



Newsbites

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"The benefit of education is the formation of the heart"
~St Magdalene of Canossa



A Community of Passionate Learners and Compassionate Leaders in the service of GOD, Country and Family

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11 Term 4 Week 1	12 Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	13 School Health Visit@ School Library VE: Resilience 3 P6 Hum Ceramics <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR 1410-1600 (i)Performing Arts CCA (ii)ARTitude 16 (iii) CCPS Superstar rehearsal (for selected pupils)	14 School Health Visit@ School Library <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR 1415-1700 Optional Enrichment P3 Swimming 7	15 P5 SS/HE Online Test School Health Visit@ School Library Assembly: P's Talk FTGP: FTGP 23 <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR	16 PSLE EL & MT Listening Comprehension (P1 to P5 pupils do not come to school)	17
18 Term 4 Week 2	19 <u>After Curriculum</u> 1310-1600 P5 SA2 EL Oral 1315-1400 P3 SDR P3 RRP 1430-1630 P4 LJ to Science Centre (4CH & 4HU) 1315-1530 (i) Enrichment for all P6 students (ii) Remedial for selected P2,P3 & 4FA students (iii) Curriculum time for P6 students taking Foundation EL,MA and SC	20 P1 SS/HE Online Test VE: Positivity 1 P6 Hum Ceramics <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR 1410-1600 (i)Performing Arts CCA (ii)ARTitude 17	21 P2 SS/HE Online Test <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR 1415-1700 Optional Enrichment P3 Swimming 8	22 P3 SS/HE Online Test Assembly: FTGP 24 FTGP: FTGP 25 <u>After Curriculum</u> 1310-1600 P5 SA2 MT eOral 1400-1445 P3 RRP 1410-1455 P3 SDR P3 Social Studies Trail	23 P4 SS/HE Online Test <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1600 (i)CCA 20 (ii) P6 Enrichment (EL, MA, SC)	24

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Term 4 Week 3	26 <u>After Curriculum</u> 1310-1530 P4 SA2 EL Oral P3 SA2 MT Oral 1315-1400 P3 SDR P3 RRP 1315-1530 (i) Enrichment for all P5 and P6 students (ii) Remedial for selected P1 and P2 students (iii) Curriculum time for P6 students taking Foundation EL,MA and SC	27 P1 Holistic Assessment EL Listening Comprehension VE: Positivity 2 <u>After Curriculum</u> 1310-1530 P3 SA2 EL Oral P4 SA2 MT Oral 1410-1600 (i) Performing Arts CCA (ii)ARTitude 18 (iii) CCPS Superstar rehearsal (for selected pupils)	28 P2 SA2 EL & MT Oral (During curriculum) <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR 1415-1700 Optional Enrichment P3 Swimming 8 (back up date)	29 PSLE EL Paper 1 & 2 Assembly: FTGP 26 (P1 to P5) FTGP: FTGP 27 (P1 to P5) <u>After Curriculum</u> 1400-1445 P3 RRP 1410-1455 P3 SDR 1410 P3 Social Studies Trail	30 PSLE MA Paper <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1600 CCA 21	1 Sep

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2 Term 4 Week 4	3 PSLE MT Paper 1 & 2 <u>After Curriculum</u> 1315-1445 P3 SDR P3 RRP 1315-1530 (i) Enrichment for all P5 students (ii) Remedial for selected P1 to P4 students	4 PSLE SC Paper VE: Positivity 3 (P1 to P5) <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1540 P3 SDR (2 session) 1410-1600 (i)Performing Arts CCA (ii)ARTitude 19	5 PSLE HMT Paper 1 & 2 <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR	6 Assembly & FTGP: Children's Day Celebration and CCPS Superstar *Pupils will be dismissed at 12.40 p.m.	7 Children's Day Holiday	8

