



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Students and Friends

During my time as a principal in New Zealand I attended a number of principals' meetings. At one conference dinner meeting, as we were all filing into the hotel, we passed a beggar at the door with his hand out. Most of us ignored him and continued inside to the conference hall. We ate our meal and afterwards we were introduced to the evening's speaker. He started by showing us some photos of us all entering the conference and passing the beggar by... it turned out that the speaker himself was the beggar. Somewhat embarrassing for many! He used that illustration to go on to talk about 'giving' and our social responsibility to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Last week's assembly focused on the theme of 'Giving' and featured PowerPoint reports by the 5 CAS Service trips to Asia and Africa. We saw some well-produced summaries of the trips. The biblical passage to go with the theme was from Galatians 6: 9 – 10 'Let us not grow weary in doing good. For in due time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone...'

Ways of doing good to others are also summed up in scripture – "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me' Matthew 25:35-40.

A well-known quote by John Bunyan, who wrote 'Pilgrim's Progress', also emphasises the power in doing good - "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

Today marks the end of Term 3. We especially thank all those who attended Tuesday's Parent Teacher Meeting – a most worthwhile exercise – and we also thank the students and the PSP for their wonderful affirmation of their teachers at today's Teachers' Day celebrations.

We wish everyone safe and enjoyable holidays, and we look forward to meeting again on 18 September.

Best wishes

Rob Burroughs



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African elephants only have 4 teeth

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY NEWS



Earlier this month, some students from the ACS (International) Christian Fellowship led worship and participated in the 'ONE DAY' worship event organized by Holland Village Methodist Church (HVMC). This event was also attended by the youths from HVMC and various other Methodist Churches.

We are thankful to have various speakers to grace the platform to provide wonderful biblical and practical insights to what worship should be in our personal and corporate lives.

HVMC also kicked off 'A Conversation Series' with ACS (International) where we invited church members Eugel Yeo (an architect) and Steven Chia (a news presenter) to share their professional experience with the students. We look forward to continue this 'A Conversation series' in 2018 to better help students navigate their career choices.

Teacher's day is around the corner and the church would like to honour and thank each teacher for their dedication and commitment. We wish for God to bless each and every member of the teaching staff with good health and strength.

Roger Teo
Christian Ministry Staff

STAFF NEWS

Our congratulations to Ms Michelle Liew and family on the safe arrival of baby Hannah last week. With Ms Liew on maternity leave we are pleased to welcome Mr Michael Hollis, an experienced IBDP teacher from the UK, to the English faculty.

Our thanks to Miss Sarah Tan in the Geography Department who leaves us today after two terms' contract teaching to return to the Ministry of Education. We thank her for her service to the school and we wish her well for the future.

We also thank Mr Chia Choong Kiat who has most ably filled in as Acting Vice Principal Junior Division until the arrival of Dr Kris Achter in Term 4. Mr Chia will continue as a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Our congratulations to Miss Ivana Choo on her marriage to Mr Kevin Lee this weekend, and our best wishes to Mrs Georgina Patterson (and Mr Mike Patterson) on the impending birth of their first child.

Parents Prayer Group

All parents are welcome to join in a time of prayer.

Time : 8.15am to 9.30am
Venue : Sports Block, Level 6, John Wesley Hall
Contact Person : Heidi, 9340 5501(HP)

The upcoming prayer dates as follows:

- 5th October
- 2nd November



Term 3 Commendation Awards

The following students received their top awards for outstanding results in the Term 3 reports at assembly this week. Please note that Year 4 and Year 6 students were not eligible for these awards this term as they sat the Prelim examinations instead.

Principal's List for Effort and Achievement			
No	Name	Year	Academic House
1	Ronak Sanan	Y2	Cheong Koon Seng
2	Tang Shiyu	Y5	Cheong Koon Seng
3	Rohan Kishore Buxani	Y2	Goh Hood Keng
4	Justin Cheng Ming Hearn	Y2	Lee Seng Gee
5	Chen Kangan	Y5	Lee Seng Gee
6	Keira Lim Yi Xian	Y1	Oldham
7	Yang Tze-Te	Y5	Oldham
8	Tan Cae Lyn	Y1	Shaw Vee Meng
9	Chen Yili	Y3	Shaw Vee Meng
10	Megan Man	Y3	Tan Kah Kee
11	Teo Kai Hui	Y5	Tan Kah Kee
12	Sun Lehan	1B	Thoburn
13	Ayushi Lahiry	Y3	Thoburn

Distinction for Effort and Achievement			
No	Name	Year	Academic House
1	He Yajing	Y3	Cheong Koon Seng
2	Tan Jia Ying Nicolle	Y3	Cheong Koon Seng
3	Daning Dyah Savitri Tjahjowidodo	Y2	Goh Hood Keng
4	Pariyakorn Lertphati	PG	Lee Seng Gee
5	Wang Yanze	PG	Lee Seng Gee
6	Joschka Flynn Kalisch	Y1	Lee Seng Gee
7	Pham Thao Chi	PG	Oldham
8	Emmanuel Quintis Carter	Y1	Oldham
9	Shreaya Suresh Kumar	Y3	Oldham
10	Gweon Sujin	PG	Tan Chin Tuan
11	Victoria Ann Warren	Y1	Tan Chin Tuan
12	Tan Weng Tong	Y5	Tan Chin Tuan
13	Chau Nguyen Khanh Giao	PG	Tan Kah Kee
14	Abigail Kastono Ahadi	Y2	Tan Kah Kee
15	Chen Xingyu	PB	Thoburn

