



ST ANDREW'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Our Vision

St Andrew's Village - Home of Servant Leaders who Bring Life to the Nations

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. Celebrations

Through the success and recognition accorded to SAJS, we thank God for encouraging TEAM SAJS as we nurture our boys to be the Servant Leaders that we aspire them to be. We are also grateful for the support and partnership from our stakeholders and Saints parents in our endeavour.

A. Lee Kuan Yew Award for All-round Excellence (Primary) [LKY ARE (Primary)] 2018

The LKY ARE (Primary) was set up in 2017, with the aim of recognising the efforts and achievements of students at an earlier stage of their development. The award, given at the end of Primary education, recognises well-rounded students who have excelled in both academic and non-academic spheres. It also aims to encourage students to continue to excel in their studies, develop their character and strengths, and contribute back to society.

To recognise the achievements of students from diverse educational profiles, the award was given to students who completed Primary education in different categories based on their subject combinations. The three award categories are as follows:

Category	
A	Students taking all Standard subjects
B	Students taking one or two Foundation subjects
C	Students taking three or four Foundation subjects

The school nominated a student for Category A and Category B respectively. We are pleased to announce that both nominations have been shortlisted for the above-mentioned award. **Ezekiel Chan (P6 Resilience)** and **Ethan Huang (P6 Self-Discipline)** from the 2017 cohort, have been picked by the panel to submit a one-page personal statement on the topic: "My Dreams for Singapore".

B. Uniform Groups (UGs) Successes



Please join me to congratulate our staff and the students from Boys Brigade (BB) and Cub Scouts for achieving the JM Fraser (Gold) and Frank Cooper Sands Award (Gold) respectively. Heartfelt appreciation to Church of Ascension, parent volunteers and alumni for the support. With the healthy intake witnessed at the recent BB Commendation Service and Scouts Investiture, we trust

that both Uniformed Groups will continue to be the wonderful platforms for us to nurture **Community Builders**.

2. Strategic Thrust 2: Developing Exemplary Character, Growing Community Builders

A. Value of the Month

The value for March is **Unity**.

A Saint is responsible for treating all persons with respect – myself and others.

Finally, all of you have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.
- 1 Peter 3:8 (ESVUK)

During one of the devotions, I shared about the story of Jacob and Esau, how these two brothers were in conflict and how they eventually reconciled. This story showed us that no one is perfect and there will be times where we have hurt others and at other times where we are hurt by others. Therefore it is important that we seek forgiveness from those we have hurt, like how Jacob seek forgiveness from God and from his brother, Esau. We also need to learn to be gracious, to forgive those who have hurt us like how Esau welcomed Jacob in his arms. So let us learn to forgive others as fast as we hope God will forgive us.

B. Prefects Commendation Service on Wed, 7 Mar 2018

This year, we have the pleasure to commend 53 prefects. The simple yet solemn service was conducted in the School Hall where we could accommodate the parents of the prefects and all the upper primary boys. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr Liu Earnler, an alumnus serving as the Principal of Bowen Secondary School.



C. P5 Camp

Many of the P5 boys looked forward to their first camp and probably the first time away from home without their parents. Through the high-elements activities, confidence course and team building games at Labrador Campsite, they built **Resilience** and learnt to work in **Unity**.

The camp was purposeful in creating an environment for the boys to collaborate and work effectively and respectfully with others, adapt to changes and be flexible in working towards a common goal as well as to use interpersonal and problem-solving skills to influence others to complete simple tasks which require planning and prioritizing. These valuable skills and attitudes are fundamental to the holistic development of the boys.

We also give thanks for the dedicated team of staff who have gone the extra mile to ensure that the safety and the wellbeing of the boys are looked after. The staff strove to provide every P5 Saint with a positive experience at the camp.

3. Strategic Thrust 4: Harnessing to Connect, Connecting to Harness

SAJS is always blessed with the wonderful support from our stakeholders and parents. This support has multiplied the positive learning experience which the school has striven to create for the boys. The resources and the expertise brought into the community have given our boys the learning experience which most schools might not be able to provide.

