



## Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

Reviving the school calendar with all the great learning opportunities and fun events means that the children are extremely busy, and the weeks are flying by so quickly. Over the past few weeks, we held the successful Heroes and Villians Jamboree, Year 4 went on their residential to KL and held an assembly to tell us about their adventures. There have been many entry and exit points, and we also hosted the Year 5 AIMS Math Challenge. Just this week, we had our World Book Day, and this weekend our sports teams are in KL to participate in the KTJ Games.

In addition, the St Christopher's Association also held its 60th Annual General Meeting (AGM). I would like to pass on my appreciation and recognition to the Board of Governors, who volunteer and generously give their time to support the school.

### Year 1 - 7 Reports and Parent Teacher Conferences

On Monday, you will receive your child's Term 2 report, and on Tuesday or Thursday, we are holding the Parent Teacher Conferences. This is an opportunity for you to chat with the teachers about your child's progress and find out how you can support them to make further progress in the remainder of the year. Your child is welcome to be in the meeting as it is good for them to know what they are doing well and how to improve.

### Amazing Play, Every Day for Every Child - Our first months of rejuvenated play.

Less than two months into our journey of changing play using strategies from OPAL, we are already witnessing vastly different play, which is so exciting to see! All around the school, we see pockets of children deeply immersed in play of their own making and imagining! Because of this, we have witnessed a drop in the number of children needing to visit Nurse Kar Men and the number of behavioural incidents teachers deal with after break time. All these positive changes result from adjusting the nature of play at school. We all see children playing happily in groups of different ages and genders - something we were keen to promote throughout the school. We have had many sets of visitors who are amazed and excited by what we are doing, with some saying, "It just makes sense", and a Professor of Childhood Studies from USM remarking, "I am quite certain what I saw at the playground is the first of its kind that I know of...I just love the intentionality of the children when they move the loose parts".

Thank you very much for the constant stream of donated items, which enable us to provide such rich opportunities to the children during their playtime. We will soon be ready to invite parents to see play in action.

### Key Dates T2 2022/23

To help you know when key events happen at school, we have created [Key Dates T2 2022/23](#), which state when important events will occur during the term. You can also visit the website for our [Parent Calendar](#).

### Key Dates for March

14th March	Y1 - Y7 Parent Teacher Conferences	3.30 pm
16th March	Y1 - Y7 Parent Teacher Conferences	3.30 pm
24th March	T2 ASA Ends	
27th - 30th March	Y5 Residential	
27th March	EY + Infants Student Led Conference	3.00 pm
28th March	EY + Infants Student Led Conference	3.00 pm
29th March	Year 3 Production	8.30 am
	Year 3 Production	6.00 pm
31st March	Term 2 Ends	1.00 pm

Enjoy your Weekend

Martin Towse