



ST ANDREW'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Our Vision

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



Principal's Letter (March)

Welcome back from the March holidays. Trust that our Saints and their family members have a good break and a meaningful time of bonding. We are excited as the nation relaxes the safe management measures. We look forward to providing more holistic school experiences for our Saints once again, while we remain vigilant to keep the school environment safe.

1. ST2: Developing Exemplary Character, Growing Community Builders

A) Value of the Month for March

The value for March is **Unity**.

A Saint is responsible for treating all persons with respect – myself and others.

Finally, all of you have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. - 1 Peter 3:8

Extracting from the devotion that I shared with the Saints:

Good morning colleagues and saints. Today's devotion teaches us about the value of unity.

On **page 14** of your **Personal Organiser**, it is stated what we expect of a Saint when he shows Unity. It means:

- A Saint treats everyone with respect, including himself.

For my lower primary Saints, from P1-3, do you know what you are expected to do at your respective levels?

- P1: With guidance, a Saint interacts well with peers by using language of respect.
- P2: A Saint interacts well with peers by using language of respect readily.
- P3: A Saint actively works towards fulfilling individual role within the group when prompted.

For my upper primary Saints, from P4-6, do you know what you are expected to do at your respective levels?

- P4: A Saint actively works towards fulfilling individual role within the group readily.
- P5: A Saint is an encouraging member who supports the efforts of others.
- P6: A Saint is an encouraging member who supports the efforts of others and keeps people working well together.

The bible teaches us one way we can learn unity. 1 Peter 3:8-9 reads, "Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Today I want to share with you a story about Esau and Jacob through an animation.

We know that Jacob ran away from home after tricking Esau and his father. What do you think Esau would feel after being tricked? Should he be feeling angry or happy? What do you think will happen when Esau was to meet Jacob again?

Jacob lived in a far-away land for 20 years and God asked him to return home. But he was scared of meeting his brother. Hence, he sent messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau and he instructed them: "This is what you are to say to Esau: 'Your servant Jacob says, I have cattle and donkeys, sheep and goats, male and female servants. Now I am sending this message that I may find favour in your eyes.'

When the messengers returned to Jacob, they said, "We went to your brother Esau, and now he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him." Jacob was in great fear and distress and he divided the people, his camels and his herds who were with him into two groups. He thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one group, the other group can escape. Then Jacob prayed, to God to save him.

Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men. Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. Esau asked, "What's the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?" Jacob told Esau it is for him but Esau said "I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself." But Jacob said "If I have found favour in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favourably. Please accept the present that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me and I have all I need."

What can we learn? No one is perfect and there will be times where we have hurt others and other times where we are hurt by others. Therefore, it is important that we seek forgiveness from those we have hurt, like how Jacob seek forgiveness from God and from his brother Esau. We also need to learn to be gracious, to forgive those who have hurt us like Esau who welcomed Jacob in his arms. Mahatma Gandhi once said, the weak cannot never forgive, forgiveness is the attribute of the strong. So let us learn to forgive others as fast as we hope God will forgive us.

Let us pray. Our heavenly Father, this is your school and you have brought each of us to St Andrew's. No One is Here By Chance. We pray that you will help us to be united. Help us to be like-minded, to be humble and sympathetic and to love one another. Help us to always reflect on our own words and actions to evaluate if they help to build unity or cause disharmony in school. Give us the ability to forgive when we are hurt and continue to be the bridge to unite your people instead of pointing the finger and blaming others. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

B) Prefects Commendation Service, 2 Mar 2022

Mrs Andreatte Loh and her team went through great effort to plan this year's Prefect Commendation Service to ensure that we abide by safe management measures while providing our prefects a meaningful experience. The school celebrates their effort as the team has successfully organised the commendation service.

