



REACH

Monthly Newsletter



May 2019

SCHOOL OF CHOICE FOR STUDENTS WITH HEARING LOSS

From the Principal's Desk

We are very quickly coming to the end of the first half of the academic year. It has been hectic for us at and I am certain it hasn't been any easier for families at home. Our students are in the midst of their assessments for this semester and will bring home their reports on their academic progress.

While the school devotes much of its time to supporting students in their learning needs, the home has its own role in supporting their social-emotional development. Often I meet with parents who share their challenges with managing their children at home.

One tip that parents should bear in mind when children act up (being defiant, throwing tantrums, etc) is that they may be seeking attention due to unmet needs. Children may not always be able to express or communicate their needs. Our role as parents is to try to identify and understand those needs and how best to meet them. This does not mean giving in to their demands. Sometimes the question to ask is, "Have I filled my child's emotional cup?"

With the holidays around the corner, now is a good time for parents and caregivers to think about how to spend high quality time with their children. High quality time does not mean high cost! It is high commitment and making this a priority in building positive relationships with your children. Make the right choices during the June vacation.

Ms Christina Michael (Principal)



Have you filled
your child's cup
today ?

SMILE. BE KIND. OFFER A HUG.
PAUSE. BREATHE. LISTEN.
TEACH. SOLVE PROBLEMS. LOVE.

Andrea Lim M.A.
Positive Parenting Connection

Suggestions on spending high quality time with children:

- Check out our revitalized parks and park connectors
<https://www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature>
- Visit our public libraries to participate in their holiday activities:
<https://www.nlb.gov.sg/Programmes/ProgrammesforChildren.aspx>
- Visit our museums
<https://www.timeout.com/singapore/things-to-do/best-museums-in-singapore>

Highlights in April

Canossian School Choir



Canossian School Choir's debut public performance

Canossian School Choir's first performance this year was at the Esplanade Concourse on Sunday 14 April 2019.

The event, coordinated by Our Voices Connect, featured a collaboration of choirs from three SPED schools, a brother-sister duet by Dave and Danielle Abelinde as well as the debut of a beautiful poem written by Isabelle Lim and sung by her cousin, Yin May Tham. Isabelle was signing alongside her cousin.

This was the Choir's first public performance. They delighted the audience with 'A Better Place' and a medley of two songs, 'I have a Dream' and 'A Million Dreams'. There were parts where Kristel and Isaac sang solo. The choir sang with much gusto and spirit and the applause by the audience which included tourists visiting the Esplanade was resounding. Well done Canossian School Choir!

P5s on Katong-Joo Chiat Trail



Learning about Peranakan Culture

P5s together with their counterparts from CCPS went on a walkabout in the Katong/Joo Chiat area to discover the Peranakan Culture on 17 April 2019. Once filled with coconut plantations, Katong was developed into a residential suburb in the early 20th century.

The students were truly immersed in the local Peranakan heritage as they strolled past colourful two-storey shophouses and single-story terrace houses with ornate facades, decorated with intricate motifs and ceramic tiles displaying a mix of Malay, Chinese and Indonesian influence.

The students were introduced to the Peranakan beaded shoes as well as the traditional nonya costume, the kebaya, very much still worn by the Nonyas today. They passed one of the few remaining rattan furniture shops and patronised a well-known shop, established in 1945, selling traditional Peranakan 'kuehs'.

Before heading back to school, the students were treated to a sumptuous Peranakan lunch. It was a morning well spent despite walking in the heat of our Singapore sun.

P4 & P5 Camp booster at MOE LABRADOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE LEARNING CENTRE (OALC)



Rock climbing



Team building activity

P4 & P5 students, together with their classmates from CCPS, attended a camp booster programme on 1 April 2019, a follow up on the P4 & P5 Camp held earlier in January.

The objective was to build resilience and camaraderie among the pupils.

Some high element activities planned included Challenge Rope Course, Rock Wall, Bouldering and Abseiling.

However, due to inclement weather conditions, the students could only participate in Bouldering and Indoor Rock Wall climbing. Nevertheless, this did not dampen the spirit of the students as they had great fun bonding and interacting at indoor Team Building activities.

P4 Art Learning Journey @ National Gallery



Learning through art

Our P4 students joined their peers at CCPS on an art appreciation trip at National Gallery Singapore. Our guides, who are art lovers, shared a wealth of knowledge about our talented local artists and the messages they hope to convey through their beautiful art pieces. They learnt to analyze paintings and emotions hidden behind them. Our students unleashed their creativity by sharing their feelings and views of the art exhibits, and creating their own virtual art pieces, like ceramics and stamps. They had a whale of time and their horizon on the world of arts has widened.

Upcoming events

Meet-the-Parents (MTP) Term 2

Form Teachers will schedule individual sessions with parents. At the meeting, parents will be updated on the progress of their child. Parents will be informed of the schedule by their form teachers.

Afternoon Support Classes in Term 3

Support classes will begin on 9 July.

ENT visit: Friday 10 May

Regular check-ups by ENT doctors are important for our pupils due to the following conditions: Ear wax accumulation, Ear Infections, Ear Fluid accumulation or/and foreign body in the ear.

Canossian School have been arranging for our pupils to have regular semester checks by our visiting ENT doctors, Prof Henry Tan and his team from KKH.

Parents are advised to maintain good ear hygiene by cleaning your child's ear mould and external ear area

Things to note

Last day of Support and School (Term 2)

Last day of support class is on Thursday 9 May.

Last day of school is on Thursday 30 May.

June School Holidays

The June school holidays are from 1 June to 30 June. Students are to report back to school on 1 July 2019.

School Operating Hours

During the school holidays, the General Office will be open from 7.30am to 3.30pm on Mondays to Fridays.

Parents are advised to contact the school first before coming.

The General office contact number is 67498971.