

CANOSSIAN SCHOOL REACH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Center of excellence for the education of children with hearing loss August 2021

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Most of you would have heard the news of the untimely death of a teenage student at the hands of his schoolmate at one of our schools. No one in Singapore would have imagined such a tragedy occurring on our shores. The fact that it has happened is a wake-up call. We can never become complacent.

Both local and international reports have mentioned, that Singapore is one of the safest places in the world to be in. We have worked hard to attain this reputation and we will work even harder to retain it. The incident was and must remain an isolated case.

Our immediate response is to review safety systems in our school to ensure that we eliminate safety gaps as far as possible. We have to continue to make our schools a safe and healthy space to nurture our students. The school has invested in adequate numbers of security systems while staff and students have had opportunities to participate in safety drills. We adhere closely to safety and emergency guidelines issued by MOE and relevant agencies.

It's easier to maintain physical safety of the premises than to ensure the emotional and mental well-being of all our students. The latter is not something we can do on our own. Parents and caregivers have to reach out to us if they are concerned about the emotional well-being of their children. There is no weakness in seeking assistance. In fact, it is a sign of wisdom and love. We are here to provide support and to assess the risks to healthy development of your children with you. Where we are unable to help directly, we will tap on relevant networks and resources to provide the support needed.

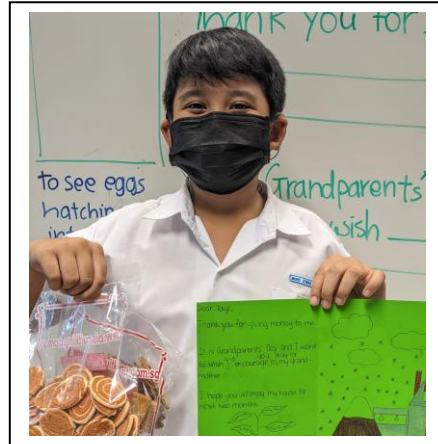
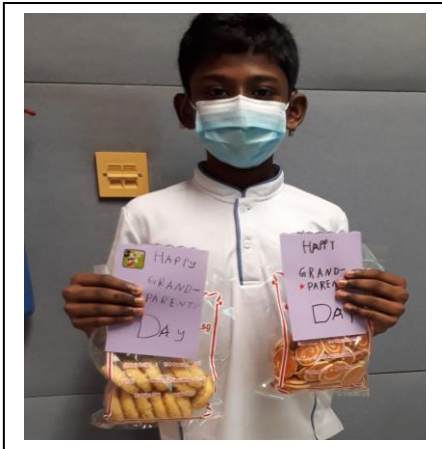
The partnership we have with our parents is among of the richest assets we have. May the partnership continue to work for the benefit of all of our students. For your good as well, do exercise your own self-care and take care in the fluid times of the pandemic.

God Bless.

Christina Michael (Ms)
Principal

Grandparents Day

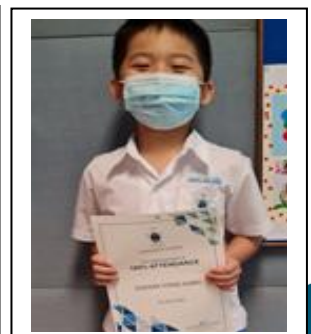
On 26 July 2021, the school, in collaboration with Canossaville Children and Community Services (CCCS), celebrated Grandparents Day 2021. 26 July 2021 is the feast day of St Anne and St Joachim who are Patron Saints of Grandparents. The school continues the tradition of promoting love and respect for the elderly by setting aside time to remember, honour and love our grandparents and the elderly in our community. Each student is given two packets of biscuits for them to bring home for their grandparents or the elderly in his family.



Values Award Presentation

The school believes in affirming positive qualities demonstrated by the students and aims to highlight the importance of these qualities, as well as the students who consistently exhibit them. The following are the awards given to affirm the achievements of students in Term 2.