Commendation for Effort and Achievement			
No	Name	Year	Academic House
1	Issei Hirai	1B	Cheong Koon Seng
2	Kan Nuoya	PG	Cheong Koon Seng
3	Irfan Farhad Vasanwala	Y1	Cheong Koon Seng
4	Lim Si Min Grace	Y5	Cheong Koon Seng
5	Kim Seoyun	PG	Goh Hood Keng
6	Sin Hau Nam	Y1	Goh Hood Keng
7	Suramy Sood	Y1	Goh Hood Keng
8	Ashleigh Catherine Long Yee Hearn	Y2	Goh Hood Keng
9	Fahim Mohammed	Y2	Goh Hood Keng
10	Cai Linshan	Y3	Goh Hood Keng
11	Indah Wahyu Hapsari Tjahjowidodo	Y3	Goh Hood Keng
12	Li Andi	Y3	Goh Hood Keng
13	Nandini Sachin Kulkarni	Y3	Goh Hood Keng
14	Kwon Ho Sung	1B	Lee Seng Gee
15	Wang Yijian	PB	Lee Seng Gee
16	Shu Luoandi	Y3	Lee Seng Gee
17	Low Wen Ting Megan	Y5	Lee Seng Gee
18	Brendan Marc Tan	Y5	Lee Seng Gee
19	Lee Ada	Y1	Oldham
20	Wang Ruiming	Y3	Oldham
21	Sophie Darmawan	Y5	Oldham
22	Liu Zhen Rui	PG	Shaw Vee Meng
23	Chen Yirong	Y2	Shaw Vee Meng
24	Trinh Duc Thai	Y3	Shaw Vee Meng
25	Roy Kawaguchi	Y1	Tan Chin Tuan
26	Shreyas Ashvin Henry	Y2	Tan Chin Tuan
27	Choi Madeline Yu-Jin	Y3	Tan Chin Tuan
28	Byron Tan	Y5	Tan Chin Tuan
29	Ye Weiying	Y5	Tan Chin Tuan
30	Wong Chia Yun	FIB	Tan Kah Kee
31	David Leong Kai En	Y1	Tan Kah Kee
32	Wong Zhi Xiong	Y1	Tan Kah Kee
33	Wei Yu	Y2	Tan Kah Kee
34	Aarthy Narain Ravichandran	Y3	Tan Kah Kee
35	Teo Kai Jie	Y3	Tan Kah Kee
36	Benjamin Christopher Toh	Y5	Tan Kah Kee
37	Zheng Jiayi	1B	Thoburn
38	Shreya Supriyakumar Sakhalakar	Y1	Thoburn
39	Cheng Xirui	Y2	Thoburn
40	Hu Yuwei	Y5	Thoburn
41	Russell Scott Indradjaja	Y5	Thoburn



Commendation for Effort			
No	Name	Year	Academic House
1	Ashley See Yao Jun	Y1	Cheong Koon Seng
2	Tan Mu En Jenell	Y1	Cheong Koon Seng
3	Ui Ogino	Y3	Cheong Koon Seng
4	Kim Seongeun	Y5	Cheong Koon Seng
5	Lee Lei Matthew	Y5	Cheong Koon Seng
6	Claudia Novita Putri Lie Santoso	Y5	Cheong Koon Seng
7	Wang Zelin	Y5	Cheong Koon Seng
8	Wu Yunxuan	Y5	Cheong Koon Seng
9	Thanaporn Prayoonrat	Y5	Goh Hood Keng
10	Cho Yewon	1B	Lee Seng Gee
11	Bu Yifan	PB	Lee Seng Gee
12	Lee Jaeyun	Y2	Lee Seng Gee
13	Chng Shi Ern Caitlin	Y3	Lee Seng Gee
14	Judith Ann Ho Han Lin	Y3	Lee Seng Gee
15	Sanjeevani Sriram	Y3	Lee Seng Gee
16	Wu Jiarui	Y5	Lee Seng Gee
17	Kaito Sato	1B	Oldham
18	Jiang Jinyi	PG	Oldham
19	Aditya Kumar Bhardwaj	Y1	Oldham
20	Theia Chong Ning	Y2	Oldham
21	Tze En Nirel Hoe	Y5	Oldham
22	Liu Yang	Y5	Oldham
23	Wu Yanyu	PG	Shaw Vee Meng
24	Jin Kawaso	Y2	Shaw Vee Meng
25	Ng Yeun Ning	Y2	Shaw Vee Meng
26	Luo Jiali	Y3	Shaw Vee Meng
27	Renee Ng Lei Ni	Y3	Shaw Vee Meng
28	Ng Yi Kai	Y5	Shaw Vee Meng
29	Faith Yann Hwa Wong	Y5	Shaw Vee Meng
30	Jeong Soo Hwan	1B	Tan Chin Tuan
31	Dhaniesha Girish Jethnani	Y1	Tan Chin Tuan
32	Vivian Hu Xin Hui	Y2	Tan Chin Tuan
33	Nicole Chung Mae Sze	Y3	Tan Chin Tuan
34	Tan Ruiyi	Y3	Tan Chin Tuan
35	Nadya Sari Saptono	Y5	Tan Chin Tuan
36	Michelle The	Y5	Tan Chin Tuan
37	Shen Haichuan	Y2	Tan Kah Kee
38	Ren Yiting	Y3	Tan Kah Kee
39	Chen Jiashu	Y5	Tan Kah Kee
40	Daphne Tay Li Yuan	Y5	Tan Kah Kee
41	Kim Minseo	1B	Thoburn
42	Devlin Nathan Waluja	Y3	Thoburn
43	Tan Manting	Y5	Thoburn
44	Jessica Thia Rui Ping	Y5	Thoburn



