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Center of excellence for the education of children with hearing loss

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Nurturing each in their own way by forming hearts,
Enlightening minds and empowering spirits to live in
The Way, The Truth and The Life

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to the start of another year with Canossian School. The last two years have posed some challenges to all of us with the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic. We pray for a better year ahead so that we can return to some level of normalcy. We wish to continue with more enrichment activities and to be able to meet with all of you in person.



Some good news to share is that we can resume face-to-face CCAs. These sessions will commence after the Chinese New Year break. We also look forward to being able to continue with other enrichment programmes thereafter.

For this issue, I would like to update parents on the following:

1. Primary One students

This year we welcome a fair number of Primary One students who come from our on-site preschool, Canossaville Preschool as well as from other EIPIC centers. To date we have 20 new students and our Sisters, staff at Canossian School and at Canossa Catholic Primary School are very excited to work with each of them and their families.

2. PSLE Students (2021)

Last year we had 17 students in Primary 6. Of this group, 15 took the PSLE with 2 of them moving directly to SPED secondary schools of their choice. Our students who took the PSLE did very well and here is the breakdown of which schools they progressed to:

1. One student who went on to Deyi Secondary School through the Dierct Admission Exercise
2. The remaining girls went on to St Anthony's Secondary School
3. Four boys went on to Beatty Secondary School
4. Another four boys selected Crest Secondary as their choice
5. One boy went to Northlight School

We wish them all the best as they begin the next leg of their schooling.

3. Staff Movement

We welcome 3 new members of staff in 2022. They are:

- Mr Ben Teo (Operations Manager)
- Ms Florence Sin (Accounts Executive)
- Mr Don Lim (ICT Executive)

We bid farewell to Mr Ko Kuan Woei who taught Science to our Pri 5 and 6 students when he was with the school. We will miss Mr Ko and his contribution to the school.

4. Safe Management Measures (SMM)

To ensure that schools remain a safe place for teaching and learning, SMMs will continue to be observed when schools reopen, including visual screening and checking of vaccination status of individuals. To help ensure smooth entry into the school, all adults and children should have their TraceTogether tokens or app with them.

5. Strengthening our Partnership with Parents

Parents who have been with the school over the years would appreciate the importance we place on establishing a close working relationship with all our parents. We are equal and trusted partners in the educational journey of your children.

For this year, we have planned workshops as well as dialogue sessions for all parents. The schedule for the first round of dialogue sessions is as follows:

Date	Level	Time
Monday 10 Jan	Primary 1	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Monday 17 Jan	Primary 5	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Wednesday 19 Jan	Primary 6	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Friday 21 Jan	Primary 3	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Monday 24 Jan	Primary 4	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Friday 28 Jan	Primary 2	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

The dialogue sessions will be held over Zoom and the links for the sessions will be sent by Form Teachers the day before each session. Parents / guardians are strongly encouraged to attend the sessions assigned for your child's grade so that you are kept updated on policies and programmes for the year.

As children get back into school routines after the holidays, here are some tips to help them get into the right rhythm:

- Get enough sleep. Children in this age group may need 8-10 hours of sleep per night
- Make sure they have a balanced diet. Proper nutrition does contribute to brain functioning
- Encourage children to be physically active. Medical advice suggests at least 30 mins – 1 hour each day of active play or exercise
- Balance between screen time and green time. Do work towards controlling the time that children spend on electronic devices and regulate their screen time breaks. Allow children time for outdoor play as it contributes to a child's physical health, development and self-confidence.

Adopt these tips for a happy healthy child, I look forward to another year of working closely with all parents / guardians for the betterment of your child's educational experience with the school.

God Bless.

Christina Michael (Ms)
Principal

Events and Announcements



► Chinese New Year

The school will celebrate Chinese New Year on 31 Jan. Students will report to school from 7.00 am to 10.00am



► Afternoon Support Classes

- P6 will begin afternoon support in Term 1 week 2.
- P4-P5 will begin afternoon support in Term 1 week 3
- P2-P3 will begin afternoon support in Term 1 week 4.
- P1 will begin afternoon support in week 6.

Support classes will be conducted via zoom till further notice. More details will be provided by your child's respective Form Teachers later.



