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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

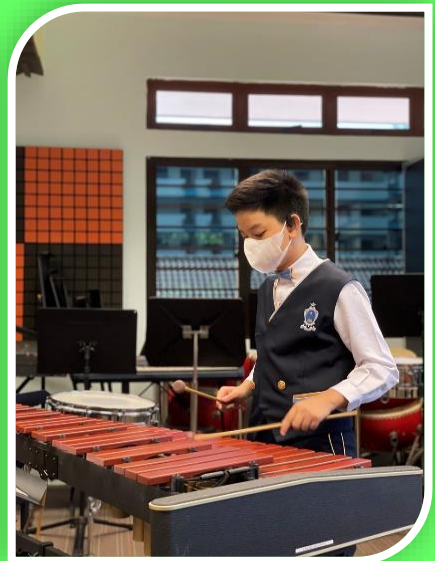
Dear Parents / Guardians

My message in this edition centres on the directions we take as we continue to pursue our mission as a Catholic school, guided by our newly-appointed Cardinal. I have also included a recount of our involvement in Catholic Education Sunday.

On the evening of September 8, 2022, the feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, William Cardinal Goh celebrated a Thanksgiving Solemn Mass at the Church of St Joseph (Bukit Timah) to thank God for His gift of being a cardinal to Singapore. At the homily, he outlined four areas of priority for his Cardinalate. Firstly, he encouraged the faithful to be proactive in empowering our laity, including the women, so that our Church is ready to meet the trying times of our future. Secondly, there is a need for our humanitarian organisations to become more creative in managing their limited resources to help the poor, the neglected and the marginalised in Asia and Africa.

Thirdly, Singapore, being a multi-racial and multi-religious nation, is in an advantageous position to promote inter-religious dialogue and be a showcase and an inspiration of religious harmony for the rest of the world.

Lastly, we should partake of the call of our Pope to be more involved in the work of ecology. Although this work would require personal sacrifice from the faithful for the sake of the Gospel, Cardinal Goh invited us all to keep close to their hearts the consoling words of the angel to St Joseph as he lay sleeping, 'Do not be afraid!' (Matthew 1:20).



Ms Serena and Isabel Yeo (P4) with our Cardinal Goh

Catholic Education Sunday (10 – 11 September 2022)

Catholic Education Sunday is a recent initiative by the Church to create awareness of the importance of the collaboration between the school, Church and family to deliver a unique Catholic and Christ-centred education. The theme for this year was, “To Love, Dignify, Serve and Lead.” Over the weekend, Catholic schools partnered with various parishes across Singapore in a variety of ways to celebrate mass.

Students from Canossa Catholic Primary School and Canossian School participated at the 10.30a.m. mass at St Stephen’s Church as way of involving our Catholic students in ministry work. After mass, students and staff, joined by children representatives from Canossaville Preschool sold bread to parishioners as a reminder of our call to serve. Bread is significant for the Canossians as we live out the mission of our Foundress who distributed homemade bread to the poor where they formed queues outside her home for their daily meals. Proceeds from the sale of bread was directed to the society of St Vincent de Paul, an organisation that is committed to serving the poorest in our community.



Students and Staff selling bread to raise funds after Mass



Joel Lin (P5) and Rhys Fu (P3) offering bread and wine respectively during mass as a symbol of God's love.

God bless!

Christina Michael (Ms)
Principal

Lee Kuan Yew (LKY) Student Exemplary Award 2022

We are proud to announce that Siti Mardhiyyah from Pri 6 Peace was awarded the Lee Kuan Yew Student Exemplary Award. This award honours students who have risen above the odds to become exemplary role models to their peers through their progress and progress in various areas, such as academic, vocational, sports and art domains. Siti displays a very positive attitude towards learning, and is resilient in overcoming challenges in her life. Her active participation in school as a choir member and as a prefect, together with her life experiences have shaped to being a role model and an inspiration to her schoolmates.



