

CANOSSIAN SCHOOL

REACH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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September 2020

From the Principal's Desk

This has been an extraordinary year for us. We are coming to the close of an unprecedented 13 weeks of Term 3 with a mid-term break in late July. We have been fortunate that the safe management measures that have been implemented at the school have helped keep us safe at the school. We cannot, however, let our guard down.

These extraordinary situations have demanded extraordinary initiatives. We have been leveraging on technology to run some CCAs and progressively resuming school activities over the past two months. We will continue to be guided by the national posture on managing the pandemic before we resume other important aspects of school life to support holistic student development.

One aspect of schooling that has changed over the last few months is how we have been experimenting with a blended learning approach. Blended Learning – a mix of online and in-person lessons – is here to stay for very good reasons. It nurtures self-directedness in learning and can take place both at home and in school. Children take more ownership over what they learn, how they learn and the pace at which they learn. They can choose to rewind a video, or pause it when they don't understand something. This gives them more control over their learning and instils confidence. It cannot be denied that digital learning exposes children to the darker side of the Internet and helping children learn to use it correctly will require a further strengthening of our home-school collaboration.

During the Home-Based Learning (HBL), many of our teachers went beyond the stipulated hours to spend time with individual students to make sure they kept pace with the curriculum. This is so typical of Canossian educators - they go beyond what is expected and give freely of themselves. At this point, I would like to put on record my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all our staff for their commitment and dedication. I hope that all parents and caregivers will join me in wishing all staff a **Happy Teachers' Day on Friday 4 September**.

God Bless!

Christina Michael (Ms)
Principal



National Day Celebration 2020

Celebrating 55th Singapore birthday in the midst of a pandemic

Our first-ever virtual event!

To inculcate in our students a sense of belonging and pride for our nation we commemorated National Day 2020 through a “live” streaming of the National Day Observance Ceremony to the classrooms. The ceremony was followed by a series of interesting classroom activities. Students learnt to about our SG heroes who have contributed to Singapore over the past few months and also learnt about how Singaporeans supported one another during the COVID-19 crisis. The morning’s celebration ended on a high note as our students tapped along to the National Day songs and joined in the choreographed steps as one, despite being in their separate classrooms.



Achievement & Awards Ceremony

Certificates of Achievement for Semester One 2020 were presented to pupils of exemplary character and commendable personal qualities based on the school values of Charity, Humility and Forgiveness.

Each semester, pupils from each respective level are nominated by their Form Teachers, in consultation with their respective CCA teachers and other subject teachers, for this award. Pupils are strongly encouraged to demonstrate school values consistently in order to receive a minimum grade of "Good" for their conduct. This year, with the safe measures with COVID-19, students received their certificates from their Form Teachers in a simple ceremony in their own classroom. Awards for our Top Readers were also presented to pupils who had read the most number of books.



Upcoming Events

Teachers' Day Celebration

The school will celebrate Teachers' Day on Thursday 3 September. Students will report to school as usual at 7.00am and be dismissed at 10.30am.

Term 3 holidays

Friday 4 September is Teachers' Day and is a school holiday.

The September school holidays are from Saturday, 5 September to Sunday, 13 September.

PSLE Listening Comprehension

Primary 6 pupils will be sitting for the Listening Comprehension Examination on **Friday 18 September**. Details will be furnished by the Form Teachers to parents nearer the date.

Pri 1 to Pri 5 pupils will have Home Based Learning on this day. They **do not** need to report to school.

Principal's Dialogue with Parents

Date	Time	Level
21 September	8.00-9.30	Primary 4
25 September	8.00-9.30	Primary 5

PSLE Dates

Date	Subject
1 October	English Language
2 October	Mathematics
6 October	Science

School Operating Hours

As we experience a cautious easing of safe management measures put in place to stem the spread of the pandemic, more school programmes can be conducted from Term 4. There are some programmes which can be conducted during school hours or as after-school enrichment programmes. The latter programmes are optional.

The General Office will resume its regular operating hours from Monday 14 September. It will be open from 7.30am to 5.00pm on Mondays to Thursdays and from 7.30am to 4.30pm on Fridays. It will be closed on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