► Parents Talk at CCPS

Parents are encouraged to attend the Parents' Talk with CCPS on the following dates :

- P6 - 26 Jan
- P5 - 22 Feb



► P1 Orientation

We welcome the Primary Ones to our Canossian Family. We look forward to know more about you as you learn to know more about Canossian School. We are here to support you on your journey making sure you maximise your potential to the best of your abilities.



Welcoming the Primary One students



Parent child bonding activity

CCAs

- Virtual CCA will begin in week 4 for P2-P6. Respective CCA teachers will inform parents and students accordingly.
- The schedule for CCAs is:

CCA	Day / Time	Remarks
Art Club	Mondays (2.00 – 4.00pm)	Combined Art Club with CCPS is held on Mondays. All our students will participate in an Art Elective modular programme during selected band or choir sessions
Gardening Club	Fridays (2.00 – 3.30pm)	All our students will participate in an Art Elective modular programme during selected band or choir sessions
Percussion Band	Wednesdays (2.00 – 5.00pm) Fridays (2.00 – 3.30pm)	Physical sessions will be conducted in school on both days
Choir	Fridays (2.00 – 3.30pm)	Virtual CCA conducted in school until further notice



- We appreciate your co-operation on picking up your child promptly after the end of support classes or CCA.

CaringSG - a non-profit organization for special needs caregivers and the community.

CaringSG and Canossian School work together to understand how we can better support special needs caregivers of children with hearing loss. We take great pleasure in inviting you to join them as a member. At present, they have a volunteer pool of 34 caregiver support group leaders and caregiver advocates.

To find out more: <https://caring.sg/>



CaringSG holds monthly webinars on caregiver topics and this is the upcoming one:

Future care planning: Financial aspects

Date: 22 January 2022 Saturday, 8pm - 10pm

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Register at
caring.sg/webinarjan2022

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Marcus Goh, LUTCF
Marcus has nearly 30 years' experience in the Financial Services Industry. He is currently leading a strong team of 60 plus consultants, and he is with a bigger Cluster of 500 plus consultants. He is constantly involved in training and doing joint field work and case studies with financial consultants from his Cluster and his branch on Will and Trust.

Edward Chan
Edward is the father to 2 autistic daughters aged 13 years and 10 years. He is the CAREconnect lead at CaringSG, a course facilitator at SG Enable, a grassroots leader and the admin of CASPER, a support group for parents of special needs children.

Membership is free!

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We hope their events will be useful to you in your journey of caring for your child.

School Terms for 2022

School Operating Hours:

The General Office will operate from 6.30am – 5.00pm on Monday to Thursday and 6.30am to 4.30pm on Friday.

Semester 1	
Term 1	Tuesday 4 Jan to Friday 11 March
Term 2	Monday 21 March to Friday 27 May
Semester 2	
Term 3	Monday 27 June to Friday 2 September
Term 4	Monday 12 September to Friday 18 November

Scheduled School Holidays for 2022

School Holidays Operating Hours:

The General Office will operate from 7.30am – 3.30pm on Monday to Friday.

Holiday	Date
Youth Day	Sunday 3 July <i>(The following Monday, 4 Jul 2022 will be a scheduled school holiday)</i>
Day after National Day	Wednesday 10 August
Teachers' Day	Friday 2 September
Children's Day <i>(for primary schools and primary sections of full schools only)</i>	Friday 7 October

Public Holidays for 2022

Holiday	Date
New Year's Day	*Sat 1 January
Chinese New Year	Tuesday 1 February
	Wednesday 2 February
Good Friday	Friday 15 April
Labour Day	**Sunday 1 May
Hari Raya Puasa	Tuesday 3 May ¹
Vesak Day	***Sunday 15 May
Hari Raya Haji	****Sunday 10 July ¹
National Day	Tuesday 9 August
Deepavali	Monday 24 October
Christmas Day	*****Sunday 25 December

**Monday, 3 Jan, will be a school holiday.*

***Monday, 2 May, will be a public holiday.*

****Monday, 16 May, will be a public holiday.*

*****Monday, 11 Jul, will be a public holiday.*

******Monday, 26 Dec, will be a public holiday.*

¹ Following the announcement by the Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (Muis) on 21 October 2021 on the revised dates for Hari Raya Puasa and Hari Raya Haji in 2022, the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) has gazetted 3 May 2022 and 10 Jul 2022 as the new public holidays for Hari Raya Puasa and Hari Raya Haji respectively.