



# CCPS NEWS

Semester 2 2016



## Greetings from CCPS!

This year has been a significant milestone for the school as it celebrated its 75th Anniversary and marked its official re-opening following our return to our upgraded premise. CCPS has come so far over these years and celebrating its 75th Anniversary could not have been possible without the tremendous support the school has received these past years from benefactors, parents, Parent Support Group members and the sisters. Indeed we are deeply grateful for the blessings we have.

The anniversary celebrations provided an opportunity to take stock and reflect on the Mission which inspired St Magdalene and the Canossian sisters to give so much to build lives on love. It is this awesome love which in CCPS we want to imbue in all our students. Built on love, every CCPS girl is a Canossian who is a leader of character, living the 3Cs of commitment, compassion and cheerfulness. This is a journey we accompany each of our students on.

Observing the P5 and P6 students as they welcomed the elderly senior folks from Carelderly during our anniversary carnival held on 18 November, we are proud of the spirit of compassion and cheerfulness they exuded. It was indeed very meaningful that as we drew the school year to a close, we spent time as a CCPS family and had the opportunity to make a difference to the community beyond CCPS. On that note, I wish you all a meaningful time with your family this holiday season.

God bless  
Ms Grace Tan  
Principal



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# TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS 2016

Pupils were extremely excited when they arrived in school on Thursday, 1st September 2016 because it was the last day of the school term as well as Teachers' Day celebration. This special day is also known as Music Day in our school as pupils put up performances on the school's stage to express their appreciation to their teachers.

The event started with the adorable primary one pupils putting up a dance performance for the school. This was followed by handbells and recorder performances presented by the primary two and three pupils respectively. It was evident that everyone had put in a lot of effort during music lessons to impress the teachers with their performances.

The most memorable performances were the mass dance and ukulele performances put up playing by the primary four and five pupils. Another highlight of the event was a special video created by the primary six seniors. It captured many touching and funny moments. "It was so awkward to see myself on the screen but I just laughed it off," said Chankrea from P6 Humility.

The event ended with a meaningful story-telling session by award-winning storyteller Ms Nancy Leppard and a short prayer for teachers.



Pupils guessing the name of the teacher during the 'Guess the Teacher' quiz segment

Primary three pupils performing on the recorder.



Ms Nancy Leppard captivating the audiences with her stories.



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# RACIAL HARMONY DAY

Racial Harmony Day is a time for us to reflect on, and celebrate Singapore's success as a racially harmonious society built on a rich diversity of culture and heritage. To kick start our week-long Racial Harmony Day commemoration, an exhibition and 5 roving games booths proudly sponsored by Inter-Racial & Religious Confidence Circle (IRCC) were brought in to educate us on the diverse culture and traditions of the various ethnic groups in Singapore. Special class activities and lessons were also crafted in line with this event.

The climax of the commemoration took place on Racial Harmony Day itself. On the 21st July, all the staff had orange ribbons pinned on to signify their support towards racial harmony.

Many of the teachers and pupils joyfully wore their ethnic costumes to school to mark this meaningful day. The finale of the

"When will it be my turn?"



"Everyone standby! Let's get ready to make some music!"



"I know this is related to Chinese New Year!"

commemoration was the assembly show entitled "Multi-Racial Drumming". Many unique drums were put together to form a beautiful rhythm. Some of us even got to go on stage to try out the various types of drums.

We learnt that just as the different ethnic drums can come together to produce a beautiful rhythm, likewise, the different races in Singapore can co-operate together and live harmoniously. After which, a fun quiz followed to enhance our understanding of the different ethnic groups' culture.

That was not all. Part 2 of the finale continued during recess that day. HDB was invited to conduct OHYAY Roadshow in the canteen. Booths and games were set up to teach us how we can be better neighbours through deeper understanding of each other's culture and practices. The most popular station was the photo booth! Friends of different races mingled and took many photographs together.

It was a marvellous experience commemorating Racial Harmony Day. My friends and I had learnt so much from this inspiring event. We look forward to another enriching experience next year!

"Come, let's try out the board games together!"