NOTICES

ACS (International) 2018 IBDP Internal Scholarships

Applications are invited from ACS (International) 2017 Year 4 students for the above 2018 scholarships worth \$10,000 each for the 2018 year only. There are 3 scholarships available.

The successful applicants will have demonstrated:

1. Outstanding academic achievement throughout Year 4
2. Strong contribution to co-curricular and / or House activities
3. Ability to achieve highly in the IB Diploma Programme and give back to the school.

The scholarships will be used to offset the Year 5 IBDP tuition fees. \$5000 will be deducted from the fees payable for each of Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Applications to the Principal consisting of a letter of application listing achievements and contributions to the school close 27 September 2017.

Direct Admission to Year 5 2018

Direct Admission letters to successful Year 4 IGCSE students were sent out yesterday. Those who did not receive an email will still have a chance to gain Year 5 entry through the IGCSE exams.

Lock Down!

Despite our modern society, the world is becoming more and more unsafe. Singapore Armed Forces say that a terrorist attack in Singapore is a matter of when not if. At ACS (International) we are becoming more security conscious with more rigorous security checks by the guards, and this week we practised our first lock down drill. Students were reminded to 'Lock, Drop and Hide' if inside and to 'Run, Hide and Tell' if outside. We pray that we will never have to use this measure in reality.

Accidents in Holland Village

There have been two minor accidents and one more significant accident near the school involving our students with vehicles over the past two weeks. We again ask all students to be very careful as they walk towards Holland Village, and to keep to the edge of the road as much as possible. They should also not assume immediate right of way when crossing zebra crossings. Similarly to parents driving near the school – please keep the speed down and watch out for students!



STUDENT SUCCESSES

Choice to Run 2017 - Love in Motion

As the President of the 7th Board of Ambassadors, I am proud to see Love in Motion take shape, a campaign driven to raise funds for Club Rainbow.

This is the second year that we are organising Choice to Run (CTR) – the board used the previous years' experience to design the routes, the obstacles and the t-shirts – in every way we strive to create a more fun and entertaining experience for participants. An earlier meeting with the representative Ms Lydia from Club Rainbow has taught me a lot about the immense amount of work Club Rainbow is doing: they provide support for their 900 beneficiaries, mainly children who suffer from all kinds of diseases and provide their caregivers the information and counselling they need, and sometimes giving practical financial assistance too. In a way, CTR is only our humble way of giving them a little support.

We are also very fortunate this year that the Holland Village Methodist Church is entering into a partnership with us. The generosity and the warmth that we received when we presented CTR to the congregation on 6 August was most encouraging. We managed to get 25 sign-ups on that day, and spoke to many more who were interested.

I know this is just the beginning, and there is still a lot more work to be done, but I look forward to us moving forward, moving with the heart. In our hearts, we can do it ACS (International).

*Michael Chen Kangan (5 LSG)
President of the 7th Board of Student Ambassadors
13th Prefectorial Board*



LOVE
IN
MOTION

This event will take place on 23 September 8.30am – 12.00nn. Registration is now closed, but supporters and donations are welcome – do join the Student Ambassadors and runners for a day of fun! (Your donation is eligible for tax exemption)



Barrett Music Competition 2017

The Barrett Music Competition was founded in 2011 by the Rev Dr John Barrett, the first principal of ACS (International). The aim of the competition was to raise the standard of music appreciation in the school. Since 2011, there have been many students who performed to very high standards. To celebrate the high quality of music produced by our students, a new category of ethnic instruments was opened this year.

Following a long selection process, the finalists of the annual Barrett Music Competition were announced. The finals were held on 28 August at the Oldham Chapel. The programme included renditions of classical favourites such as *Suite No.1* (composed by J.S. Bach), *The Joyous Borders* (a guzheng piece), and even a song from a popular Korean Drama, *I will go to you like the first snow*. The Guest of Honour was our Principal Mr Rob Burrough, and the two judges were Mr Eric Watson and Mr Arkadiusz Bialak who are on the academic staff at NAFA and LaSalle respectively.

Both the judges expressed effusive praise for the talent on show, and agreed that the selection of an overall champion amongst the finalists had been very difficult. The wide varieties of genres and instruments only made the choice trickier, but eventually a champion was selected.

