

CANOSSIAN SCHOOL REACH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Hard to believe that we are into the second quarter of the year. April is always an important month in the calendar of Catholic schools. It is a time for Catholics to celebrate Easter, a feast that is as important as Christmas. What is the feast of Easter and why do we celebrate it?

It is a sacred time of the year, as we commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. It follows a period of fasting called Lent which began on Ash Wednesday and will end on Good Friday, the day Jesus was crucified on the cross. Lent lasts for 40 days, during which Christians practise prayer, self-denial and acts of charity. This year, Easter Sunday falls on 4 April.

The feast is not about Easter bunnies or Easter eggs, although the symbolism remains the same. Easter traditionally falls during the onset of spring, which is a time when vitality returns to the land after the desolation of winter. It is when nature's cycle of life, death and rebirth is at its most visible. Eggs and bunnies are signs of new life, explaining why they appear as part of the traditions of celebrations during Easter.

The religious take on Easter is the time when God's only Son, Jesus, took on a death sentence, carried his cross and died on it. We, too, may find ourselves going through dark periods in our lives but we have faith that nothing amazing happens without sacrifice.

At the school, students are involved in Lenten projects such as the gift of love boxes that you may have seen them working on at home. Take time to talk to your children about the significance of these boxes and work with them on creating their unique boxes. With that, here's wishing all of you a Holy Good Friday and very Blessed Easter.

God Bless.

Christina Michael (Ms)
Principal

Prefects' Investiture



On 4th March, Canossa Catholic Primary School (CCPS) held their Prefects' Investiture, with the appointment of prefects by Sister Theresa, Supervisor. This is the highest office for student leaders and each one is expected to serve as a role-model for other Canossians.

Six students from Canossian School were also commissioned as prefects in recognition of their leadership qualities, inspiring their peers to uphold the school values.

Leadership Camp



As part of our school's efforts to develop the leadership potential of our pupils, our prefects and CCA leaders joined the Leadership Camp organized by CCPS on 15th March 2021. Through this day camp, pupils were taught foundational values and attitudes that are essential for good leadership. Pupils were also involved in various activities where they picked up intermediate leadership skills.

Interest Week (P3-P5)

Some students participated in the “Interest Week” organised by CCPS. The main objective of the programme is to encourage students to learn new skills. Baking, bowling, in-line skating, chess, robotics and urban farming were some of the activities offered.



Catholic Educators Conference



Confusing lines

Our diamonds

A team of Catholic staff from Canossian School, Chaplain from Canossa Convent and Vice Principal of Canossa Catholic Primary School, gathered together on 15th March to attend a conference for Catholic educators. It was a virtual event to help educators encounter God in everyday activities.

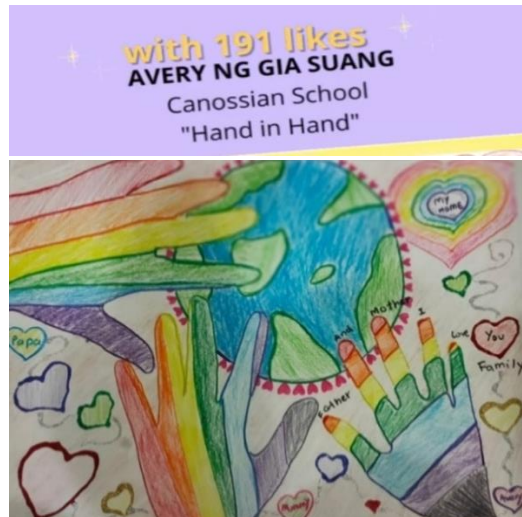
There were sharing sessions in small groups on various activities, one of which was an origami workshop. In this workshop, the staff discovered that the lines made while folding the paper were confusing and did not seem to lead anywhere. But the lines were the crucial part of a process which eventually led to a diamond being formed.

Very Special Arts (VSA) 18th Annual Art Competition 2020

Congratulations to our Canossian students!!! They did our school and their parents proud with their winning and commendable artworks at the VSA 18th Annual Art Competition 2020. The theme was "My Home" and 21 students submitted entries for the competition. The zoom prize presentation organized by VSA Singapore took place on Saturday 20 March 2021. VSA Singapore (VSA) is a charitable organization affiliated to the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) in Singapore and Very Special Arts International in the United States of America and its network of organizations in more than 60 countries.



Nicole (Pri 6) emerged as the First Prize Winner with her winning artwork, "My Home, My Singapore".



Avery (Pri 4) was the runner-up for the Public Voting section. She received 191 likes for her artwork which was also selected as a commendable piece



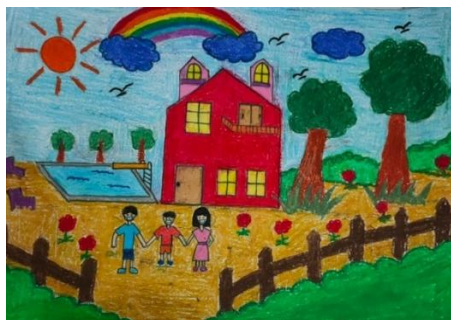
Alaric Tee (Pri 4)



Audrey Zeng (Pri 2)



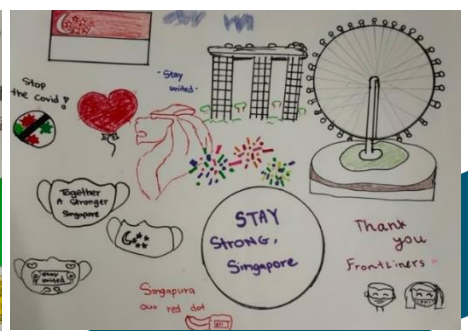
Rachel Zeng (Pri 5)



Louis Wong (Pri 6)



Rhys Stefan Fu (Pri 2)



Siti Mardhiyyah Bte Mohd (Pri 5)

Parenting Tips – Reading with your child

Read a book aloud to your child.



Have your child read a book to you.



Try choral reading (read aloud together).



Buddy read (take turns reading aloud).



Before

- What do you think this book will be about? Why do you think that?
- What does the title tell you about this book?
- What do you already know about the topic of this book?
- What questions do you have?
- Do you think this story is real or imaginary?
- Who is the author of this book? Have you read any other books by this author?

During

- What do you think will happen next?
- Why do you think . . . ?
- Where and when does this story take place?
- How do you think the character will handle this situation?
- Why is the character . . . ?
- What does this word mean? How do you know?

After

- How would you retell this story, including parts from beginning, middle, and end?
- What questions would you ask the author?
- What do you think are the most important events in the story?
- How did this character change throughout the story?
- How would you have solved the problem?
- What evidence can you find?