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Term 4 week 5 (Timetable is freeze)	10 P6 Inline Skating & Guitar Lessons P1 Holistic Assessment Math Review 7 <u>After Curriculum</u> 1315-1400 P3 SDR P3 RRP 1315-1530 (i) Enrichment for all P5 students (ii) Remedial for selected P1 to P4 students .	11 P2-P5 SA2 EL Paper 1 & LC P1 Holistic assessment EL Oral VE: Positivity 3 (P6) P6 Inline Skating & Guitar Lessons <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR	12 P2-P5 SA2 MT Paper 1 & LC P1 Holistic Assessment EL Oral P6 Inline Skating & Guitar Lessons <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR	13 P5 SA2 HMT Paper 1 during MT lesson Paper 2 during supplementary class P1 Holistic Assessment MT Oral & MT Listening Assembly: FTGP 28 FTGP: FTGP 29 P6 Games Day, followed by Guitar Practice & Guitar lessons <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR 1415-1530 P5 P6 Enrichment for Non-MT Pupils	14 P1 Holistic Assessment MT Oral P6 Guitar Practice followed by Guitar level Performance <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1600 CCA 22	15
16 Term 4 Week 6	17 PSLE Marking All students <u>need</u> <u>not</u> report to school. 0830 - 1530 Study Camp for selected pupils * details will be given at a later date 1000-1200 Talk for selected pupils on 'Motivational and study skills'.	18 PSLE Marking All students <u>need</u> <u>not</u> report to school. 0830 - 1530 Study Camp for selected pupils * details will be given at a later date 1000-1200 Talk for selected pupils on 'Motivational and study skills.'	19 PSLE Marking All students <u>need</u> <u>not</u> report to school. 0830 - 1530 Study Camp for selected pupils * details will be given at a later date 1000-1200 Talk for selected pupils on 'Motivational and study skills.'	20 PSLE Marking All students <u>need</u> <u>not</u> report to school. 0830 - 1530 Study Camp for selected pupils * details will be given at a later date 1000-1200 Talk for selected pupils on 'Motivational and study skills.'	21 *School resumes but NO CCA	22

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Term 4 Week 7 (Timeta ble is freeze)	24 P3-P5 SA2 Science <u>After Curriculum</u> 1315-1400 P3 SDR	25 P2-P5 SA2 EL Paper 2 P1 Holistic Assessment EL Composition <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR	26 P2-P5 SA2 MT Paper 2 P1 Holistic Assessment MT Language Test 0930 to 1130 Minister of State Visit after MT paper 2 <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR	27 P2-P5 SA2 Math Assembly: FTGP 26 (P6) FTGP: FTGP 27 (P6) P6 Sexuality Education <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1455 P3 SDR	28 *Pupils and staff celebrating Deepavali may leave at 10.40a.m. Details will be given at a later date.	29 Deepavali
30 Term 4 Week 8	31 Deepavali (school holiday)					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Term 4 Week 8 Timeta ble is freeze		1 P1 Holistic Assessment EL Vocabulary & Comprehension VE: Student Leadership Reflection / Star Pupil Nomination (all pupils) P6 Heritage Trail to Chinatown <u>After curriculum</u> 1410-1700 Service Innovation Project for Selected P4 & P5 pupils	2 P1 Holistic Assessment Math Review 8 <u>After curriculum</u> 1410-1700 Service Innovation Project for Selected P4 & P5 pupils	3 Assembly: Deepavali Celebrations FTGP: CCE / NESS / Award Presentation P1 to P6 Life skills (Basic Etiquette, Financial Literacy, Social Etiquette) <u>After curriculum</u> 1410-1700 Service Innovation Project for Selected P4 & P5 pupils	4 Sexuality Education for P5 <u>After Curriculum</u> 1400-1600 Thanksgiving Day Rehearsal for performing arts CCA group 1410-1600 CCA 23 1410-1700 Service Innovation Project for Selected P4 & P5 pupils	5

