

The STEPHENIAN



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The Principal's Message...

Our school focus for 2007 is

Excellence – a Conscious Choice; Empowering Self and Others

We work towards each member of the Stephenian community giving his personal best especially as this year marks a significant milestone in the history of St. Stephen's with the school celebrating its 50th Anniversary. We thank our staff, parents, pupils and stakeholders, both past and present, for their generous support and unreserved commitment that has helped St. Stephen's grow over the years and attain success in the areas of academic studies, sports and the arts. We would like to warmly invite all of you and your families to join us in our many activities planned for the year and to make 2007 a memorable one for everybody.

In our continuous endeavour to keep the school relevant and current, we have reviewed the school's Vision, Mission and Values. We thank the different stakeholders including parents, educators, ex-pupils and members in the Lasallian community who have given us their views and suggestions to bring about changes that will continue to help the school in its growth.

As we bid farewell to staff who have left us, including our Vice-Principal, Mdm Francina Jodhi, we would also like to warmly welcome our new Vice-Principal, Mdm Loe Lai Pink and two middle managers, HOD/Science, Mr Tayeb bin Rajib and SH/Social Studies and National Education, Mdm Tan Teck Ngee to our school. We look forward to working with them for the betterment of St. Stephen's.

Our 2006 cohort of P6 pupils and teachers worked hard and were rewarded with good PSLE results. There is an evident improvement in quality passes with 177 (74.1%) of our boys proceeding to the Special and Express Streams in secondary schools. Fourteen of our boys were successful in gaining admission to their choice secondary schools through the Direct School Admissions scheme and two pupils were offered places in the Singapore Sports School.

The Stephenian community came together between November 2006 and January 2007 to raise funds for one of our boys, Wong Jun Da, who is undergoing treatment for leukaemia. A total of \$23 210.70 was collected. Together with Jun Da's parents, we would like to thank all who have helped in the fund-raising.

We look forward to working closely with parents and members in the community to make teaching and learning impactful for our pupils in 2007. We thank God for His great love and blessings and we ask that He continue to generously bless all in the Stephenian community and help us work and grow as a family.

Crede Et Servire
(To Believe, To Serve)

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To Believe, To Serve

Getting to Know You...

When I learned that I was posted to St. Stephen's School as the Vice-Principal, I was excited. My learning journey was beginning. My first impression of the school was the warmth of the people around, both staff and pupils. Many of my ex-colleagues shared openly their envy of the cosy and inviting school building.

The school exudes nothing but vibrancy with activities ranging from reflective morning presentations aligned with school values, extensive use of Cooperative Learning in lessons and interesting learning journeys. The dedication of the staff to ensure that the pupils are engaged in learning is pervasive across all levels. The culture of care and respect is clearly imbibed and exemplified by staff, pupils and stakeholders.

It is my privilege to become a member of this big enthusiastic family. I am certain that every child who passes through St. Stephen's will grow up to be a 'man for others.'



*Mdm Loe Lai Pink
Vice Principal*

I have been in the teaching service for the last 13 years and served as the HOD for Science for the last seven. I hope to be able to share my knowledge in Science and leadership experiences with my new colleagues and as a team strive to bring St. Stephen's School to greater heights.



The environment here is very different from my former school. Here, if I were to stand outside my class, I can see beautiful houses and the city skyline. It is really scenic and therapeutic.

I am proud to be part of the dynamic team at St. Stephen's and look forward to working with the rest of the staff and other stakeholders.

*Mr Tayeb bin Rajib
HOD (Science)*

I have been in the teaching service for 25 years. I taught in a school in Tampines for 15 years, from 1991 to 2006.



My interests are spending time with my children and involving them in some of my hobbies, which are travelling, taking nature walks, reading and cooking.

I had a culture shock when I first stepped into St. Stephen's School. I had always taught in a mixed school but I am slowly adapting to an all boys' environment. It is certainly a challenge and I am looking forward to bond with the pupils.

*Mdm Tan
Subject Head (Social Studies)*

I am honoured by the trust and confidence that the teachers have in me. I will use the opportunity entrusted to me by the school to be a role model to my younger Stephenian brothers.



*Yu Kai Yan
Head Prefect*

I will do my best to assist the Head Prefect in carrying out the various duties that have been delegated to us. I will perform these duties to the best of my abilities and take care of my fellow brothers and teachers.



*Keith Ong
Vice-Head Prefect*

Knowing our Mission, Vision and Values

Our Mission:

Enabling all Stephenians to learn how to learn, and to learn how to live; empowering them to become men of integrity, and men for others.

Our Vision:

A community of inquiring learners with faith and zeal, excelling for the glory of God.



Buddy Programme – training our boys to be 'men for others'.



Joy, laughter and merry-making were the order of the day as we ushered in Chinese New Year.



Understanding our cultural heritage through learning journeys – a lesson in respect and tolerance

Our Values:

Joy

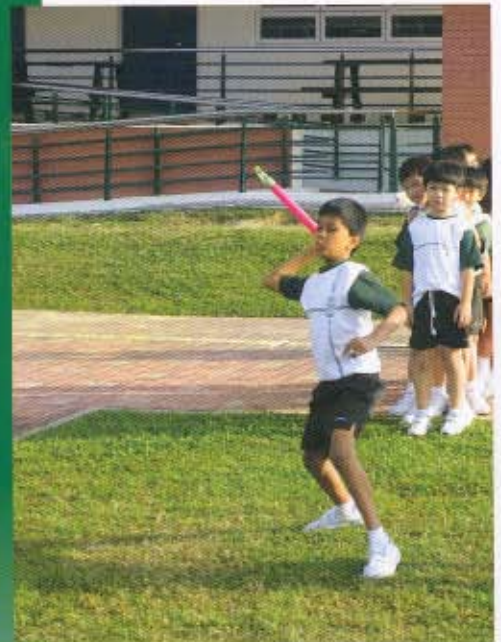
Kindness

Honesty

Perseverance

Respect

Inquiry



P3 pupils experienced the outdoors and were introduced to experiential science.



