Greetings from Canossa Convent Primary School!

2013 is a milestone year for CCPS; since December, our school has been operating at our holding site in 107 Circuit Road as we await our upgraded premises back in Sallim Road. While the school’s physical environment has changed, the caring community which we are proud of remains in CCPS. Our vision – A community of compassionate leaders and passionate learners in the service of God, country and family – continues to be at the heart of what we do. From providing our pupils with leadership opportunities in the class and school levels and equipping them with relevant training, to raising awareness about our role in caring for our environment and the less fortunate around us, the school is taking progressive steps to nurture leaders with a heart for service. Tapping on the use of technology in teaching and learning has also provided pupils with the opportunity to extend their learning beyond the classroom through platforms like Edmodo. As we journey and work together with parents as our important partner for the development of our pupils, we would like to thank and urge you to join us for our School-Family Education activities and talks which we have specially organised to support you in helping your child through her foundation years. Here’s wishing you a meaningful time with your family during the coming June break.

Ms. Grace Tan, Principal, CCPS
The Big Move!

Over a period of two weeks, the school moved from 1 Sallim Road to our holding site at 107 Circuit Road. Much thought, planning and hard work was put in to ensure the smooth transition so that the school could be operationally ready when the new school term started in January 2013. All hands were on deck to make the move possible – from our non-teaching staff to teaching staff to a few parent volunteers – we worked tirelessly to enable the school to settle in quickly. Special mention has to be made of our operational staff led by our Operations Manager, who spent countless hours and days sprucing up the premises. As we move on in our journey here in Circuit Road, we continue to seek improvements to the environment. What has been key in supporting us is our caring community, something which remains a fond feature of CCPS regardless where we are.
With the focus on allowing pupils to work in teams and learning in a fun way, the Character Development Department collaborated with the Physical Education Department to implement the 3Cs Team Building Programme. Each class played team-building games with their peers. Developmentally suitable and highly engaging games were identified to enable all pupils to participate and work as a team. The teambuilding games included “What’s Your Name?”, “Protect ‘Precious” and “Birthday Shuffle”.

The pupils learnt to work as a team towards a common goal, displaying the 3Cs school values, Commitment, Compassion and Cheerfulness. The pupils also learnt to commit themselves to the group, respecting each other as they worked relentlessly to achieve the objective. The pupils went all out, exercising the value of resilience. As they sweated and continued to persevere, the pupils showed cheerfulness in working with others.
This year is the Year of the Snake and we celebrated it on 6 February at our holding site, at 107 Circuit Road. Besides putting up musical and dance performances, we had something special – A skit entitled “Canossian Reunion”! We invited pupils, parents and even grandparents who were ex-pupils of CCPS to join in the celebration! As pupils held their parent’s or grandparent’s hands and walked up the stage, it was indeed heartwarming to see pupils who had left school more than 50 years, returning to school and joining us for the performance! This is our Canossian spirit!
East Zone Primary Schools Badminton Championships 2013

The Junior and Senior Badminton school team players participated in the East Zone Primary Schools Badminton Championships 2013. They went through rigorous training at least thrice a week with additional training during school holidays to prepare for inter-school competitions under Mdm Choo Watt Kian, the teacher-in-charge and coach.

The junior girls achieved 3rd placing in the East Zone Primary Schools Badminton Championships 2013.

Tamil Language Camp

The Tamil Department in collaboration with Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre (UPTLC), organised a half-day cultural camp for P5TL pupils on 9th March 2013. About 16 primary schools took part in this camp. The TL pupils were inspired and challenged to find their areas of influence and how they could contribute to the school and community. Throughout the camp, pupils learnt positive motivational skills and how to be good role models for their peers.
During the March Term break, our student leaders participated in a one-day experiential training camp in school. Leaders’ perseverance and leadership skills were put to the test integrated problem-solving games and hands-on activities such as Acid River, Designing Using Dominoes and Keypunch. This enriching session was well received by our student leaders. Their enthusiasm was high and everyone was totally engrossed in each activity. Endless laughter and shouts of joy and cheers were heard throughout the day as they bonded and learnt, in a fun and engaging way, how they can be the effective and compassionate student leaders of Canossa Convent Primary School.

