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Our Vision

St Andrew's Village - Home of Servant Leaders who Bring Life to the Nations

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. Introduction

Life is full of excitement in SAJS. In January, we welcomed our new P1 boys and it was a great opportunity for me to meet many of you. In February, we celebrated a joyous Lunar New Year as a family and in March, we came together to participate in the very exciting and competitive Saints Games Day! Immediately after the Saints Games Day, our staff started their hectic preparation of the International Friendship Day and Saints Learning Festival (SLF) which were successfully held on 12 and 13 April respectively. Look at the photographs below showing our boys having a great time learning knowledge and skills beyond the curriculum. Our boys had great fun learning about culture and food of different countries such as China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Thailand. We would like to thank the parents who had put in a lot of effort and time in preparing the booths showcasing exhibits, games and food for our boys to have valuable experiential learning opportunities. We also thanked Mr Norman (SH/CCE) in leading his team of staff in organising this event.



Our Values

Thanksgiving • Resilience • Unity • Empathy • Wonder • Integrity • Self-Discipline • Excellence

Through the Saints Learning Festival, our boys also had a glimpse of different careers and a better understanding of the requirements for each of the profession. We would like to take this opportunity to thank many parents and volunteers who had made this mega event possible. We would also like to thank Mr Tan Soon Kiang, Board of Governor, for gracing the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Please also join me to thank Mr Yeo Peng Seng (Year Head P3 & P4) in leading the entire team of teachers who have gone the extra mile to make the sessions engaging and fun for the boys.



2. **Strategic Thrust 1: Nurturing Holistic Thinkers and Skilled Communicators**

The school continues to leverage on platforms to develop thinking and communication skills. We are pleased that our boys practise what they have learnt in the various competitions and we would like to celebrate their learning experiences.

2.1 **Fun with Math and Science Day 2017**

6 boys from P6 Thanksgiving participated in this competition organised by St Andrew's Secondary School on the 7th April 2017 and we emerged as the overall champion for School with 1 Gold and 2 Bronze in team awards. Congratulations to Ang Rui Liang Tristan, Ng Mun Hei, Brion Wong Yujie, Sutharson S/O Uthiyasurian, Kyler Peh and Weng Yi Song Caelan.

2.2 **Singapore Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools 2017**

7 boys from P6 Thanksgiving participated in this competition organised by Hwa Chong Institution on the 8th April 2017. 2 of them, Brion, Wong Yu Jie and Jovan Chow Guo Quan garnered the Bronze Individual Award. The other 5 boys who participated in the competition included Kyler Peh, Ng Mun Hei, Ang Rui Liang Tristan, Ho Kah Howe and Lim Shi Rui.

2.3 POSB- NLB Kids Lit Quiz 2017

A team of avid readers took part in the quiz, which is an annual literature quiz for students aged 10 - 13 years. These quizzes are held in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom and USA. Our boys managed to make it to the Semi-Finals which means we are in the top 30 in Singapore. We congratulate the boys who participated in this competition and they are:

- 1) Jasper Wee Weijun (P5 Thanksgiving)
- 2) Chionh Kai (P5 Thanksgiving)
- 3) Myles Aung (P5 Thanksgiving)
- 4) Elliott Chan (P5 Thanksgiving)
- 5) Akahay Williams (P5 Thanksgiving)
- 6) Ashton Lin (P5 Resilience)
- 7) Dominique Chui Yin Pun (P5 Resilience)
- 8) Julian Kan (P5 Resilience)
- 9) Seth Leong (P4 Thanksgiving)
- 10) Lee Jin Yih (P4 Resilience)
- 11) Zachary Ethan Tay (P4 Unity)

3. Strategic Thrust 2: Developing Exemplary Character, Growing Community Builders

3.1 Value of the Month

The value for April is **EMPATHY**. We would like every Saint to put himself in the shoes of others and learn to speak up and act for those who are down.

Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:4

This month's educational sharing is a short and simple article titled "Parents teach their children how to care by giving it themselves" which discusses how parents can help to inculcate the value of **Empathy** in our children. You can access the article from the link below:

https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/raising-a-compassionate-child?utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=2017-february&utm_medium=email

I would like to encourage all parents to role model "how to care by giving it themselves". Quite often, we adults may forget to do so in our midst of busyness and stress. But we ought to constantly remind ourselves that we are the role models for our boys and they will mirror what they observe from us. If I could, allow me to suggest some ways parents can role-model **Empathy** and being a Community Builder.

Firstly, I am very thankful as I have witnessed how many parents have reminded their children to understand the difficulties faced by their teachers in class and helped to support their teachers. **It would be great if boys can be reminded to keep their environment and toilets clean, like how they would at home, so that it would lessen the difficulty of our elderly cleaners in cleaning. Parents who drive to school can also help to create a safer road environment and smoother traffic flow by abiding to our traffic regulations i.e. alighting your child at the designated area quickly.**

With our concerted effort, I trust that our boys will be the **Community Builder** with **Exemplary Character** that we aspire them to be!

3.2 CCA Achievements

We would like to commend the following boys who have demonstrated self-discipline in their pursuit of excellence and their passion. They have trained very hard and have their personal best to achieve success in the respective individual sports.

(a) 13th National Primary Schools Wushu Championship 2017

We congratulate Kenji Tong (P6 Thanksgiving) for his outstanding performance:

Event	Achievements
Senior Boy Division in International Sword	2 nd in position (Silver)
Senior Boy Division in 24 Style Taiji	5 th in position
Senior Boy Division in International Long Spear	5 th in position

(b) National Primary Schools Taekwondo Championship

The following boys have done very well in the competition:

Participant	Event	Achievement
Clayton Chow (P6 Integrity)	Senior Division – Kyorugi Red U38 Kg	Gold
George Sim (P5 Wonder)	Junior Division – Poom U36 Kg	Gold
Damian Loh (P5 Unity)	Junior Division – Poom U56 Kg	Gold

(c) 58th National Track & Field Championship

Niraj Singh (P6 Integrity) has emerged 3rd in the C Division boys 1500m.