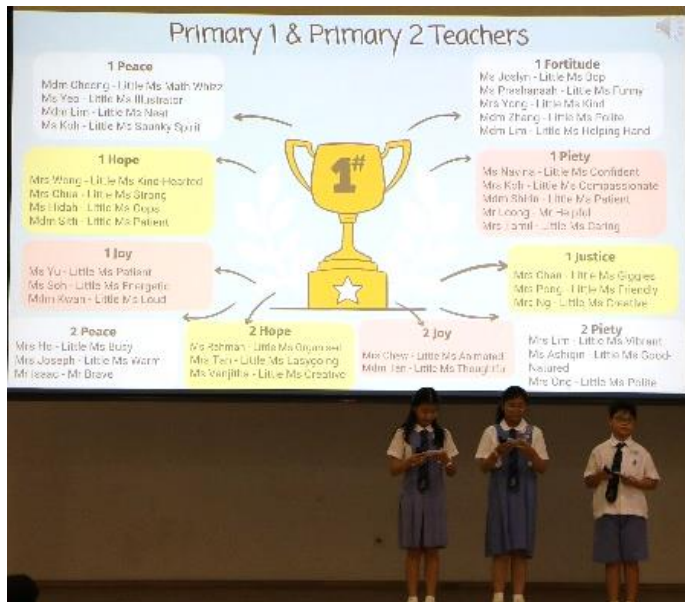
Outstanding Security Officer Award 2022

Our security officer, Mr Bernard Roy, received an award for being an Outstanding Security Officer by the Security Association Singapore for his dedication and commitment.



Teachers' Day Celebration

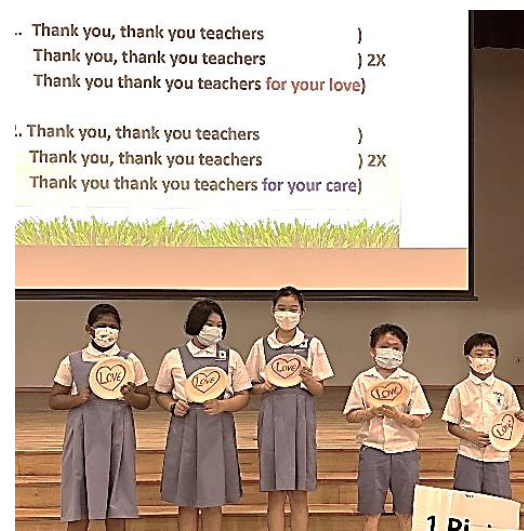
This year, our Prefects and Peer Support Leaders from CS and CCPS came together to run this event. Students put up dance performances, sang and played the violin and piano to express gratitude and appreciation to the teachers for their dedication and hard work. Teachers were presented with awards too. Students and staff had a great time!



Awards for teachers nominated by their students



Prefects presenting awards to the teachers



Students sang their hearts out in gratitude to teachers

Digital Art @ ECO Art (P5)

This course is held on every Friday during CCA hours. It aims to allow students to explore and reflect the nature in their perspectives. It addresses the technical, aesthetic, and conceptual challenges implicit with digital photography. It is conducted in-house, by Mr Don Lim, our ICT Executive. Students use the basic camera app from ipads and are taught the foundation of photo taking and photo editing using the online photo editing software (Photopea.com).

At the end of the session, the students are required to present their views and feelings of their products and to submit a digital photo album to evaluate their mastery of content learnt.