The winners of each category are as follows:

Category	Winner	Performance	House
Overall Champion	Lenard Oh	<i>Truckin' Through the South</i> by Aaron Minsky	2 SVM
Piano	Chen Xingyu	<i>Dance of Spring</i> by Sun Yi Qiang	4 THO
Vocal	Erica Chan	<i>Crazy</i> by Erica Chan	4 OLD
Strings and Woodwinds	Lenard Oh	<i>Truckin' Through the South</i> by Aaron Minsky	2 SVM

It was clear that all the students had worked very hard on their performances, and we congratulate each and every one of them for making it to the finals, and for each of the category winners on their wins. Finally, we thank Mr Philip Tan, Mrs Arleen Tan, and Ms Carol Ling for their work in organising and running the Barrett Music Competition.



Group photo of the finalists and judges



Overall Champion Lenard Oh



ACS (International) Philharmonic Orchestra Concert: 'Go West'

On the evening of 12 August, the school's newly formed ACS (International) Philharmonic Orchestra performed at its inaugural concert 'Go West'. The concert was held at the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre, and also featured individual performances from both the school's String Orchestra and Wind Band, which have merged to form the Philharmonic Orchestra. There was also a guest performance by the school's Acappella group.

Although the concert was relatively short, each musical group invested many hours into rehearsals. A particular challenge that the groups faced was getting used to each other's tones and blending the two sounds together to create a cohesive sound. On a more personal level, I found it a challenge to balance my role as concertmistress and member of the Orchestra. I also wanted to meet expectations and go beyond, as it has always been my dream to perform in a full orchestra. At the end, the results couldn't have been more rewarding. The applause and cheers of the crowd increased exponentially after each piece was played, and this spurred us all on to worry less about our playing technique and to focus on having fun and enjoy the music. After playing the final note of the last piece, *Go West*, feelings of achievement, pride and bliss overcame me. At that moment in time when the audience cheered and applauded for us, I felt nothing but pride and honour to have been able to play for this newly formed orchestra.

I believe that this experience has been an enriching and priceless one for all of us, and we are grateful to our conductor Mr Lim Soon Lee for putting his heart and soul into rehearsing with the String and Philharmonic Orchestras, and Ms. Samantha Chong and Mr. Vincent Goh for rehearsing with the Wind Band. Our gratitude also extends to our teachers in-charge, Ms Carol Ling, Mdm Josephine Teo, Ms Grace Lim, Mr Lim Tse Ren and Mr Chang Weng Moon, for taking care of all of us. We also wish to extend our gratitude to Mr Joel Zhou and the PA crew for their time and effort in making the concert a reality. Going forth, we look forward to more opportunities for us to perform as the Philharmonic Orchestra as we strive to play as one sound, one harmony and as one body.

*By Kathleen Teo Kai Hui (5 TTK)
Concertmistress of 'Go West'*



Job Shadowing Attachments

Over the June holidays, 35 Year 6 students completed short-stint job attachments at several local companies. This is part of the job shadowing scheme offered by the Career and Higher Education Advisor in partnership with numerous industry partners.

A dinner was held to thank our Industry Partners and to celebrate yet another year of successful job shadowing attachments. Also present at the dinner were ACS (International) alumni who had previously benefit from the job shadowing scheme, and it was a good opportunity for current students and alumni alike to network with our industry partners. The alumni also got to share their job-shadowing experiences, and it was heartening to hear that the job shadowing attachments have helped our students better understand their future courses/careers better so as to make more informed choices regarding the next stage in their education.

Here is what this year's Year 6s have to say about their job shadowing experience:

"Interning at STOMP was an extremely interesting experience, chiefly because of the hands-on nature of the attachment. During the week, I was able to create a video on behalf of the website and also wrote two articles that went online. The amount of trust placed in myself and the other job-shadowers was extremely enriching. In addition to this, being in the newsroom was incredibly exciting, especially since I am curious about the news-production process."

Dhruv Uppal (6 GHK)
"Singapore Press Holding Limited (SPH)"

"Job shadowing was an eye opening experience, I saw the information I learned from my biology and chemistry classes being applied in real life scenarios. The doctors and the nurses in the hospital were extremely friendly, and provided me with insightful ideas about my chosen field".

Chung Yungling Samantha (6 OLD)
"Tan Tock Seng Hospital"

"My job shadowing experience has helped me understand what it is like in the working industry and I really enjoyed it. I gained a lot of knowledge about how the architecture industry and its inner workings function."

Rupasri Veeresh (6TKK)
"SAA Architects Singapore"

"Through this one-week attachment, I learnt a lot more about the job requirements and sacrifices made in the medical profession Being exposed to the reality of this job has indeed broadened my perspective on what a doctor's life is really like, and I better appreciate a doctor's dedication in alleviating the pain and suffering of patients. I hope that I will be able to help others in this way in the near future."

Evangeline Leong (6 TCT)
"Mission (Bukit Batok) Medical Clinic"

"My 5-day shadowing opportunity has provided me with invaluable exposure to gynaecology and obstetrics. This experience allows me to gain great insight into what a doctor's typical day may be like. I was amazed at how effortlessly Dr. Tracey was able to evaluate and diagnose patients, analyze imaging and full blood count during the consultations that I observed. Also, the laparoscopic keyhole surgery and laser treatment were fascinating to witness. Overall, my decision to pursue a career in medicine has been strengthened by this wonderful opportunity."