We are thankful that our prefects could be commended at an in-person service, witnessed by their peers in the school hall. As part of St Andrew's 160th Anniversary celebration, a special segment that reflects the 160th Anniversary Theme – "Keep the Flame Burning Brightly Ever"

was arranged into the commendation service. The Vice President of SAJC Student Council (12 years in SAV), the School Captain of SASS (10 years in SAV) and the School Captain of SAJS (6 years in SAV) came on stage for a conversation. They shared about their personal leadership journey and how St Andrew's has moulded them to be Servant Leaders.

Our Guest of Honour, Mr Nathanael Lim, an old boy who is currently a lawyer, delivered a very engaging speech as he reflected upon his growing years in St Andrew's with gratitude. He highlighted to his juniors, the importance of embracing the strong and rich tradition of the school.



Sharing by SAJS School
Captain,
SASS School Captain,
SAJC Vice President Student
Councillor



C) Saints' Games Day (SGD), 11 Mar 2022

After a 2-year break, SGD was held at the school field once again. Although there was the absence of the energetic parent-supporters, House Mascots and colourful banners, all our Saints had a great time at the inter-class race. We give thanks for the great weather and the team of dedicated teachers from the PE, Art & Music Department, under the leadership of Mr Khairil, for the successful event!



D) CCA Achievement

We celebrate the achievement of Jarrell Wong (P5 Thanksgiving) at the National Age Group 2022 Bowling Tournament organised by Singapore Bowling Federation.

After a total of 9 games for Single, Doubles and Quartet events comprising a total of 78 (under 12) participants, Jarrell was ranked 9th. He qualified for the Masters (Finals) 8 games event (comprising the top 24 bowlers) and came in 4th. Jarrell did the school proud with his display of good sportsmanship and resilience in the competitive tournament.

2. ST1: Nurturing Holistic Thinkers, Skilled Communicators




A) "SAV 160th Anniversary Logo Design" Competition

To continue with our 160th anniversary celebrations, St Andrew's Junior School, St Andrew's Secondary School and St Andrew's Junior College organised our first joint competition "SAV 160th Anniversary Logo Design". We hope that through this joint competition of designing and voting for the SAV 160th Anniversary Logo, our Saints will feel the pride of being a part of St Andrew's Schools.


Our Saints have showcased the competency of Holistic Thinker and Skilled Communicator through their design and the articulation of their inspiration.

We celebrate the effort of all participants and we congratulate the three Saints, whose entries were selected to represent SAJS in the competition. The top-three designs from SAJS



1 st – Philip Wehr (P6 Thanksgiving)	2 nd – Loo You Ren Evan (P6 Empathy)	3 rd – Mohamed Shafi Azhar (P6 Integrity)
		
<p>Artist's Statement My logo is an abstract work of a tiger which represents courage and determination. The colourful stripes speak of the opportunities and challenges that one must go through to keep our flame burning bright. The number '160' is across the upper body, moving towards the tiger's face, indicating that we are ready to face whatever life brings and to keep up the good fight.</p>	<p>Artist's Statement My logo is crafted in the same shape of the school crest to spark familiarity and relatedness to the school. It consists of the unique icons that make up St Andrew's, including the keys to knowledge, the motto, Up and On, the adage, Once a saint, Always a saint, the TRUE WISE values. My logo also consists of symbol of Fire to represent the theme of 160th Anniversary - Keep the Flame Burning Brightly Ever.</p>	<p>Artist's Statement My logo represents the spirit of a Saint going through a tough time. The tiger jumping over the flame depicts the challenges that we have been through, and our determination to brave through what life brings to us. May our flame keep burning brightly ever, in many years to come.</p>

Announcing the 160th anniversary logo, with the highest number of votes received...

	<p>Artist's Statement The Logo displays a roaring Tiger – St Andrew's mascot, made of fire to show the ever-burning flame to signify the energy of our culture and the passion of our village. The used of red colour on SAV symbolized fortune and prosperity due to the year of tiger in 2022 and the warm burning heart of our spirit are continuously shining forever.</p>
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We thanked all parents, alumni, churches in SAV, Board of Governors and staff for participating in the voting. We look forward to greater participation and support from you in future celebrations.

