

# REACH

Center of excellence for the education of children with hearing loss

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## CANOSSIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



### OUR MOTTO

#### VIA, VERITAS, VITA (The Way, The Truth, The Life)

Our motto draws its inspiration from Jesus Christ. We take Him as our model and seek to follow in His footsteps.

#### Via (The Way)

We walk confidently and joyfully on the path of life, overcoming all difficulties with fortitude and prayer.

#### Veritas (The Truth)

We are sincere in word, deed and action.  
We are open to truth and knowledge.

#### Vita (The Life)

We live for others, ready to share, serve and sacrifice for others.

#### Our Mission

Nurturing each in her/his own way by forming hearts, enlightening minds and empowering spirits to live in The Way, The Truth and The Life

#### Our Values

The core values that guide the educative process at Canossian School are based on the Canossian values of Faith, Charity, Humility and Forgiveness.



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## From the Principal's Desk

### Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome back to Semester 2. I certainly hope the June holidays was a good time for you to reconnect with your children and for the family to relax and recharge. I'm sure you are all aware of the importance of family time for healthy child development as it helps to maintain parent-child attachment and preserve a sense of belonging as part of a family and community. Family time also makes for lifelong memories and creates an environment that builds self-esteem and character in children. I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank you for keeping your children on track by spending some time their holiday assignments.

During the holidays, we celebrated the Feast Day of one of our Founding Saints, St Anthony of Padua. The Feast Day falls on 13 June and we hardly have an opportunity to share much about his life and influence on our school. I will dedicate this edition to a short sharing of his life and works.

Saint Anthony was born Fernando Martins in Lisbon, Portugal. He was born into a wealthy family and by the age of fifteen asked to enter into theological studies in order to become a priest. During his time in the Abbey, he learned theology and Latin and soon felt a longing to join the Franciscan Order and became a friar. He planned to travel to Morocco to spread God's truth, but became extremely sick and returned to Portugal to recover. His return voyage was blown off-course and he landed in Tuscany in Italy. As he recovered, Anthony spent his time praying and studying. Over time, his gift for clarity and eloquence in speech spread far and wide.

With his gift, he was soon tasked with teaching younger seminarians. Anthony had a book of psalms that contained notes and comments to help when teaching his students which he greatly valued it. When a novice decided to leave the order, he stole Anthony's valuable note book. When Anthony discovered it was missing, he prayed it would be found or returned to him. Oddly, the thief not only returned the book, he returned to the Order as well.

Anthony was only 35-years-old when he died and was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX. He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus and is commonly referred to today as the "finder of lost articles." St Anthony is venerated all over the world as the Patron Saint for lost articles, and is credited with many miracles involving lost people, lost things and even lost spiritual goods.



As a patron saint of the Canossians, we hope that St Anthony will find favour with our students and impart the gift of speech and communication for our students as far as they are able to.

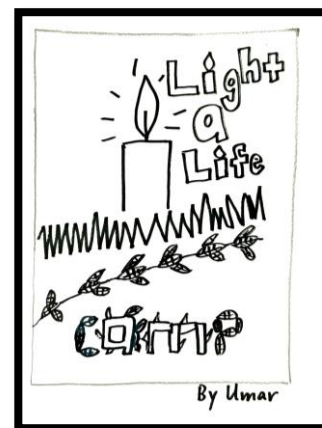
God Bless.

**Christina Michael (Ms)**  
Principal



## School Camp (12 – 13 May)

The Canossian School Annual School Camp was held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May. The theme for this year's camp was "Light a Life" (Accendi La Vita), with the aim of forging camaraderie in students across different levels through common challenging experience. Students went on a nature trail at Sungei Buloh, and were introduced to some of the flora and fauna of the mangrove habitat by an experienced guide. A good part of the day's activities also took place at Camp Christine in Lim Chu Kang, where campers navigated rope obstacles and tried their hands at outdoor cooking, preparing a serving of instant noodles with mess tins and solid fuels. The children were also treated to a memorable campfire (a first for many) on the school grounds in the evening. Groups took turns to perform their song and dance amidst cheers and applause from their schoolmates and the very energetic camp instructors. The next morning saw the children coming together in their respective groups to build a roller coaster from basic recycled materials. The smiles on the faces of the campers as they bid farewell to the teachers and camp instructors when we broke camp stood as a good testimony that the children had enjoyed themselves. We believe the children have come away a little more confident and resilient; and that the camp had in some ways, lit their own and another's lives as they fulfilled the theme of the camp.