A. Healthy Snack

Our boys do appreciate the snack break scheduled at noon on Monday to Thursday. While they are able to have a well-deserved brain break, our boys are not nourishing their physical growth with the ideal snacks. We would like to encourage all parents to make an effort to prepare healthy snacks for our boys. We trust that the infographic below would be helpful for you.

Health Promotion Board

SNACKS FOR BREAK TIME

The following examples are snacks for students that are easy to prepare and pack for consumption during class breaks.

- WHOLEMEAL SANDWICHES**
 - *Peanut Butter & Jam
 - Cucumber and Tomato
 - *Grilled Cheese
(wrapped in aluminium foil to retain freshness)
- PIZZA**
 - Wholemeal bread pizza with vegetable toppings
(wrapped in aluminium foil to retain freshness)
- VEGETABLES**
 - Carrot or cucumber sticks with chickpea dip (mashed chickpea with HCS orange juice)
 - Boiled broccoli with cute toppers
- FRUIT & NUTS**
 - Fresh fruit kebab
 - Almonds added to plain cereal for a higher fibre snack or plain nuts
- WHOLEMEAL WRAPS**
 - Homemade popiah filled with vegetables (toasted)
 - Vietnamese rolls
 - Slice into triangles and toasted to make "chips"
(store in air-tight bag/ container to maintain crisp)
- WHOLEMEAL PANCAKES, MUFFIN & CAKES**
 - Banana Pancakes
 - Homemade with reduced sugar
- POPCORN/ CRACKERS**
 - Homemade without additional toppings like salt, butter
 - Wholegrain or HCS variety

**where possible, choose the Healthier Choice Symbol (HCS) or lower fat/lower sugar options*

B. Saints Games Day on 9 Mar 2018

The presence and the support from parents continue to impress us at our Saints' Games Day. One of the parents commented that our games day was *"one of its kind in Singapore"*. He added that even in the better known schools, parents may contribute resources but may not be present to create the "One Family Unbroken" spirit.

We thank Mr Dennis Teo, VP/SASS for gracing the occasion and for the record, **Venn House has emerged the defending champion.**



4. Term 2 Calendar

Date	Event	Remarks
Week 3		
2.4.18		
3.4.18		
4.4.18		
5.4.18		
6.4.18	PAL & CCA (8)	
Week 4		
9.4.18		
10.4.18	P3 SA1 EL Oral P4 SA1 MT Oral	
11.4.18		
12.4.18	P5 SA1 MT e-Oral P6 SA1 EL Oral	
13.4.18	PAL & CCA (9)	

Date	Event	Remarks
Week 5		
16.4.18	P5 SA1 EL Oral	
17.4.18	P3 – P6 SA1 EL Paper 1	
18.4.18	P3 – P6 SA1 MT Paper 1	
19.4.18	P4 SA 1 EL Oral	
20.4.18	PAL & CCA (10)	
Week 6		
23.4.18		
24.4.18	P3 SA1 MT Oral	
25.4.18		
26.4.18	P6 SA1 MT e-Oral P1 – P5 Home-based Learning (HBL) Day	<i>P1 – P5 students stay at home for HBL</i>
27.4.18	PAL & CCA (11)	
Week 7		
30.4.18		
1.5.18	Labour Day (Public Holiday)	
2.5.18		
3.5.18		
4.5.18	P5 & P6 SA1 HMT Paper 1 PAL & CCA (12)	
Week 8		
7.5.18	P3 – P6 SA1 Science	
8.5.18	P3 – P6 SA1 MT Paper 2	
9.5.18	P3 – P6 SA1 EL Paper 2	
10.5.18	P3 – P6 SA 1 Math	
11.5.18	P5 & P6 HMT Paper 2	
Week 9		
14.5.18		
15.5.18		
16.5.18		
17.5.18		
18.5.18	Marking Day	<i>All students stay at home</i>
Week 10		
21.5.18		
22.5.18		
23.5.18		
24.5.18	End of Term Service PCTC* (2.15pm – 5pm)	Last Day of Term 2
25.5.18	PCTC* (8am – 5pm)	

***PCTC: Parent-Child-Teacher Conference**

Up and On!

With warmest regards,

Ms Patsy Neo