

## **PTA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN 2021**

The SJJ Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) was formed in 1969. It is a registered association with the Registrar of Societies, with both parents and staff as members and it was set up to benefit all our Josephians.

The PTA celebrates its 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this year. It is one of the few schools that has a PTA unlike other schools that has a PSG (Parent Support Group).

The PTA Management Committee (PTA MC) had set up sub-committees to help run and manage the various activities, details of which will be shared in more detail during the 2022 AGM.

As in 2020 and 2021, the PTA had to curtail or cancel many of the activities due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. However, we were able to conduct some of the activities in the second half of the year.

### **PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The SJJ Junior PTA began 2021 with the Annual AGM which was held on 27 February via Zoom. The AGM was attended by over 100 parents and teachers. The members were informed of the activities that were carried out by the PTA's Management Committee in 2020. The event also saw the new management committee for 2021- 2022 being elected into office. Mr Mark Lim was re-elected as the PTA president.

There was also a Recover-Well Being workshop by Mr Nick Jarvis Tan, an international speaker, executive coach and behaviourist scientist that was organised for all participants of the AGM.

### **Community Outreach**

The PTA, together with Beyond Social Services, held a donation exercise where parents donated stationery items for students from low-income households staying in Henderson, Redhill and Lengkok Bahru. A number of teachers stayed back on a few afternoons in school to pack the stationery items. Over 600 care packages were distributed to the students in end-September.

### **Father-Son Challenge**

The Father-Son Challenge was held virtually during the September holidays. In this week-long event, fathers and sons formed teams where they had to complete a number of challenges such as "The First Knot" and "Feeding Time". Eighty-six teams submitted their video entries and the participants were given an eCertificate and a limited edition baseball cap. In all, it was felt that the spirit and essence of the camp, that is, the father-son bonding was achieved. The participants had a good time although there were teething problems due to it being held virtually for the first time. It was a good experience for everyone and the participants had lots of creative ideas to share.

## **Town Hall Meetings**

The PTA also organised, for the first time ever, a “Town Hall” meeting on 10 September where Mr Eric Leong, our principal, shared with parents of P3 and P4 boys on the topic “Big Fish in a Small Pond”. It was about selection of secondary schools after PSLE. Another “Town Hall” meeting was held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November for parents of P5 and P6 pupils and the topic was also on choosing secondary schools.

## **Teachers Day**

The Teachers’ Day appreciation, which was partly organised by the PTA, was a simple affair and all the teachers were presented with a snack box by our canteen vendor Hanis and a commemorative gift of handmade flowers and cards.

## **PSLE Vigil**

Our P6 boys were not forgotten during the PSLE in end September and early October. The parents held a prayer vigil during the 5-day period. Candles were lit for all of them in the chapel. The P6 prayer vigil was held on zoom and for the first time open to all the 4 LaSallian primary schools. Due to COVID restrictions, no PVs except for the PTA MC members were allowed in school. There were also masses held on-line.

## **Children’s Day**

The Children’s Day Carnival was held online due to HBL being declared on 8 October. School hours were as per normal. Lessons were still carried out from 7.30 am-11.45am.

The programme started with the Children’s Day message. It continued with the Sharity Elephant Donation appeal, performances by staff members and the singing of Semoga Bahagia, the Children’s Day song. There was also the Celebrating Our Grands segment where the pupils were asked to make cards for their grandparents. The highlight of the programme was the magic show.

When the boys returned the following Monday, they were presented a gift pack of “gem” biscuits and a tote bag. A plus point was that the boys as well as their parents were able to watch the programme together at home and that would lead to parent-child bonding.

## **PTA Facebook Page**

For the first time, the PTA Facebook page was created. Parents were encouraged to “Like” the Facebook page so that they can be updated with what is going on in the school.

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