Chen Yuxuan (6 TTK)
"The Tow Yung Clinic"

"The law job-shadowing programme was highly insightful, and taught me many things that could never be found in school textbooks. Knowledge is power, and gaining it through experienced lawyers was invaluable. I learnt that law is not about arguing and debating, but it is about researching and negotiating. There is no right or wrong in law, when it is in your hands to reshape it."

Vijay Venkantesh (6 LSG)
"Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP"



Year 6 University Information Session

As part of our student support structure at school, an information session on university applications was held for Year 6 students and their parents. The session was led by our Careers and Higher Education Advisor, Mrs Rita Kaur. Mrs Kaur provided the students with a comprehensive booklet that she updates every year, which takes students through the journey of application to pre-departure for each country and university. The booklet also contained useful information on application research, submitting applications, and tips on how to write a personal statement. Our alumni also contributed to the booklet, and gave practical information on studying and living abroad. Parents and students both found the session helpful, and came away with a greater sense of confidence in their decision making for the near future.



National Day

We celebrated Singapore's 52nd National Day on 8 August, with the theme "One Nation Together", emphasising the importance of unity in Singapore. It was a joyous celebration with all our staff and students of different nationalities. Mr Oon Jin Gee, ACS alumnus and member of the Board of Governors, graced the occasion as our guest-of-honour.

The celebration commenced with a short quiz on Singapore's founders, Sang Nila Utama and Stamford Raffles. As students entered, they were also given a souvenir. Thereafter the principal Mr Rob Burrough delivered his address, and Vice Principal Mrs Tan Siew Hoon delivered the national day address by the Minister of Education.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the precision marching by the student flag bearers, who delighted the crowd with their finely-honed marching skills. The celebration also featured several videos, one of which recollected the impressive development of Singapore, and another where our international students were asked how they viewed Singapore.

The school's performing arts teams also prepared some performances in honour of the special day. Our Guzheng team performed '笑傲江湖 The Legendary Swordsman', a popular Chinese martial arts movie song about patriotism. The newly-formed Philharmonic Orchestra also graced us with the performance of a medley of four favourite national day songs, 'Di Tanjong Katong', 'Munnaeru Vaalibaa', '小人物的心声 Voices From The Heart' and 'Singapore Town'. This was their first public performance and was commendable.

The celebration ended with the song 'God of this City', thanking God for his blessings on the nation and school. Overall, the school enjoyed this festive celebration. Blessed 52 National Day, Singapore!

*By Mr Chang Weng Moon
(Overall I/C of the National Day Planning Committee)*

International Day

The International Day celebrations followed the National Day assembly. As students left the sports hall, crowds filled the area in front of New Block, eager to be first in line to try the tempting selection of international food. Shepherd's pie, tacos and chicken rice were just a few of the dishes on offer. There was a carnival atmosphere with food, high quality entertainment and international activities to celebrate all the cultures of ACS (International).

In the rooms in the New Block, students in international dress welcomed their peers into themed classrooms where they could experience traditional activities from around the world, from Spanish dance to Japanese origami. For those who wanted to relax and soak in another language, there were international film screenings. Students who visited all the countries and collected a fully stamped passport were rewarded with ice cream! Meanwhile, in the Black Box, Chinese Drama CCA showcased their talent in a devised performance from a classic Chinese story "The true story of Ah Q", a highlight of the day.



Throughout the festivities emceed by Lynn and Deborah in Year 5, the school was entertained by a medley of music and dance from around the world. Beginning with a performance by the Gu Zheng ensemble, students and staff clapped, danced and cheered for performances from Guitar CCA and student performances in Malay, Tamil, Chinese, Indian and Vietnamese. Ms Lincy Rainald (IT department) also wowed the crowd with a stunning Malayalam solo. The showcase finished up with some rock classics from Contemporary Band and a K-pop dance by student group 7 Dreams.

*By Ms Ceri Sinnett
(Member of the International Day Planning Committee)*



International Day – PSP



It is said that food is an extension of culture and that, when the two combine, it's life itself. The much-awaited International Day extravaganza amply lived up to its high-calorific (and high-wattage) billing. Team PSP dedicated and directed its efforts and energies to curate an eclectic menu of 23 dishes for diverse palates to celebrate the spirit of multi-culturalism that both ACS International and Singapore embody.

Now to the menu (no drooling please!): First to the sampling counter – an attempt to tempt the young folk with revered grandma's savouries – Chwee Kueh, Otah, Ondeh Ondeh, Tea Leaf Eggs and Egg waffles. And then on to everyone's favourite Italian Pizza and Sausage; quintessentially British Shepherd's pie and Fish & Chips; evergreen Chinese Dumplings and Yam abacus; sumptuously sinful Indian Butter Chicken, Palak Paneer, Naan and Samosa; legendary Malaysian "Ramle" beef & chicken burgers and crisp Popiah; seasoned Korean Pancakes and succulent Gimbap; juicy Mexican Churros and tangy Tacos; and, finally, Singapore's all-weather Hainanese Chicken Rice and live Satay counter. Whew!! As ever, grateful thanks to the team of steadfast parent volunteers for their generous and unbridled help despite the heat and sweat. Until next year, stay hale and hungry for International Day, 2018!