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 Term 4 Week 9	7 P6 Appreciation Day <u>After curriculum</u> 1410-1700 Service Innovation Project for selected P4 & P5 pupils	8 VE: Target Setting (Review Targets) P6 Mission P5 Service Innovation <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1600 Performing Arts CCA 1410-1700 Service Innovation Project for selected P4 & P5 pupils ARTitude (for selected pupils involving in Thanksgiving Day GOH gift)	9 Results Processing Day *All pupils do not have to report to school	10 Assembly & FTGP: Thanksgiving Mass (1 hour) <u>After curriculum</u> 1410-1700 Service Innovation Project for selected P4 & P5 pupils	11 <u>After Curriculum</u> 1410-1600 CCA 24 1410-1700 Service Innovation Project for selected P4 & P5 pupils 1415-1700 Thanksgiving Rehearsal 1630-1830 Parenting Talk cum Tea for Positive Communication Skills for Parents for all levels	12
13 Term 4 Week 10	14 P4 & P5 Games Day <u>After Curriculum</u> 1315 -1630 Thanksgiving and P1 Orientation Full Dress Rehearsal	15 VE: FTGP 30 Camp 2017 briefing for P4 pupils 1040-1340 Use Your Hands Activity <u>After Curriculum</u> 1415-1700 (j)ARTitude (for selected pupils involving in Thanksgiving Day GOH gift) (ii)Thanksgiving and P1 Orientation Full Dress Rehearsal	16 P1-P5 Promotion and Prize-Giving Day *Pupils will be dismissed at 11.00a.m. P6 pupils will be preparing for the Anniversary Celebration Carnival <u>After Curriculum</u> 1300-1500 P1 Orientation	17 *All pupils need not come to school (except for those involved in Thanksgiving Day) 0800-1000 Thanksgiving Day Prize Giving Ceremony *Pupils will be dismissed at 10.00a.m. Selected pupils will be involved in the preparation for Anniversary Celebration Carnival *Pupils will be notified separately on the details and timing	18 School hours as per normal 0730 to 1340 Anniversary Celebration Carnival (for all pupils P1 to P6) *Pupils will be dismissed at 1.40 p.m. *Details to be given at a later date 1930 Combined Choir Performance with SACSS, SACPS, CCPS and MK @SJI	19
20 School Holiday s	21	22	23	24 0900-1200 CCA (optional)	25 0900-1200 CCA (optional)	26
27 School Holiday s	28	29	30			

~ December 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
School Holidays				1	2	3
4 School Holidays	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 School Holidays	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 School Holidays	19	20	21	22	23 Christmas Eve *Office operates till 12.30pm	24
25 School Holidays	26 Christmas Holiday	27	28	29	30	31

~ January 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Term 1 Week 1	2 New Year Holiday	3 School Reopens Day 1 *Timetable will be suspended for team building, character building activities for all 2017 P2 to P6 pupils. Pupils will need to bring their activity books to hand in to teachers School Hours as per norm – Pupils are to report punctually to the school hall by 7.30a.m. and will be dismissed at 1.40 p.m.	4 School Reopens Day 2 P5 Camp (TBC) *Timetable will be suspended for team building, character building activities for all 2017 P2 to P6 pupils. School Hours as per norm – Pupils are to report punctually to the school hall by 7.30a.m. and will be dismissed at 1.40 p.m.	5 Assembly Talk: Principal's Talk FTGP: FTGP lesson P5 Camp Normal Time table resumes	6 Temperature Taking Exercise P5 Camp	7

Principal's Message

Dear Parents or Guardians,

CCPS celebrated the re-opening of our upgraded campus and 75th Anniversary jointly with the Canossian Eduplex on 23 August 2016 (Tuesday). The event was graced by Ms Low Yen Ling, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Trade and Industry, Mayor of South West District as Guest-of-Honour.

The theme for the celebrations is "Built on Love" which recognises the years of labour of love in synergy among the Canossian Eduplex in providing opportunities and creating possibilities for the children and developing them to be active contributors to society. During the celebrations, the Canossa Heritage Gallery supported by National Heritage Board and the updated Canossian Eduplex logo were launched. The school was also officially re-opened by Ms Low. The event was also significant as it featured a song composed by group of P6 students, guided by Ms Jasmine Tye. The song captures their reflections on the new beginning the school has with its return to our premise in 2015. Kudos to our CCPS talents!

It was a meaningful celebration for CCPS and the Canossian Eduplex and a memorable homecoming for Ms Low, who is a former student of CCPS. In her speech during the event, Ms Low shared vividly on her days in CCPS. She highlighted her gratitude for the love and care given by the Sisters and teachers in CCPS, which she referred to fondly as her "second home" to her. As she ended her speech, she highlighted Ms Peggy Yee, a former CCPS student who is now a successful lawyer and Mr Tony Tay, a resident of Canossaville Children's Home who founded Willing Hearts, a non-profit soup kitchen. They showed tremendous resilience as they grew up and have been paying it forward in society. Ms Low strongly encouraged all the current CCPS students to take up the challenge to do their best and make a difference to others.

These stories of our ex-students are strong testimony of the impact the Canossian mission of the formation of the heart. As we move forward to the next 75 years, we are inspired by the love and work of the sisters and staff who have touched so many lives over the past 75 years. Let us be charged with that same passion, commitment, compassion and cheerfulness and keep the Canossian flag flying high throughout our lives.