# CCPS JUNIOR ALUMNI MOTIVATES GRADUATING P6 JUNIORS

Some CCPS Junior Alumni members gave a motivational talk to the Primary 6 pupils to encourage and motivate them before PSLE. These ex-pupils were excited to have the opportunity to return to their alma mater to speak to their juniors.

From Term 3, the months leading up to PSLE, these ex-pupils were scheduled to talk to their juniors.

In June, Esther Ng and Joanna Lee, who are currently in Secondary 4 in Tanjong Katong Girls' School, gave a motivational talk when pupils came back during the holidays for their supplementary lessons. Esther shared how she felt when she took her PSLE and what motivated her. She later quoted prominent people who inspired her and ended her talk by encouraging her juniors. She urged them not to give up and not to be complacent.



Esther Ng and Joanna Lee with Ms Grace Tan

In July, Megan Ng, who is currently in Secondary 1 in Saint Anthony's Convent Secondary School (SAC) shared how she felt when she was in her juniors' shoes the year before. She shared how her good grades put her in a dilemma - she was torn between going to CHIJ Toa Payoh Secondary school like her eldest sister and going to Saint Anthony's Convent (SAC). She eventually decided to go to SAC as she wanted to uphold our Canossian values and stay in the Canossian family. Her personal account inspired her juniors to hold firm to belief and work hard towards their goals.

We wish our junior alumni motivational speakers the very best and we urge them to continue to fly the Canossian flag high!

Via, Veritas, Vita!



Pupils listening attentively to the motivational talk



Megan Ng giving her motivational speech

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# HARI RAYA PUASA CELEBRATION

Pupils were extremely excited when they arrived in school on Thursday, 1st The school celebrated Hara Raya Puasa with a concert put up by teachers and pupils in July. The concert began with a professional march performed by the pupils from the Canossian schools, all decked out in traditional Malay costumes with the Malay Kompang. This was followed by a song and dance item and a skit performance.



The walk-in procession performance by the Canossian

Our concert highlight was a Malay dance put up by the International Dance Club which drew cheers from the audiences. The climax of the celebration was the Lucky Draw Dip! Madam Lian called out the pupils' register numbers and pupils whose register numbers were called received mystery gifts from Miss Farhana. The school had a great time and before we knew it, the celebration had ended. Everyone certainly enjoyed themselves and looked forward to the Hari Raya Celebration next year.

A skit performance by the teachers and pupils



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# DEEPAVALI CELEBRATIONS AT MY CGPS

On 3 November, after our usual assembly, we had our Deepavali celebration. As I was one of the emcees for the event and it was my first time, I was very nervous. Fortunately, all went well. Now let me share more about the programs for that day.



First of all, our Canossian school friends in their Deepavali costumes put up a cute dance performance to start off the celebration. They looked gorgeous in the traditional costumes. This was followed by our P3 to P6 pupils who performed a mini skit depicting how Deepavali came about. Our P6 pupils also danced to a mix of famous Tamil songs. I never knew that we had such talents among us as the choreography was done

by the students themselves. The P4 and P5 pupils performed a song item and this was followed by a mini dance performed by the P3 pupils. At the end of the skit, the P1 and P2 pupils, together with all the performers, came up to the stage to wish everyone a "HAPPY DIWALI!"



That was not the end. We had come up with a power point presentation on the meaning of Deepavali which was then explained to all the pupils by the emcees. To excite the audience, we had a mini quiz! Those who answered the questions correctly won a prize each.

After the quiz, we got to enjoy the performance put up by the dancers from 'The Temple of Fine Arts'. They put up a splendid and breathtaking performance which taught us the spirit of perseverance.

In a nutshell, the entire Deepavali celebration was fabulous. I really enjoyed it and I will miss it when I move on to secondary school.

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# CCPS CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION – MOVIE MANIA!

On 6th October 2016, CCPS celebrated the much-awaited Children's Day. The theme for the day was Movie Mania and the students and teachers dressed as their favourite movie characters which exemplify the school values and positive character traits such as cheerfulness and determination.