3. Update on Safe Management Measures (SMM)

A. Wearing of Masks in school

SAJS strives to keep the school safe for all our Saints. We continuously make reference with national and MOE's guidelines to review and update the school's SMM. One of the guidelines requires a 1-metre safe distancing between two people without mask. Due to the close proximity of our Saints when they play and the difficulty of ensuring that our Saints are 1m apart during unstructured play, we would expect our Saints to keep their masks on at all times in school, regardless of indoor or outdoor.

B. Staggered Dismissal

Please note the change in the staggered dismissal time, with effect from 4 Apr 2022

Levels	Time
P1 & P2	1.20pm (Mon – Thu) 3.20pm (Fri)
P3 – P6	1.30pm (Mon – Thu) 3.30pm (Fri)

4. Semester 1 Calendar

A. Official Opening of SAJS Heritage Gallery

The Official Opening of

**St Andrew's Junior School
Heritage Gallery &
Saints' Learning Festival**

Thursday, 14 April 2022
7:40 a.m



1862



Celebrating St Andrew's School's 160th Anniversary 1862 - 2022

As part of our 160th Anniversary Celebrations, we will officially open our heritage gallery on Thu, 14 Apr, before we start the Saints' Learning Fest programme. The Guest-of-Honour will be Mrs Wai Yin Pryke, Director of National Heritage Board and a former Principal of SAJS. We cordially invite all our parents to join us (online) to witness this special event via one of the links: <https://youtu.be/cjPvQGMPK6I> or <https://www.facebook.com/saintssingapore>

B. Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Remarks
TERM 2 Week 3		
4.4.22		
5.4.22		
6.4.22		
7.4.22		
8.4.22	PAL & CCA (12)	
TERM 2 Week 4		
11.4.22		
12.4.22		
13.4.22	International Friendship Day	
14.4.22	Opening of SAJS Heritage Gallery Saints' Learning Festival	
15.4.22	Good Friday (Public Holiday)	
TERM 2 Week 5		
18.4.22	P4 SA1 MT Oral	
19.4.22	P4 SA1 MT Oral P6 SA1 EL & FEL Oral	
20.4.22	P6 SA1 MT & FMT Oral	
21.4.22	P4 SA1 EL Oral P6 SA1 MT & FMT Oral	
22.4.22	PAL & CCA (13)	
TERM 2 Week 6		
25.4.22		
26.4.22	P4 & P6 SA1 MT LC	
27.4.22	P4 & P6 SA1 EL LC	
28.4.22		
29.4.22	PAL & CCA (14)	
TERM 2 Week 7		
2.5.22	Labour Day (Public Holiday in-lieu)	

3.5.22	<i>Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday)</i>	
4.5.22		
5.5.22		
6.5.22	P6 SA1 HMT PAL & CCA (15)	
TERM 2 Week 8		
9.5.22	P4 and P6 SA1 EL Paper 1 & 2	
10.5.22	P4 & P6 SA1 Science	
11.5.22	P4 & P6 SA1 MT Paper 1 & 2	
12.5.22	P4 and P6 SA1 MA Paper 1 & 2	
13.5.22	PAL & CCA (16)	
TERM 2 Week 9		
16.5.22	<i>Vesak Day (Public Holiday in-lieu)</i>	
17.5.22		
18.5.22		
19.5.22		
20.5.22	PAL & CCA (17)	
Date	Event	Remarks
TERM 2 Week 10		
23.5.22		
24.5.22		
25.5.22		
26.5.22	End of Term Service Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) (2.15pm – 5pm)	<i>Last Day of Term 2 Dismissal @ 1.30pm</i>
27.5.22	ePCTC (8am – 5pm)	

Up and On!

With warmest regards,

Ms Patsy Neo
Principal