so much about the spirit of the community. The many parent-led activities throughout the year just add to that feeling.

At the end of the day, what makes SJIS special is its community. There's a strong sense of belonging here, for both the children and the parents. That's something you can't easily find or replicate.

We're really grateful to have been part of this journey for the past decade.





Catholic and Christian Life

We will celebrate Mass on Thursday 30th April at 12:30pm in honour of the birth anniversary of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. Families and students from Year 3 and above are warmly invited to attend this special Mass.

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



An update from The TreeHouse Society.

The children at TreeHouse Society were delighted to receive the paint and art supplies donated by SJIS earlier in April.

Additional air conditioners will be installed, and the centre now has the resources to service all existing units. Older students will also receive new Geography and Science workbooks to support their learning.

Heartfelt appreciation was extended to all donors who contributed to the "Art with a Heart" Christmas initiative. Your generosity has brought real joy and helped to enhance the learning environment at TreeHouse Society in Langkawi.



CCA Term 3

CCA Term 3 begins this weekend! **Weekend CCAs start on Saturday, 25th April, and weekday CCAs will commence on Monday, 27th April.**

Please use your [Schoolsbuddy app](#) to see your child's CCA activities.

Showcase Your Talent at Family Festival 2026

Calling students, teachers and staff of SJIS! Step up and showcase your talent at Family Festival 2026! Whether you sing, dance, play an instrument, or perform in a group — this is your chance to shine. Scan the QR code or sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/FF2026Perform>

Sign-ups close **15 May 2026**

**CALLING STUDENTS,
TEACHERS & STAFF OF SJIS**

The stage is yours. Show us what you've got!

SJIS Family Festival 2026

SJIS 10th Anniversary

Saturday 13 June, 2026 * 9AM to 4PM

SIGN UP NOW!

SCAN HERE

Lights on. Mic ready. You in?

Sign up to perform at Family Festival 2026!

Submissions Close : 15th May 2026

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SJIS Parent Volunteers

This event is brought to you by the SJIS Parent Volunteers (SPV), in collaboration with the senior leadership, parent groups, students, teachers and staff at SJIS.

Meet SJIS Parent Volunteers (SPV): SPV consists of volunteer parents supporting the school in creating a fun, engaging and inclusive community. SPV operates as a not-for-profit body and relies solely on funds collected from school events to fund its activities for students, staff and parents. The SPV is supporting SJIS in organising the Family Festival and all our activities are virtual and approved by the SJIS Senior Leadership Team. To find out more about the SPV, visit <https://www.sjis.org.sg/parentvolunteers>

LEARN MORE

Visit the SJIS Family Festival 2026 Website

<https://www.sjis.org.sg/FF2026>

World Book Week

What a wonderful week we have had celebrating **World Book Week** with our theme, **One Story, Many Voices**. We enjoyed visits from high school students who read to us, and it was lovely to hear stories shared in different languages.

The children have been excited to take part in a range of reading activities and share their favourite books. Today's Dress Up Day was a great highlight, with lots of creative costumes and confident character sharing.

It has been a lovely celebration of reading and storytelling!



Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Meeting

It was incredible to see over 60 parents in attendance for the annual Year 6/7 transition meeting. Staff from the HS and ES shared the vision and next steps for a smooth, safe and personalised transition between schools. This included transition events, assessment and reporting in HS, EAL provision, tutor groups and much, much more. As always we are so grateful for the strong partnerships we have across both our schools and with our supportive parental community.



Year 3 Silent Auction

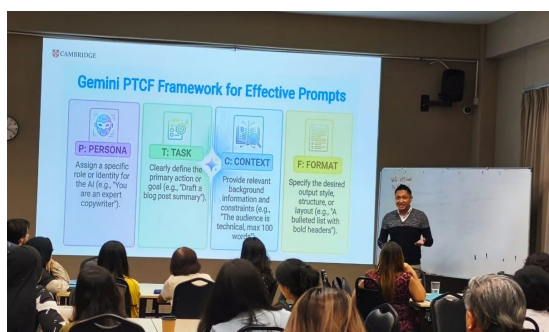
Year 3 enjoyed showcasing their IPC unit, Paintings, Pictures and Photographs. We shared our presentations using Google slides and confidently presented other classmates work. We then held an exciting silent auction where parents could bid for their favourite artwork. Year 3 have been learning about budgeting and financial wellbeing so they had some sound advice for their parents on how much money they could spend! It was a lovely event and the children enjoyed sharing their hard work with parents.