By PSP EXCO



Student Comments/Reflections

"This year's national day celebration truly caused me to understand the type of role Singapore plays nationally and internationally. The songs sung awakened the patriotic side of me and caused me to reminisce the times in my primary school. But with the fun I also got to see the past of Singapore and appreciate the lifestyle I have now and the such national day celebrations allow me to value the country I was born and brought up in."

Neha Dadlani (6 SVM)

"I was very impressed with the way our school managed to integrate international students into National Day celebration. The video filming forced me to look deeper into the connections that my home country (Cambodia) had with Singapore and after finding out that the two countries have a tight relationship, I do feel more welcomed here as a foreigner. All in all, National Day celebration has not only allowed me to go away with more knowledge about this country but has made me feel closer to the people here and more welcomed."

Channary Chea (6 THO)

"The food was amazing- especially the satay and the pizza! I loved the contemporary band as I could sing along with my friends"

Victoria Warren (1 TCT)

"I loved the student performances and definitely the food. I got to see so many different cultures and countries- it was really cool!"

Emmanuel Carter (1 OLD)



TCT House Charity in Collaboration with HVMC: Neighbourhood National Day Celebrations

The Holland Village Methodist Church (HVMC) supports the surrounding community by running various community projects, including the National Day Celebrations. TCT House has been involved with HVMC's community projects for the last three years. This year's National Day Celebrations included a musical performance and a carnival where members of the community could redeem items such as books, clothes, and toys with vouchers. TCT students helped to prepare for the carnival in the sorting of items and manning the redemption booths on the day itself. Below is a student reflection on the event.

On the weekend of 12 – 13 August, TCT House participated in its annual House Charity event under Holland Village Methodist Church. The event was a National Day Celebration with the residents from the surrounding Commonwealth neighborhood. TCT students from each year group came together in an effort to provide residents and church beneficiaries with a fun-filled evening to remember.

Prior to the event, we worked closely with members of the church to sort out donated items (ranging from books and soft toys) as gifts for the beneficiaries. We then spent many hours to ensure that these gifts were presented and handed out in the most organised way possible.

Many of us had mixed feelings participating in this event. For students who had undertaken this project previously, they participated with gusto and knew what needed to be done. As for the new students, there were feelings of nervousness. Nevertheless, everybody worked together to ensure that our guests had a good time.

During the event, all of us experienced the warmth and gratitude of our guests, it was truly touching to see volunteers go beyond the call of duty to provide the highest level of assistance and concern during the celebrations. That day, we learnt to put others before ourselves. We were convicted by the need to continue providing for the needy residents and those around us. Truly, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

By Roy Kawaguchi (1 TCT) and Thaddeus Tan (5 TCT)



Yamate Gakuin Student Visit

Every year, ACS (International) welcomes visiting students from Yamate Gakuin in Japan. The students are paired up with a buddy and go to classes with them. The immersion programme is always very popular, as students get the chance to learn new things and to make new friends.

Welcome Party

On 24 July, we welcomed the students and staff members of Yamate Gakuin school from Japan to our school for an immersion programme which lasted for two weeks.



The members of the Japan CAS Trip organised a welcome party for our visiting friends. We were split into groups so as to facilitate interaction between us and our Japanese buddies. The introduction began with some ice-breaking games, such as "Charades", and then moved on to the main activity which was similar to a treasure hunt, where groups were awarded points based on how many phrases they were able to translate correctly. The winners were awarded with great prizes.



We ended with some light refreshments and a photo-taking session where we took photos with our Japanese buddies and sat for a group photo to commemorate the event.

On the behalf of ACS (International), I wish to extend a warm welcome to the visiting Japanese staff and students, and I hope that they enjoyed their time in Singapore.

Xavier Tng 5 TCT

Looking back on the experience:

It was an amazing and memorable experience to spend time with my Japanese partner as well as the other Japanese students for two weeks. Initially, both of us found it quite difficult to communicate with each other as her English was not so strong. My partner, Moeko, was a shy and quiet girl, but after getting along with her for a few days, we could talk for the whole day! Time flies, two weeks went by much faster than I thought. I think we have learned a lot, such as developing and maintaining friendships. All in all, these two weeks are unforgettable, I am really grateful for having this opportunity to share and exchange our cultures and experiences with each other!

Wang Xiran 4 GHK

Hironao was my Japanese buddy. He is a shy boy but he is very hardworking during the classes, although he couldn't understand much in the class, he always searched the vocabulary that he didn't know before. At the start of the two weeks, we found it is difficult to communicate with each other. However, we quickly become friends and talk about anything happened around us, especially during the free periods, he told me about the life in Japan, his hobby and many other things. Even though two weeks passed quickly and he had left, we still keep in touch on the internet. All in all, I really enjoyed the two weeks with him.

Wu Ke 4TCT

It was really difficult for the students to say goodbye to each other at the end of the two weeks. They exchanged gifts and contacts and promised to keep touch. It is amazing to see how friendships can blossom so quickly. We hope that the Yamate Gakuin students enjoyed their time with us at ACS (International).



