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Center of excellence for the education of children with hearing loss

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# CANOSSIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



#### 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**

As we approach the second term holiday, we can look back on a very successful term and thank the God, our staff and key partners who have made it possible. Special thanks to you, our parents for your continuous encouragement and support. The end of Term 3 is traditionally our Staff Appreciation Day. Although the date has been shifted this year, I am certain that you will agree with me that the spirit of deep appreciation of all our staff remains steadfast and strong. Each one of them brings an amazing zest and commitment to their work and to ensuring that all our students meet with success in their learning.

The next term promises to be as fast-paced and as hectic for all of us. Our Primary 6 students are maintaining a steady momentum in their preparation for the PSLE exams and I am sure they will do us proud this year. We trust that parents will continue the necessary support on this last leg of the journey. All other levels have been working diligently as they prepare for the final term assessments. This year, our Primary 3 students will have their first taste of formal examinations and we wish them well.

In keeping with tradition, our staff and students have begun with their preparations for our Annual Thanksgiving. For prior information, it will be held at CCPS Hall on Friday 17 November at 3.00pm. Please mark the date in your calendar and we look forward to seeing all of you at the event this year. It is a highlight of the year as we celebrate the many achievements of our students.

It leaves me now to take the time to wish all families, staff and students a restful September break before the breakneck pace of Term 4. Safe travels for those who are travelling and for those who prefer to appreciate our locale, may it be a time for rest and relaxation. Take this opportunity to build stronger relationships with your loved ones and rejuvenate your spirit and soul for the rest of the year.



## **K2 to Primary One Bridging Programme**

We are excited to announce the commencement of the K2 to Primary One Bridging Programme for this year. This comprehensive program, spanning 10 sessions, will be led by our experienced Senior Teacher along with the dedicated Primary One Form Teachers for the year 2024.

The primary objectives of this programme are as follows:

- To equip children with vital skills that will facilitate a seamless transition to Primary One.
- To refine and enhance English language capabilities encompassing listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.
- To introduce fundamental mathematical concepts in an engaging manner.
- To provide parents with insights into the specific audiological requirements associated with primary school education, enabling them to better support their children's learning journey.

Sessions for the programme will take place weekly, specifically on Tuesday and/or Friday afternoons, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. The program is scheduled to commence on August 18, 2023.

We look forward to fostering a productive and supportive learning environment through this bridging programme, ensuring a smooth transition for our young learners as they embark on their Primary One adventure.







Engagement session at Bridging Programme

# **Borouge Canossian CSR project - Agriculture course**

On 4 August 2023, our students participated in an Agriculture Course conducted by Urban Farmer, Mr Chris Leow. The course was sponsored by Borouge under the Borouge Canossian School CSR Project. The first part of the course was 'Introduction to Farming' where students learnt how to grow healthy crops, how to sow seeds and how to maintain crops by watering and fertilizing. The second part was a hands-on session where students made compost from food scraps and planted in the greenhouse seedlings of crops like daikon, sweetcorn, okra and xiao bai cai. It was indeed a very unforgettable and enriching experience for our students.



Our young 'urban farmers' inside the greenhouse



We have learnt so much about farming. Thank you, Chris!



We made compost!



Introducing the types of crops to be planted

# **Important Dates to note**

Dates	Events
<b>Thursday, 31 August</b> – All students will be dismissed at 10.30am	Teacher's Day Celebration
Friday, 1 Sept	Public Holiday – Polling Day
*Saturday, 2 Sept to Sunday, 10 Sept	September School Holidays
Mon, 11 September	Scheduled School Holiday – Teachers' Day
Friday, 15 Sept	PSLE Listening Comprehension for Pri 6s Students from Pri 1 to Pri 5 will have e-Learning
Thursday, 28 September Friday, 29 September Tuesday, 3 October Monday, 2 October and Wednesday, 4 Oct	PSLE English Paper 1 and 2 PSLE Mathematics PSLE Science PSLE MT and HMT (respectively) – P6s need not report to school
Tuesday, 3 October	Last day of afternoon support.
Thursday, 5 October	Children's Day Celebration- Students report to school from 7.00 am to 1.30 pm.
Friday, 6 October	Scheduled School Holiday - Children's Day

# **School Operating Hours:**

During the **September school holidays**, the General Office will be open from **7.30am to 3.30pm**. Parents are advised to contact the school first before coming. The General office contact number is **67498971**.