A photo collage of the school camp

## Adventure Week (22 – 25 May)

The students had a wonderful Adventure Week during the last week of the Term 2. The aim of the programme is to provide students with the opportunities to acquire and apply the knowledge and skills in the 6 dimensions SIMPAI (Spiritual Growth, Intellectual Ability, Mental Health and Physical Health, Artistic Grace, Identity Development). The programme also aims to inculcate a growth mindset in our students, specifically to inculcate the power of “Yet” where students exhibit the positive attitude in the face of a new learning or challenges.



Joel Cai (Pri 2 Hope) engaged in the activity of speed stacking cups game



Qiara Adreanna (Pri 2 Peace) acquired the skill of archery



Jayden Koay (Pri 4 Peace) honed his abilities in rock climbing wall



Pri 6 students take pleasure in barbecue



## Borouge-Canossian Launch of "Food for Taught"

In May, we held the official launch of the Greenhouse Initiative, "**Food for Taught**" in Canossian School by Borouge Pte Ltd, with the support of their partners, Edible Garden City, Vis and Son Company Limited and Yili Farm. This initiative aims to educate the younger generation about sustainable farming practices.

Two student emcees, Isabelle Yeo (Pri 5 Joy) and Rhys Fu (Pri 4 Hope), shared with the Borouge team on how our school garden has been a valuable resource for their learning in Science, English and Art. We also showcased some of the students' projects done using plants from our garden. Four other students; Lucas Hoa (Pri 3 Hope), Nur Adriana (Pri 4 Peace), Valantina Navaraj (Pri 4 Hope) and Foo Chi Yuan (Pri 5 Piety) guided the Borouge team to our garden to grace the opening ceremony. During the opening ceremony, the plaque next to the Greenhouse was unveiled. The Borouge Senior Management representatives accompanied by our students, planted and watered the seedlings for the Greenhouses.



Link to view the video clip (<https://youtu.be/mH4S53bOufw>)



A photo collage of the event "Food for Taught"



## Book Alive

Book Alive is a platform for the Pri 1 to Pri 3 students to develop their public speaking and presentation skills for effective communication. Students learn to research on characters or topics which they present to their peers. They also prepared props and visuals to enhance their presentations and to engage the audience. The practice sessions helped the students to prepare themselves to be clear and confident speakers with appropriate use of body language and gestures. More importantly, they also learn to be active listeners, asking questions and providing feedback.



Pri 1 students sharing on animal facts



Pri 2 students dramatising 'The Hungry Caterpillar'



Lucas Hoa (Pri 3 Hope) sharing on his favourite book

## Important Dates

Dates	Events
<b>Monday, 3 July</b>	There will be no school – <b>Youth Day</b>
<b>CCA Resume Dates</b> CCA will resume on Friday, 7 July	Students will report to school from 7.00am to 3.30pm
<b>Afternoon Support Classes</b> Lessons will resume on Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Students will report to school from 7.00am to 3.30pm
<b>Primary 6 Preliminary Exams</b> The P6 will be taking their Preliminary Examinations on the following dates:  <b>Tuesday, 25 July 2023</b> <b>Friday, 18 August 2023</b> <b>Monday, 21 August 2023</b> <b>Wednesday, 23 August 2023</b>	<b>English Language Listening Comprehension</b> <b>English Language Paper 1 and Paper 2</b> <b>Mathematics</b> <b>Science</b>
<b>PSLE Oral Examinations</b> The P6 will be sitting for their oral exams on <b>Tuesday, 15 August 2023</b> <b>Wednesday, 16 August 2023</b>	

### ENT visit on Friday, 21 July 2023

Regular check-ups by Ear Nose Throat (ENT) doctors are important for our students due to the following conditions: Accumulation of ear wax, ear Infections, fluid accumulation in the middle ear, or/and foreign body in the ear.

Canossian School has been arranging for our students to be checked 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 the external ear area.

### *About our safeguarding*



We are committed to making sure everyone in our organisation and our local support groups make a positive contribution to the wellbeing of individuals and communities. Our commitment to best practice makes every effort to protect all children, young people and adults at risk from harm, abuse, neglect and/or exploitation.

We want your children to grow, learn, have fun and stay safe and take these responsibilities very seriously. We have procedures which are intended to keep children safe when they are involved in our events, or when they are accessing our services.

### **How do we do this?**

- Check out activities, buildings and venues to make sure they are safe for your children.
- Make sure staff and volunteers are suitable to work with your children.
- Make sure staff and volunteers know what to do if they think your children are being harmed at home or somewhere else.
- Help children and young people to treat each other with respect.
- Give you and your children information to help keep them safe, online and offline.
- Give communication support to children to make sure they have understood information, especially about safety.



Reference: [National Deaf Children's Society](#)