Cambridge Southeast Asia & Pacific Community Café.

On Saturday, 18 April, HELP International School hosted the [Cambridge Southeast Asia & Pacific Community Café](#), a professional event that brought together teachers and education professionals from across the region. The day included both **morning and afternoon sessions**, offering valuable opportunities for collaboration, reflection, and professional development.

The event focused on key areas shaping education today, with workshops designed to support educators in responding to current challenges and future needs. Among the attendees was **Mr García**, who proudly **represented St Joseph's Institution International School** at this important gathering.

During the event, Mr García took part in the sessions **AI & Digital Skills** and **Adaptability and Wellbeing**. These workshops explored the growing role of artificial intelligence and digital competencies in education, as well as the importance of resilience, flexibility, and wellbeing in both teaching and learning environments. The sessions provided practical ideas, meaningful discussion, and insights that are highly relevant to schools today. The Community Café created a welcoming space for educators to exchange experiences, learn from one another, and strengthen professional connections within the Cambridge community. Events like this are essential for supporting innovation in education and encouraging schools to continue developing practices that benefit both teachers and students across the region.



Year 13 Leavers' Ceremony

Last Friday, we marked a very special milestone for our Year 13 students as they celebrated their final day of high school before beginning study leave in preparation for their A-Level exams.

The day ended with a memorable Leavers' Ceremony, bringing the year group together to celebrate and enjoy one another's company. Students presented personalised funny awards, chosen by their classmates, before taking part in a lively trivia game.

It was a warm and joyful send-off for a fantastic year group. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success as they prepare for their exams and take their next steps beyond school.



High School World Book Week

Throughout this week, we have enjoyed a vibrant celebration of all things books and reading in the High School. Across a range of activities, in class and beyond, students have demonstrated their literary knowledge, inference skills, creativity and storytelling abilities. It has been great fun to see how the Literary Scavenger Hunt has brought out the competitive nature of our students, and we have also been very impressed by their ability to identify their teachers during the 'Who Am I?' tutor competition, which was back by popular demand this year. A number of our Year 8 students visited ES classes to read to their younger peers and share some of their favourite stories. Alongside this, students engaged in daily word challenges and even created a few Shakespearean insults! The week has culminated in the fantastic dress up event with many imaginative and colourful outfits on show!



HS Sports Day

On 26th March, our High School students took part in an exciting and energetic Sports Day. It was fantastic to see such high levels of participation, enthusiasm, and support for one another throughout the entire event. A wide range of sign-up activities ensured there was something for everyone, combining both competitive and inclusive events, with every student able to contribute valuable points to their house at each rotation.

The 1500m race was once again a standout highlight, with an impressive turnout. Students relished the opportunity to challenge themselves and compete alongside members of staff in what proved to be a memorable showcase event.

All houses demonstrated outstanding determination and team spirit, producing some incredibly high scores. However, there could only be one winner...

Congratulations to our 2026 High School Sports Day Champions — **Mutien!**



HS: Upcoming Parent Information Sessions

SHIFT AND SOAR IN SJIIS

3-PART PARENT INFORMATION SESSION THIS MAY

Venue: LMC Time: 8 - 9 AM

05 MAY, TUESDAY

Student's Life-Hack: AI is a great navigator, but you have to keep your hands on the wheel

Shifting Teens from Neutral to Drive as they navigate their life, through starting early research, getting their gears up and reaching safely to their destination.
Session is led by Ms Quennie Yang

12 MAY, TUESDAY

Unplugged and Unbothered: Dealing with Digital and Real-World Burnout and Stress

Workshop on how to handle emotions and rewiring the stress response of your child.
Session is led by Ms LV, Ms Joelle, and Ms Quennie

19 MAY, TUESDAY

Career Quest: Parent Edition. Enhancing parent observation and listening skills

Parents move from being the "Manager (doing the work) to "The Talent Scout" (spotting the potential) of their child.
Session is led by Ms Warrior and Ms Quennie

Scan the QR code to register





PARENT WORKSHOP

BUILDING CHARACTER AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN HIGH SCHOOL



Scan below to
RSVP



Monday
18 MAY 2026
8:15 am
Auditorium

- Understand how character shapes behaviour
- Learn how behaviour is managed in high school
- Gain practical strategies to support positive behaviour at home
- Strengthen alignment between home and school
- Promote a shared approach to support children's personal, social, and emotional development





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