Languages Week

It was a different sort of assembly on 16 August.

The emcees, Nika (5 SVM) and Kalista (4 TCT), started off by challenging each other to speak in their own language. This was followed by a Language Quiz with questions ranging from 'Say Hello in five different languages', 'Top 10 most widely spoken languages in the world' to 'Sing me a traditional folk song'. Though some questions seem more obscure than the rest, we see participants running to the mic each time, giving out their answers in good spirits.

There couldn't be a better way to celebrate this year's Language Week, with the theme of "Language is Fun". Four different competitions had been held earlier this month, with categories comprising Drama, Video Making, Singing and Creative Poster Making. Top winners from these competitions took turns to present their works to the school at this Language Week Assembly, which was then concluded with a prize giving ceremony, where the prizes were sponsored by the generous PSP (Parent School Partners).

In addition to this special assembly, there were daily morning learn-a-phrase announcements, and special workshops for Year 1 students. The morning announcements taught phrases in Bahasa Melayu, French, Chinese, Japanese and Spanish, whilst the workshops gave the Year 1s a taste of how to order food in a Japanese restaurant, sing Malay folk songs, experience a bite of china, how to learn Hangul in one hour and an introduction to the wonders of Latin America.

Only when our ears are open to the diverse languages around us will we be able to fully appreciate the beauty in our multilingual and multicultural setting. A toast to the eventful Language Week - *Saluti*.



Learning how to order food at a Japanese restaurant



Language Workshop



Exploring Latin America



TOK Focus Day

An eye-opening event was made possible for some of our TOK students in Year 5 when they attended the TOK Focus Day on Friday 11 August 2017, organised by ACS (Independent).

The theme was 'The Place of Indigenous Knowledge in a Globalized World'. The area of knowledge in question – relatively new to the TOK syllabus having been introduced two years ago – invited students to explore the cultures of indigenous societies so different from their own.

The participants gave positive feedback on their learning experience.

The lecturer, Dr. Oona Paredes shared how modern education was affecting the perception of indigenous knowledge systems. After a lunch break, we proceeded to a lecture about the misconception of the popular Disney film, "Moana". This lecture explained how the culture portrayed in the animation was romanticised and was sometimes wrong.

Later, we were split into groups to discuss some of the topic covered during the lectures.

Overall, I believe that the TOK Focus Day was a good experience to get to know my peers from schools such as ACS (Independent) and School of the Arts (SOTA). I have also gained a deeper understanding on the definitions of indigenous knowledge systems, the factors affecting it, and how we can relate indigenous knowledge to our daily life.

Xavier Tng Fan Yi, 5-TCT

The Theory of Knowledge Focus Day was a great experience that expanded the scope of our knowledge. This was in part due to the new area of knowledge that we were exposed to during the course of the day; Indigenous Knowledge. We were introduced to how this unique area of knowledge worked, upon which we discovered that there were many assumptions made in this field of study. We were fortunate enough to have the guest speaker, Dr Oona Paredes, share about the methods of acquiring knowledge and some of its fallacies. It was truly a great experience, allowing us to interact with fellow TOK students from other schools.

Nathaniel Marthen, 5-TKK

Hong Kong President Cup Fencing Competition

Recently, Alasdair Low (5 TCT) participated in the Hong Kong President Cup Fencing Championships 2017. He achieved a rank of 20 out of 85 in the Men's Epee category. Alasdair wrote the following reflections on his results after the competition.

"I honestly felt a bit disappointed in my results, as I was fencing really well at the start of the day. However, as the day progressed my performance started to drop as I started to lose my focus and become distracted by everything around me. I lost in the top 32 to an opponent who I had a chance of winning against. But I will take this as a learning experience and improve for my next competition where I hope I will be able to overcome this mentality issue."

We wish Alasdair all the best in future tournaments.



Alasdair is in the foreground on the right.



Champions at the Singapore National Games

The Singapore National Games (SNG) 2017 Archery Competition was held on the weekend of 29 – 30 July 2017 at The Kallang Cricket Club Field. Sports Singapore organized the SNG Archery Competition as part of GetActive! Singapore National Day Celebrations. This is the second year that Archery has been included in this National Games.



The archers from the ACS (International) formed a team under the “18 and under Boys” (18RB) category and called themselves LAS MARICAS. There were a total of 13 teams in this category and they emerged victorious with the Gold medal in this round robin team event tournament. LAS MARICAS comprised Nandiraju Rishi Bharadwaj (6 GHK), Matthew Oh Kok Yew (alumnus, Class of 2016) and Daniel Leow Yong Zhen (6 GHK).



The LAS MARICAS team at the Kallang Cricket Club field totalling the scores.



Gold, Silver and Bronze Teams in this category

Yamate Gakuin Students & Archery CCA

The teachers and students of Archery CCA would like to thank the students from Yamate Gakuin School for their participation in the training session on Friday, 28 July. It was a great time of interaction and communication between our students and the exchange students.



A special thanks to our coaches, Ms Angie Ng and Mr Gordon Thong for sharing their archery skills with the exchange students, and to our Archery students for being good hosts to the students too.