I would like to express my gratitude towards all staff, the wonderful student performers from the 5 sectors of the Canossian Eduplex and our student docents who so confidently and eloquently led our guests through the different learning trails of the school. The event would not have been possible without the hard work put in by everyone. We will continue in our common endeavour to provide care for the whole child, we will continue to strive to be like our foundress St Magdalene to serve the poorest of the poor and work towards developing our pupils into passionate learners, and compassionate leaders. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and partners for your support and faith in the school all these years.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a fruitful time during the year-end vacation and to our Christian families a blessed Christmas.

May God Bless you always.

Ms Grace Tan
Principal, Canossa Convent Primary School

*If you would like to read the details of the event, the following is the link to the Straits Time article on 25 August 2016 <http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/education/canossa-convent-primary-marks-75-years>
The 4 September 2016 edition of the Catholic News also carried an article on the event. However, the link for the report is not available yet.*

Our Events/ Celebration in Term 4 2016

1. Anniversary Celebration Carnival (18 Nov 2016)

CCPS marks its 75th Anniversary Celebrations with a Carnival on 18 Nov 2016. All students will participate in this celebratory event with stalls run by our P6 students and volunteers. It will be a day of fun and bonding for our students.

2. Children’s Day Celebration and CCPS Superstar (6 Oct 2016)

The theme for this year’s Children’s Day Celebration is ‘**Movie Mania**’. On that day, pupils from the all levels are encouraged to come to school dressed in their favourite movie characters and display the positive values of these characters. As part of the celebrations, there will be a ‘Best Dressed Contest’ and ‘CCPS Superstar Competition’. The CCPS Superstar Competition serves to provide a platform for pupils to showcase their talents to the rest of the school.

Dress Code:

Pupils may either put on their favourite movie characters costume or school uniform. No jeans or tops with spaghetti straps are allowed. All pupils must wear school shoes and lessons are as usual.

3. Deepavali Celebration (3 Nov 2016)

Besides the legend of Narakasura, there are many others to provide a reason for celebrating Deepavali. The lights of Deepavali resound that truth and justice will always prevail. Decorations of lights and garlands will be put up in the school premises. Exhibits in the form of posters and pictures depicting Indian culture and tradition will be put up in the canteen for pupils to view during their respective recesses.

Pupils will learn about Indian food, costumes and culture through these pictures. During the morning assembly, pupils will watch a concert featuring colourful lamps, Indian dances and Deepavali songs, which will be sung by some of our primary 2, 3 and 4 pupils. The concert’s highlight will be the fashion parade where the pupils wear their colourful Sarees, Pavadai, Punjabi Suits, Arnakali and Gagra Suits.

4. Use Your Hands Activity (15 Nov 2016)

Pupils who are not involved in the Thanksgiving Rehearsal will participate in the ‘Use Our Hands’ Activity. Through this experiential learning, pupils will acquire skills of help-seeking and help-providing and making responsible decisions. They will also learn to persevere and work out differences and difficulties as they work together with their classmates in carrying out their tasks. At the end of the activity, the pupils will learn to reflect, glean learning points through their reflections and discuss how they could play their part in caring for their environment.

5. Thanksgiving Day cum Prize Giving Ceremony (17 Nov 2016)

As we draw a close to the 2016 school year, it is fitting that staff and pupils gather to celebrate our Thanksgiving Day. It is a special day to celebrate the success of our students and show appreciation to our stakeholders, our Canossian sisters and parent volunteers, for their continuous support to our school. We will present awards to our pupils who had done well academically and those who had exhibited the school values of Commitment, Compassion and Cheerfulness.

School Information Bulletin

P6 Primary Leaving School Examination (PSLE)

Please note that the PSLE is conducted on the following dates:

16 Sep (Fri)	PSLE LC
29 Sep (Thu)	PSLE EL Paper 1 & 2
30 Sep (Fri)	PSLE Math Paper 1 & 2
3 Oct (Mon)	PSLE MT Paper 1 & 2
4 Oct (Tue)	PSLE Science Paper
5 Oct (Wed)	PSLE HMT Paper 1 & 2

P6 pupils are to refer to the “2016 PSLE Instructions to Candidates” booklet given to them by their Form Teachers for further details.

Release of PSLE Results

Please look out for information on the release of PSLE results via media.

P2-P5 SA2 Examinations

Please note that the oral examinations are conducted after curriculum time, except for P2 pupils.