(d) 57th National Primary Schools Swimming Championship

Other than the relays, swimming is very much an individual sport. Nonetheless, we are very impressed by the **Unity** displayed by Team SAJS as they came together to cheer for their friends and encourage one another. I would like to acknowledge the supportive parents who have made many sacrifices so that our boys can pursue their passion with excellence. Thank you **Swimming Parents!**

Our boys have done us proud as they pitched their skills against the swimming powerhouses to achieve the following results:

B Division – 3rd

C Division – 4th

D Division – 5th

(e) National Primary School Senior Rugby Tournament

The above-mentioned tournament was completed in April with our Senior Rugby Team achieving a Silver at the South Zone Competition and a Fourth Placing at the National. The team has learnt that they would do better if they make the effective effort to apply themselves and to work as a team. Regardless of the final result, we trust that their experience throughout the tournament would place our boys in a good stead for their future endeavours. Not forgetting the team of supportive parents who looked after the wellbeing of the team (keeping them cool under the hot weather and feeding them well) and faithfully cheering them on at the respective friendly games and tournaments. Thank you **Rugby Parents!**

(f) Other CCAs

We would like to affirm the effort and commitment of the Teachers in-charge, Coaches, parents and boys from the school's Badminton and Football teams, who have completed their tournaments. We will acknowledge all the sports boys by name, for their contributions in the next letter as we wrap up the semester.

4. Strategic Thrust 3: Embracing Innovation, Developing Best Practices

4.1 MOE Innergy Award

Please join me to congratulate our English Language Lesson Study Project Team in clinching the Bronze MOE Innergy Award. This is an affirmation of our staff's effort in embracing innovation and seeking improvement in their skills and teaching practices. Our winning team comprises of Mr Matthew Ong, Mrs Angela Lim, Ms Hoe Shu Chen, Mdm Norimah, Mdm Jenine Soh, Mrs Andreatte Loh, Mr Norman Selvaraju, and Mr Ian Fernandez. Their project: Living Language, helps students to generate interesting ideas and receive feedback from multiple channels. This is done through an innovative experiential learning writing package and designed tools for self and peer feedback which is supported by an online automated marking tool.

4.2 Staff Promotion

We would like to congratulate the following teachers for their promotion:

- 1) Mdm Halimatus Sa'adiah binte Roslan
- 2) Miss Quek Yi Lin Alexia
- 3) Mr Mu Zhiming
- 4) Miss Victoria Phua Yiling
- 5) Mr Zhang Zishao
- 6) Mdm Koh Hui Ling
- 7) Miss Chy Hui Leng Joyce
- 8) Mr Ng Wee Liam

5. Strategic Thrust 4: Harnessing to Connect, Connecting to Harness

5.1 Thanksgiving

Our boys continue to benefit from the strong support from our team of committed and caring Parent Volunteers (PVs). You have made their learning experiences more holistic and purposeful.

The number of PVs continues to grow and the number is so large that I am afraid that I would not be able to name every individual. Nonetheless, I sincerely thank the following groups of faithful parents:

(a) P6 Oracy Parents

For the month of April, we have started with our P6 English Oracy Program, parent facilitators come in from 7.15am to 7.40am, on Wednesdays and Thursdays to help to improve the oracy skills of our boys.

(b) International Friendship Day (IFD)

We also many PVs involved in our IFD on the 12 of April. We have Team China, Team Japan, Team Thailand, Team India and Team Indonesia. Many of these wonderful PVs have volunteered their time and sponsored delicacies for our boys to experience the different culinary culture of the Asian countries.

(c) Saints Learning Festival (SLF)

On 13 April, we have more than 50 parents arriving in school to support our SLF. Parents conducted talks to help our boys understand more about their professions, conducted hands-on activities, facilitated activities and helped out as chaperons. Without this amazing support, our boys would not be able to have such an enriching learning experience.

5.2 Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC)

Our first PCTC of the year would be held on 25 May (PM) and 26 May (full day). Kindly mark the dates in your calendar so that we can have a good conference with your boy and you to consolidate his learning for semester 1. More details on the registration will be sent out soon.

6. Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Extra Lessons	Remarks
Week 7			
1.5.17	Labour Day – Public Holiday		
2.5.17			
3.5.17	SA1 Written Paper (P3-P6)		
4.5.17	SA1 Written Paper (P3-P6)		
5.5.17	SA1 Written Paper (P3-P6)		No CCA Dismissal at 1.45pm
Week 8			
8.5.17	SA1 Written Paper (P3-P6)		
9.5.17	SA1 Written Paper (P3-P6)		
10.5.17	Vesak Day – Public Holiday		
11.5.17			
12.5.17	PAL & CCA (12)		
Week 9			
15.5.17		P6 MT	
16.5.17		P6	
17.5.17			
18.5.17		P6	
19.5.17	PAL & CCA (13)		
Week 10			
22.5.17			
23.5.17		P6	
24.5.17			
25.5.17	End of Term Service PCTC* (2.15pm – 5.15pm)		Last Day of Term 2
26.5.17	PCTC* (8am – 5pm)		

***PCTC: Parent-Child-Teacher Conference**

Looking forward to end the term well with your continuous support.

Up and On!

With warmest regards,

Ms Patsy Neo
Principal