Inter-House Results

This year, the school saw another successful round of Inter-house competitions in music, football, and netball.

Well done to all the winning Houses, and thank you to the Music and PE teachers for running these events.

Music

Overall Winners	
1st	TCT
2nd	SVM
3rd	CKS

Football

Junior Division		Middle Division		Senior Division	
1st	THO	1st	TCT	1st	TCT
2nd	CKS	2nd	GHK	2nd	GHK
3rd	TKK	3rd	THO	3rd	OLD
4th	TCT	4th	CKS	4th	TKK
5th	GHK	5th	TKK	5th	THO
6th	LSG	6th	LSG	6th	CKS
7th	OLD	7th	SVM	7th	LSG
8th	SVM	8th	OLD	8th	SVM

Overall Winners	
1st	TCT
2nd	THO + GHK
3rd	CKS + TKK
4th	OLD
5th	LSG
6th	SVM
7th	
8th	

Netball

Junior Division		Middle Division		Senior Division	
1st	TKK	1st	TKK	1st	THO
2nd	THO	2nd	TCT	2nd	CKS
3rd	GHK	3rd	THO	3rd	SVM
4th	LSG	4th	CKS	4th	LSG
5th	CKS	5th	SVM	5th	TCT
6th	TCT	6th	LSG	6th	TKK
7th	SVM	7th	OLD + GHK	7th	GHK
8th	OLD	8th	-	8th	OLD

Overall Winners	
1st	THO
2nd	TKK
3rd	CKS



UPCOMING EVENTS

September Holiday Revision Class Schedule

Art

The Art department will be opened daily from 8:30am - 3:30pm. Consultation with Mdm Chang needs to be arranged via email.

Humanities**Year 4:**

Year Group	Subject	Teacher	Venue	Date	Time
Year 4	Business	Ms Pamela Ng	NB1-04	14-Sep	9-11am
4Ge2 & 4Ge3	Geography	Ms Ho Chia Yue	OB4-4	11-Sep	9am-12pm

Year 6:

Year Group	Subject	Teacher	Venue	Date	Time
Year 6	Business SL	Ms Pamela Ng	NB1-04	13-Sep	9-11am
6BMHL1 & 6BMHS3	Business HL	Ms Jamuna Madhav	NB1-03	4-Sep	9am -12pm
6BMHL2	Business HL	Ms Alka Hingle	NB2-04	15-Sep	9am-12pm

Languages

Year Group	Subject	Teacher	Venue	Date	Time
Year 4	French	Francesca Ling	NB3-07	7-Sep	3.30-5pm
Year 6	Korean	Oh Eun Jeong	NB3-06	13,15-Sep	1-4pm

Mathematics**Year 4:**

Year Group	Subject	Teacher	Venue	Date	Time	Content
Year 4	AMaths	Mrs Lim-Tan Lay Pian	OB3-08	7-Sep	10am-1pm	Past year papers
4AM3	AMaths	Ms Tan Shiao Ser	OB3-02	12-Sep	1-4pm	Consultation/ Past Year Papers
4AM5	AMaths	Ms Sandra Sng	OB4-06	14-Sep	9-11.30am	Consultation/ Past Year Papers



Year 6:

Year Group	Subject	Teacher	Venue	Date	Time	Content
6MaHL4	HL	Mr Damien Chiang	OB2-01	6-Sep	10am-6pm	Past year papers
6MSSL	MS	Mrs Lim-Tan Lay Pian	OB3-08	7-Sep	10am-1pm	Past year papers
6MaSL2	SL	Ms Tan Shiao Ser	OB3-02	12-Sep	1-4pm	Consultation/ Past Year Papers
6MaSL	SL	Mr Charles Lee	OB3-05	14-Sep	9-11.30am	Consultation/ Past Year Papers
6HL Statistics	Statistics	Ms Jasmine Teo	OB3-04	14-Sep	10am-4pm	Curriculum Coverage
6HLCalculus	Calculus	Mr Raghuraman Chandramani	OB3-06	14-Sep	2-3pm	Curriculum coverage
6MaHL1	Core	Mr Raghuraman Chandramani	OB3-06	14-Sep	3-4pm	Consultation/ Past Year Papers
6MaHL-3	HL Core	Ms Jasmine Teo	OB3-04	15-Sep	10am-12pm	Consultation
6MaHL-3	HL Core	Ms Jasmine Teo	OB3-04	15-Sep	1-3pm	Consultation
6HLCalculus	Calculus	Mr Raghuraman Chandramani	OB3-06	15-Sep	2-3pm	Curriculum coverage
6MaHL1	HL Core	Mr Raghuraman Chandramani	OB3-06	15-Sep	3-4pm	Consultation/ Past Year Papers



Diploma Graduation Ceremony 2017

The Principal Mr Rob Burrough, along with the Staff and Students of ACS (International), warmly invite you to attend the Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2017.

Friday 17 November 2017
5.30pm (Please be seated by 5.20pm)
Lim Seng Guan Sports Hall
61 Jalan Hitam Manis, Singapore 278475

Dinner will be served at Lim Seng Guan Sports Hall following the ceremony.



Guest of Honour
Professor Thomas Magnanti
President
Singapore University of Technology and Design

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