Our boys learnt the intricacies of running a business. Along the way, they also learnt the value of perseverance, respect and honesty.

School Events



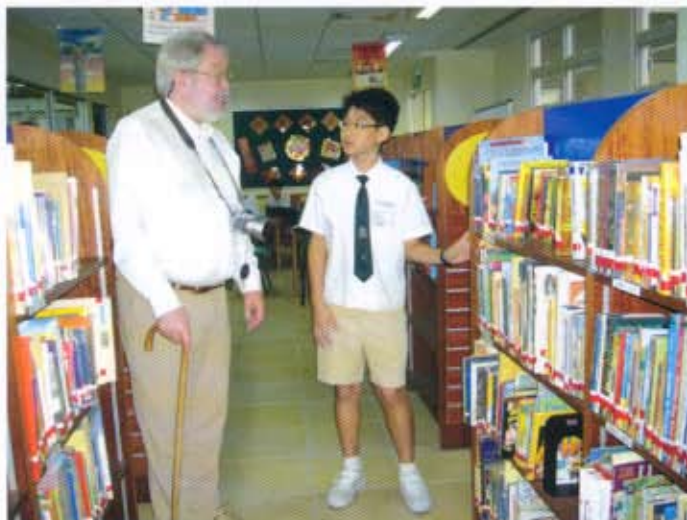
The Act 3 group staged a drama, *If Raffles were from Mars*, in St. Stephen's. The boys enjoyed the show and participated enthusiastically.



The first term kicked off to a start with a Parent-Teacher Meet in January to get to know one another and convey expectations.



Our boys taking and recording their temperature – an exercise in emergency preparedness.



Our head prefect was a model ambassador as he took some Principals from the United Kingdom on a tour of the school.



The Parents' Symposium drew a crowd as parents learnt how they could better help their children in their schoolwork at home.



The World Scouts Day saw our cub scouts reaffirm their allegiance and show off what they do at a camp.

Men for Others



In November 2006, the Southeast Community Development Council approached St. Stephen's School for help in their project, *Cranes for Grains*. Our pupils and staff managed to fold more than 4000 paper cranes in two weeks which translated into an equivalent number of bowls of grains donated to the needy. At the same time, we also raised a total of \$23 210.70 for one of our Stephenians, Wong Jun Da, who is undergoing treatment for leukaemia. On 9 March 2007, a few selected Stephenians volunteered as ushers in St. Jude-Asia Forum in Paediatric Oncology at Fullerton Hotel.

New Staff



Welcome:

(Back row, from left to right):
Mr Donald Magness, Ms Sharon Tan,
Mdm Seri Suryani and Mr Mohamed Salim
(Front row, left to right): Mrs Judy Gomez,
Ms Hong Hui Ling, Mdm Sin Yoke Sim

Congratulations:

Ms Eileen Leong on her marriage

Farewell:

Mdm Zawayah who has joined her
husband in Brunei,
Mrs Anne Goh (childcare)

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Do join us in the events listed below as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Sports Fiesta	17 March
Golf Tournament	27 April
In Celebration of Youth Concert	30 June
Teachers' Day Celebration	31 August
Launch of Coffee Table Book	31 August

Achievements



The school sent two teams, junior and senior, to the East Zone Soccer Tournament. The matches were competitive but the boys were up to the mark. There was great camaraderie and every player played selflessly.

True to the spirit of the game, the boys played aggressively yet fairly. In the end, the junior team emerged runners-up and the senior team was crowned champion of the East Zone Soccer Tournament.

Both teams qualify for the National Soccer Tournament that will commence at the end of March. Best of luck boys!

A Note to Parents ...

School Discipline

There are a few areas in which parents can help us in ensuring that the basic rules in the school are adhered to. This is important in helping to set a standard in terms of school tone and discipline.

Punctuality

We want to instill in our boys the value of courtesy. It is impolite to move into the assembly areas when announcements and presentations are being made and it is distracting to other boys who are already there. We would like to thank all parents for helping us to ensure that our pupils come to school before 7.20 am and that they attend the morning programme in school. These activities help to:

- settle our boys down and prepare for the start of school,
- give them exposure to other dimensions of learning, such as music, facts on Singapore, warm-up exercises, stories and reflections shared by teachers and pupils and
- showcase their talents and help to nurture their level of confidence

We make our morning announcements before flag-raising at 7.30 am so as to enable class to start punctually at 7.40 am.

Wearing of School Tie

We would also like parents to remind our boys to wear their school ties every Monday as we have Weekly Assembly. If this is not possible, please do insist that your child keeps his tie in the school bag all the time. The boys would be deemed to have broken a school rule if they do not wear their ties as this is the prescribed uniform on Mondays.

Acceptable Classroom Behaviour

Teachers have mentioned that teaching can be a challenge when boys take on defiant or disruptive behaviours during lessons or consistently hand in late or careless work. We have been working closely with parents on specific behavioural problems and would like all parents to emphasise the importance of self-control in order to achieve a conducive study environment for all pupils.