The P5 pupils participated in a 3-day adventure camp at Sembawang Girls’ & Boys’ Brigade Campsite from 26 March to 28 March 2013 as part of the school’s effort to promote a holistic education. Pupils developed teambuilding skills and self-confidence in the elements and outdoor challenges. They learnt values such as Graciousness, Resilience and Confidence. Some activities included outdoor cooking, rafting, abseiling and zip line.

The camp was a memorable experience for all the pupils and there were tears, when they broke camp, as they could bear to part with their instructors and their camp mates. When the pupils returned to school after the camp, they were still talking about the camp and reciting the cheers they had learnt. When asked if they would like another camp, all of them raised their hands in excitement.
We remembered Saint Magdalene and Saint Bakhita, our Canossian Saints, with a Mass, and the Prefect Investiture on 27th February. Like the many saints in history who dedicated their lives to doing God’s will, St Magdalene, our Foundress, showed us how to love the poor and needy and St Bakhita showed us how to forgive those who hurt us. Our prefects entrusted with the same duty of service and compassion, were presented with their ties which had been blessed. Sr Cecily presented our Head Prefect, Indra Basak (6 Charity) and our Vice Head Prefect, Yang Han Ting (5 Faith) with their badges. The celebrations ended with the prefect’s oath and the assurance that God is always with us.

**EASTER CELEBRATION**

“Allelujah! Christ is risen!“

We celebrated Easter in CCPS with a para-liturgy on Wednesday 3 April. The school gathered to celebrate the Easter story again with a reading from the Bible, telling of how Jesus rose after three days. Some action songs were also sung and these added to the joy of the season.
The Primary 1 pupils went on a school tour on the 12 March 2013. They listened to a wonderful talk by Sister Janet about the school in the past. They went to the canteen and took photos of themselves in front of their favourite stalls. It was an exciting day for them. Besides learning about Canossian School and Canossa Convent Primary School, the pupils also did a math problem sum using the wooden cows as an example. Getting to know their school was important so that they will develop a sense of belonging to their school. They had fun and learnt Math and ICT skills using MS Paint as well.
The P3 pupils went on a learning journey to the Jacob Ballas Children’s Garden on 6 March 2013. Pupils learnt Science and Mathematics concepts at the different stations through the English Language. Pupils learnt using observation skills and also explored on their own guided by the teacher-prepared LJ booklet.

Teachers facilitated their learning through scaffolding and by asking thinking questions. At each station, pupils had activities to do and they completed the booklet by the end of the journey.

In school, pupils worked in groups to present their learning using PowerPoint slides as part of their Social Studies assessment.
Canossa Convent Primary School, in collaboration with the Singapore Heart Foundation, conducted a project on 8 March 2013 to inculcate the young with the awareness on the importance of knowing the optimal blood pressure reading, and to pass on the knowledge to their families. Each pupil was loaned a blood pressure monitor to bring home to administer what they had learned to their immediate adult family members over the weekend.

Teachers and parent volunteers were present to assist pupils when they were trying out the blood pressure monitors. CCPS is committed to encouraging pupils and their families to lead a healthy lifestyle. Pupils now know the dangers of high blood pressure and how to prevent the onset of this silent disease.
Recycling started in CCPs with the collection of tetra paks/cartons. It was very heart-warming to see the strong support from the lower primary (P1-P3) pupils, especially, those who brought cartons almost every day. Pupils learnt how to reduce the size of waste products and, hopefully, they will make the recycling of tetra pak/cartons a life-long habit. Recyclables collected will definitely contribute to the tonnage needed under the Sembcorp Go Green Fund Competition.

Our Green Ambassadors/helpers, as well as our very supportive parent volunteers, were invaluable in the help in this project!

Our Dental Therapist, Ms Mabel Goh, conducted the Oral Health Programme on oral health care and good oral health practices. P3 pupils checked the amount of dental plaque they had. Some pupils were complimented on their correct brushing technique while others kept brushing until the pink colour disappeared.

Here’s to beautiful teeth and bright smiles!
The Design Team!

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