15 Sept (Thur)	P5 SS/HE Online Test
19 Sept (Mon)	P5 SA2 EL Oral
20 Sept (Tues)	P1 SS/HE Online Test
21 Sept (Wed)	P2 SS/HE Online Test
22 Sept (Thur)	P5 SA2 MT eOral
22 Sept (Thur)	P3 SS/HE Online Test
23 Sept (Fri)	P4 SS/HE Online Test
26 Sept (Mon)	P4 SA2 EL Oral and P3 SA2 MT Oral
27 Sept (Tues)	P3 SA2 EL Oral and P4 SA2 MT Oral
28 Sept (Wed)	P2 EL & MT Oral
11 Oct (Tues)	P2 to P5 EL Paper 1 & LC
12 Oct (Wed)	P2 to P5 MT Paper 1 & LC
13 Oct (Thur)	P5 HMT Paper 1 & Paper 2
24 Oct (Mon)	P2 to P5 SC Paper
25 Oct (Tues)	P2 to P5 EL Paper 2
26 Oct (Wed)	P2 to P5 MT Paper 2
27 Oct (Thur)	P2 to P5 MA Paper 1 & 2

Absence from School Examinations

Parents and Guardians, please be reminded that should your child/ward be absent from an examination without a valid reason, no marks would be given to her. If she is unwell on the day of the examination, a medical certificate must be presented to the school.

School Year 2017

The school year begins on **Tuesday, 3 January 2017**, for P1 to P6 pupils. Pupils are to report punctually to the school hall by 7.30a.m.

All pupils will be informed of their new classes on **16 November 2016**.

The 2017 class timetable will be issued when the term re-opens in 2017.

Please note that for the first two days of the new school year in 2017, the timetable will be suspended for all 2017 P2 to P6 pupils. There will be team building and character building activities for the two days. School will end at 1.40 p.m. as per normal.

Purchase of books & Sale of uniforms 2017

Please note that 2017 booklists will be given out at the end of 2016 Term 4 2016. You can purchase your child's textbooks, stationery and exercise books for 2017 online at www.thecontinental.sg/canossaconvent with pin: CC8018.

Alternatively, you may make the purchase at the school's bookstore. Please refer to the booklist for the sale dates.

Please note that for security reasons, parents will not be allowed to enter the school to purchase books from the book store during term time.

For the sales of uniforms, please refer to the booklist for the sale dates.

Temperature Taking Exercise 2017

There will be a temperature taking exercise on 6 Jan 2017 (Friday).

From 3 January 2017, the form teachers will be conducting ODT checks.

The thermometers of P1 (2016) pupils are kept by their form teachers and will be issued to them during the exercise. P3 to P6 (2017) pupils are required to bring their thermometers to school daily. If your daughter/ward has misplaced her thermometer, please purchase a new one for her.

P5 Camp 2017 (4 Jan- 6 Jan 2017)

The Camp for P5 pupils for 2017 (current batch of P4) will be held over three days in the first week of Term 1 next year. Briefing for pupils will be held in the last week of Term 4 2016.

Further details will be given to parents after the briefing.

Activities and Parenting Information Bulletin

Dear Parents, wondering where to bring your child? Look out for this column where we will be featuring free family bonding activities. Do bring your child if you are free.

Good Read

For some great family bonding activities which are sure to put a smile on everyone's face, do check out this website: <http://www.simply-fun-games.com/family-bonding-activities.html>

For effective communication between parents and children, you may want to check out the following titles:

- (1) How to talk so kids will listen and listen so kids will talk by Adele Faber & Elaine Mazlish
- (2) Parenting with love and logic by Foster W. Cline

If you love solving logic puzzles, riddles and brainteasers, do check out this website: brainden.com. They have a huge collection of printable brain teasers, cool math games for kids and adults. There are many fun brain games you can enjoy with your kids. You can also ponder over some great optical illusions.

Family-bonding Nature trails during December Holidays

If you enjoy the peaceful scenery or learn more about the nature life, there are many interesting places around Singapore where you can bring your family. You may want to visit some of these places during December holidays:

- (1) Sungei Buloh Nature Park
- (2) Butik Timah Nature reserve
- (3) Gardens such as Chinese & Japanese Garden, Jacobs Ballas Children Garden or Botanic Gardens
- (4) Beaches such as Changi Beach, Pasir Ris Park or East Coast Park
- (5) Reservoirs such as Lower Seletar Reservoir Park, MacRitchie Reservoir
- (6) Parks such as Labrador Park and Bishan Park