"The infinity" taken by Danysh (P5) 22 July 2022



"The nature explorer" taken by Sherfyna (P5)
22 July 2022



"A different viewpoint" taken by Danysh (P5)
22 July 2022

Important Dates

Dates	Events
PSLE Dates for Pri 6 Students	
Thursday, 29 Sept Friday, 30 Sept Monday, 3 Oct Tuesday, 4 Oct	English Language Paper 1 and Paper 2 Mathematics Mother Tongue Science
SA2 Dates for Pri 3 to Pri 5 Students	
Tuesday, 11 Oct Wednesday, 26 Oct Thursday, 27 Oct Friday, 28 Oct	English Paper 1 and Listening Comprehension Science English Language Paper 2 Mathematics
Children's Day Celebration	
Thursday, 6 Oct Friday, 7 Oct (Children's Day)	Students will report from 7.00am - 1.30pm There will be no school
Principal's Dialogue sessions	
Monday, 10 Oct at 6.30pm via zoom (link will be provided nearer the date)	Principal's dialogue session with parents of Pri 4 and Pri 5
Support Class	
Thursday, 13 Oct	Last day of support class
PSLE Marking Days	
Monday, 17 Oct – Tuesday, 18 Oct Wednesday, 19 Oct Thursday, 20 Oct Friday, 21 Oct	Pri 1 – Pri 6 will report to school from 7.00am - 1.30pm Home Based Learning (HBL) for Pri 1 – Pri 5 Students of all levels do not report to school All students will report to school from 7.00am – 1.30pm (No CCA)
Deepavali	
Monday, 24 Oct	Public Holiday – There will be no school

Talk by SG Enable for Parents

Graduating from school and moving to the next phase of life can be both exciting and unfamiliar for students with special needs. Hence, it is essential to be aware of the different options that are available, so as to be able to make informed decisions. Beyond main pathways of mainstream secondary and tertiary education for Canossian School graduates, there are also other resources and programmes available for person with disabilities (PwDs) to tap on. These may provide an opportunity for them to develop new interests and capabilities as they explore, with the benefit of a safety net.

Representatives from SG Enable, an agency dedicated to enabling persons with disabilities, will share more on opportunities and support for PwDs in areas such as employment, arts, sports and caregiver support.

Join us in learning how such resources can be beneficial as PwDs continue to be enabled and developed in different pathways.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/7bEggbdqnfkFVUnQ7>



Date: **Tuesday, 1 November 2022**

Time: **6:30pm**

Venue: Zoom (Zoom details will be provided only to those who have registered for the session)



Annual Thanksgiving 2022

**November
15**

3.30pm - 5.00pm

Live & In-Person

We can't unveil the details just yet (sorry!) but we can say:

Circle this date and make yourself available

Tips for Parents

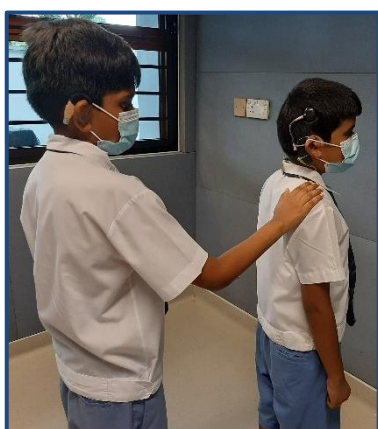
Useful communication techniques for speaking to children with hearing loss

Auditory processing is a natural process of taking in sound through the ears and passing it to the brain to be interpreted. It has been found that people with hearing loss, even with appropriate amplification, unfortunately will continue to have some degree of processing deficit.

To help the child overcome this listening barrier, the following tips will be useful when you are speaking with a child with hearing loss:

1) Attention

Get the child's attention before speaking. Hearing devices amplify ALL sounds, so the child may not realize you are speaking to him as he is constantly and simultaneously receiving lots of sound input.