# **School Road Safety**





Safety Reminders: Drop-Off/ Pick-Up of Pupils in school

Alight your child at Canossa Convent foyer.	
Morning Drop Off time :	6.30am - 7.20am

Pick your child at Canossian School carpark.	
Pick-up time (Mon & Wed)	1.15pm - 1.30pm
Pick-up time (Tues/ Thur/ Fri):	3.15pm - 3.30pm

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the following safety issues, as advised by LTA:

Points to note when driving your child to school

- 1. Please do not alight your child at the carpark.
- 2. Please follow the directional signs, speed limit and markers set to ensure smooth traffic flow.
- 3. Please do not drive in a manner which will pose a threat to the other road users and our pupils.
- 4. Parking/ waiting in your vehicle at the pick-up point is not allowed.

We thank you for your co-operation and patience in keeping our students safe.

# The Biennial Special Education (SPED) Learning Festival

The biennial Special Education (SPED) Learning Festival for parents and caregivers will be held on 4 November 2023 from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

The theme for this year is **See Possibilities, Inspire Community, Empower Dreams.** 

Seeing possibilities in a changing landscape is the starting point of making the seemingly impossible a reality. When we see with new eyes we see unexplored possibilities for our students. When the community (parents, partners, employers) comes together to embrace these, they are enthused and inspired to work together as ONE, making these possibilities into reality and empowering our students to realise their dreams.

Come join the practitioners in their online workshops and hear directly from them how you can impact the life of your child through the things that you do as a parent and caregiver!

Professionals will share how to support and encourage your child towards independence.

More details on the registration will be released at the end of September.

Stay tuned!



# **Upcoming Events organized by:**



We have compiled a list of our upcoming parenting events to allow you to learn practical tips to help your children build resilience and communicate effectively with them.



**5 Tips to Easily Motivate Your Child for Success**Learn about your child's strengths and talents to motivate them for success beyond grades.

**Register Now** 

#### **Monster in Every Room**

This talk aims to shed light on the monstrous porn industry that can enter every room and mind. Understand why pornography is so attractive and how it cripples our children. Be equipped with practical tips to tackle this insidious addiction.



**Register Now** 



### **Sharing Sexuality with your Child**

This talk will equip parents to journey with their children on the topic of sexuality and learn how and when to share age-appropriate and value-based sexuality teachings with them.

**Register Now** 

# Compassion and Truth - Negotiating the Teenage Years

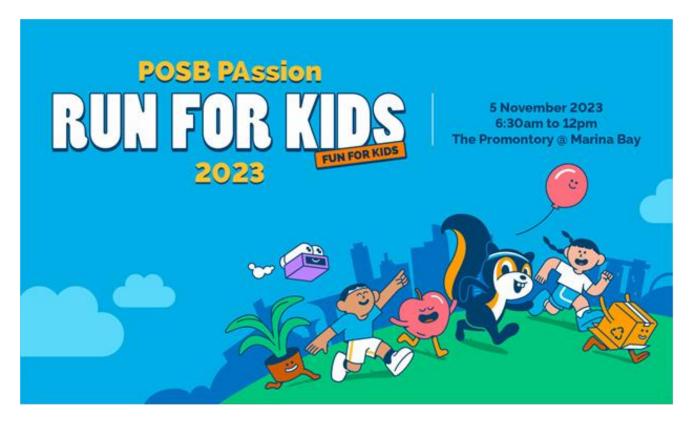
Many parents find themselves faced with a stranger when their child turns into a contrary teenager. Do we stay firm or give in? How should parents navigate this turbulent period for themselves and their teenager?



**Register Now** 

For more enquiries, please contact us at 64880278 or email <a href="mailto:events@familylife.sg">events@familylife.sg</a>. Blessings and Warmest Regards
Catholic Family Life

### **POSB PAssion Run for Kids 2023**



This year's **POSB PAssion Run for Kids** will be an in-person event with a carnival featuring five unique and immersive worlds — each world is packed with engaging activities and fun surprises for everyone to enjoy. We would like to invite you, your colleagues, parents and students to register for this year's run at the Marina Promontory where participants can take in spectacular views of Singapore's iconic Bayfront as they participate in a myriad of fun-filled activities. Find out more at <a href="https://www.posb.com.sg/runforkids">www.posb.com.sg/runforkids</a>

**Exclusively for kids**: There's also free limited-edition POSB Run for Kids watch straps up for grabs! Simply clock a minimum of 1.2km in the month of October with a Smart Buddy watch, and show this at the Smart Buddy booth on race day to redeem a strap (while stocks last).