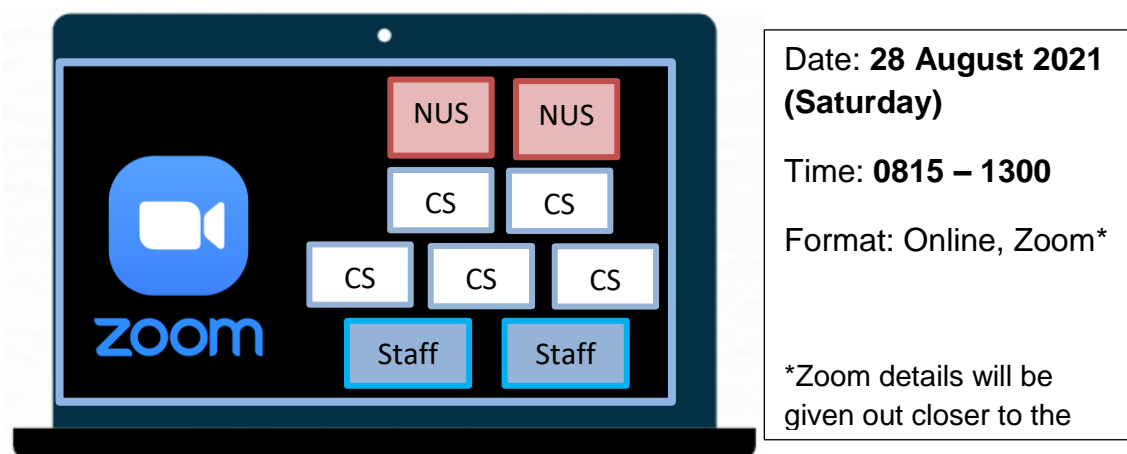
- Humility Award
- Good Progress in Handwriting
- Well Groomed Pupil
- 100% attendance in Semester 1
- Reading award



Canossian School e-Camp 2021

Due to the pandemic, we had to cancel our highly anticipated annual camp last year, and we have not been able to gather and interact to greatly benefit our students. Both staff and students always anticipate the camp. Instead of cancelling the camp for another year, the school is pleased to partner with student volunteers from iVolunteer, an annual event organised by Red Cross (NUS¹ Youth Chapter) and NUS Office of Student Affairs, to bring to our students an e-camp instead.

This camp is a half-day online event which brings team building activities and educational experiences that are meaningful for our students. Through an e-camp, they will have the opportunity to interact and get to know students from other levels through team bonding activities and games.



Above is a visual summary of the e-camp format. For each group of students, two NUS volunteers will lead the activities and two CS Staff will assist (if necessary). A letter and an acknowledgement slip will be sent out soon. Stay excited!

¹ NUS – National University of Singapore (新加坡国立大学)

Contactless Payments

Canossian School is moving towards cashless payments from August 2021. We will no longer be accepting cash transactions.

To be able to achieve this, the school strongly encourages all payments for fees, services, hearing devices and accessories to be made through GIRO deductions, ATM or internet banking transfers. Please contact the General Office at 67498791 for more information or assistance.

Important Dates

National Day Celebrations

The school will be celebrating National Day on Friday, 6 August. Students will report to school by 7.00 am and be dismissed at 10.30 am. Please note that Monday, 9 August is a public holiday and Tuesday, 10 August is a school holiday. Students will return to school on Wednesday, 11 August.

PSLE Oral Examination

The oral examinations will be conducted on Thursday, 12 August. It will be Home-Based Learning (HBL) for P1 to P5 students, hence they do not need to report to school.

On 13 August, all students are to report to school at 7.00 am and will be dismissed at 1.30 pm. The canteen will be closed so students are reminded to bring their own snacks for recess.

Dates and dismissal times to take note of:

Date	Activity	Remarks
Friday 6 August	National Day Observance	Dismissal is at 10.30am General Office closes at 2.30pm
Monday 9 August	National Day	Public Holiday
Tuesday 10 August		School Holiday
Thursday 12 August	PSLE Oral Examination (P6) & HBL (P1-5)	Only students who are taking the Oral examination will be allowed into school; all others will be on HBL
Wednesday 11 August & Friday 13 August	School as per normal	Dismissal at 1.30pm

P6 Preliminary Examinations

Dates	Subjects
19 August	English Paper 1 & 2
20 August	Mathematics
24 August	Science

A Visit by National University Hospital (NUH) Audiologists and Speech Therapist on 19 July 2021



Canossian School (CS) hosted audiologists and speech therapists from NUH as part of our outreach to partners. This event aimed to enhance awareness of Canossian School's mission, values, and unique features, so that hospital staff working with parents of children with hearing loss may counsel them more effectively regarding possible education pathways for these children.

Our visitors attended presentations by the Canossian School as well as the Canossaville Preschool, that covered topics such as the profile of our students and the unique services we offer to students with hearing loss. They also had the opportunity to visit our audiological testing room and ear mould lab.



They were invited to classes when students were attending lessons to witness the differentiated teaching, level of support and classroom infrastructure in comparison with mainstream schools. As a substantial number of our students are patients of these NUH audiologists and speech therapists, the visit had also provided them an opportunity to observe their patients in an educational setting.