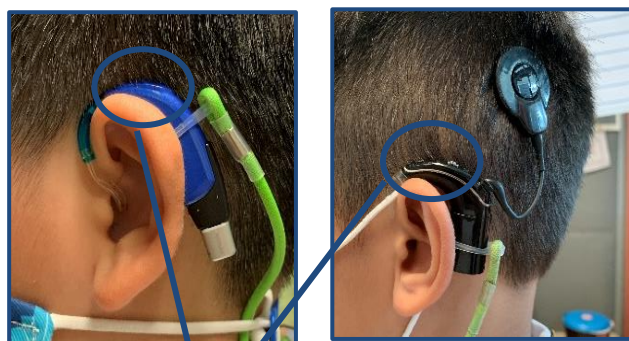
Get child's attention first



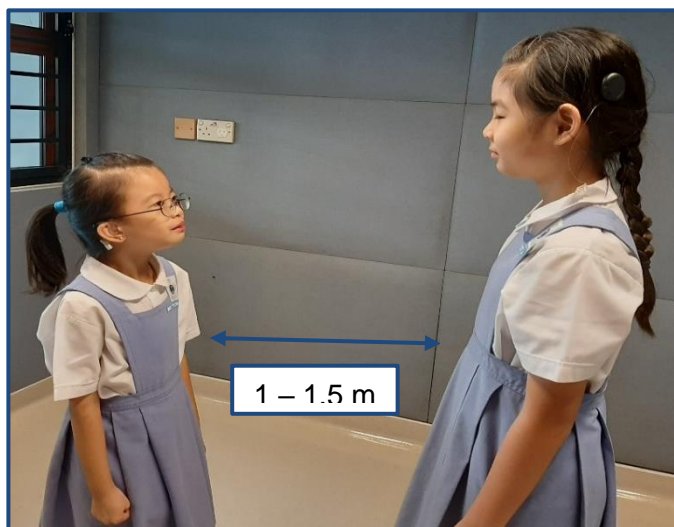
Now, speak with your child

2) Distance and Orientation

Face the child and stand close to him (1 - 1.5m). Microphones of hearing devices are frontal, so it is best to stand in front of the child to allow the microphones to have optimal sound input.

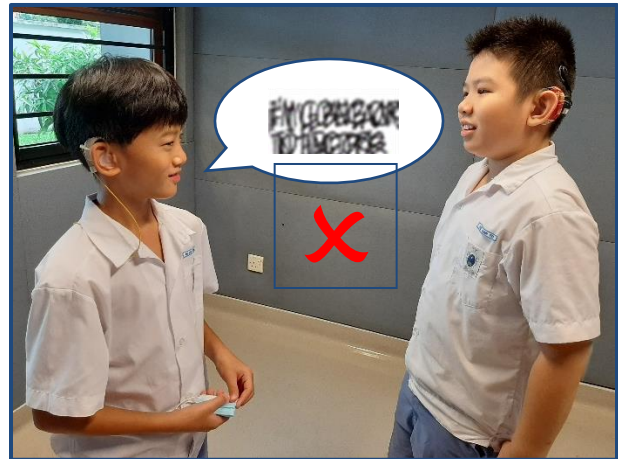
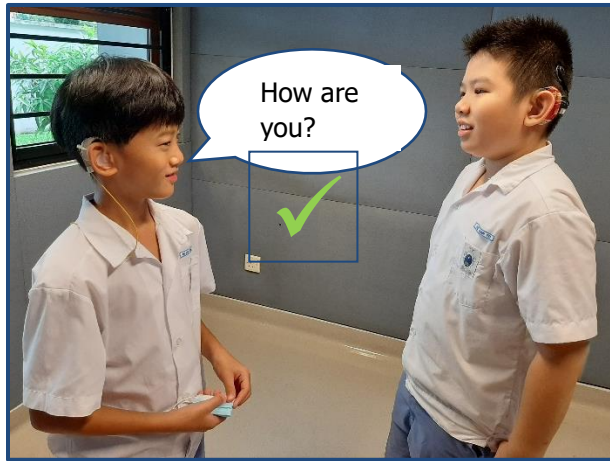


Microphones



3) Pace and Volume

Speak at a moderate pace and volume. Speaking too fast makes it difficult for the child to process the speech as his devices need time to capture the speech and his brain needs time to interpret. There is no need to exaggerate your speech or slow it down to an unnatural pace. Speaking too loudly may also distort speech.



4) Wait time

Be patient, give the child some time before he can answer you. His devices need time to capture the speech and his brain needs time to interpret what has been spoken.