The fun-filled day of celebrations started off with a Children's Day message from MOE, read by our principal, Ms Tan. The opening item was a stupendous dance performance by 'ScRach Marcs', who were also the winners of the 2015 'The Dance Floor' competition. The energetic performance kicked off the celebration on a high note.

Everyone sang the Children's Day Song, 'Semogia Bahagia' led by Ms Tye. The song depicts the values that youths should possess, encourages them to pursue their dreams and prove their value to the world and wishes them success and happiness in their lives. The students sang the song joyously and sounded amazing.

For the Best Dressed Contest, two pupils were selected from each class by the respective teachers to go up on stage in their adorable movie character costumes. Our pupils surely have much taste and creativity in selecting outfits. The characters ranged from movie 'Harry Potter' to The Minions from movie 'Despicable Me'. The winners for this year's Best Dressed Contest were Rachel from 3 Charity, who dressed up as Strawberry Shortcake, Matisse from 2 Faith who dressed up as Princess Leia from 'Star Wars' and last but not the least, Sophie from 2 Charity, who dressed up as Batgirl.

The highlight of the whole celebration was the long-awaited CCPS Superstar event. The contest this year showcased a series of performances that left the audience cheering for more. Out of the 53 audition items presented by 80 hopeful participants, the top ten most talented and outstanding items were selected for the final round. Our budding superstars put in a lot of effort rehearsing and planning for their performances to impress the audience. Judging from the resounding applause given by the audience, we can say with absolute certainty that they achieved that goal.

Congratulations to our top three winners: Fynn, Isabelle Lok and Isabelle Loh who dazzled the audience with their dance performance, Nathania and Ashley, who mesmerised the audience with their piano duet on Canon in C and Trisha, who enchanted everyone with her Bollywood dance moves. The award of 'Most Popular Performance' went to Tiffany, who sang the song, 'Write Your Story'.

This year, Eunice Tan from 4 Faith also performed to the song 'Defying Gravity'. She has won many jazz dance competitions outside our school, inspiring her peers to be disciplined and hardworking. After Eunice's dazzling performance, the Primary 6 teachers surprised the students by performing as the Minions. Their performance left the students high with excitement as they applauded loudly for their teachers.

Overall, the Children's Day celebration gave the students a fun-filled time to enjoy the different performances by their peers and teachers. It was indeed a special day for all of us!



# CCPS 75TH ANNIVERSARY CUM SCHOOL CARNIVAL CELEBRATION 2016

2016 is a special year in the history of CCPS as it marked its 75th Anniversary and Re-opening after the school returned to its upgraded premise. To mark this milestone, the school held two events. The first was a joint anniversary celebration with the Canossian Eduplex, consisting of Canossa Convent, Canossaville, Canossian School and Magdalene's Kindergarten, on 23 August. Ms Low Yen Ling, Parliament Secretary, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Mayor, Southwest District, and an alumnus of CCPS, graced the occasion as the Guest-of-Honour. Ms Low shared vivid memories of how the school, the sisters and staff had made a difference in her life. The school hall was filled with happy chatter and good cheer as guests who included benefactors, former staff and alumni gathered and recounted the happy memories of their times spent in the school and Eduplex.

During lunch, our choir, brass band and contemporary dancers, wowed the guests with their performances. Our Canossian sisters, children from Canossian School, Canossaville Children's Home and Magdalene's Kindergarten brought much happiness and joy with their musical performances and dance items.



The second event was our CCPS Anniversary Carnival, held on 18 November, the last day of the school year. It was a fun-filled carnival where there were food and game stalls. The Primary 6 pupils and pupils from the non-performing arts CCA groups created and ran game stalls and the Parent Support Group members ran charity food stalls. Together, the proceeds of \$3,379 from these stalls were donated to the Canossian Daughters of Charity. It was

heartening to see the girls enjoying themselves and growing closer to one another through the fun, joy and laughter which characterised the entire carnival. The mood was jubilant and light-hearted and it was a wonderful occasion to close off our 75th anniversary celebrations.



Pupils are queuing patiently to play at the game booths.

