

The STEPHENIAN



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A SEMESTER OF SUCCESS AND CELEBRATIONS

Brass Band



- Gold at Singapore Youth Festival (SYF)
- Programme for School-Based Excellence (PSE) Award (2008 - 2010)

The school was represented by 24 very talented boys. The boys, some of whom joined the band barely a year ago, worked hard over the past year to learn how to play their instruments well. Their determination paid off handsomely when their excellent performance earned them a Gold Award from the panel of adjudicators which included both foreign and local judges.

Dance (Modern)



- Gold with Honours at Singapore Youth Festival (SYF)

The Dance Club was formed in 2007. This is the second SYF they have participated in and their second time clinching a Gold with Honours. They practised long and hard for the competition and their unrelenting efforts paid off. We are very proud of our boys!



We congratulate Mr Tayeb Bin Rajib on his promotion to the position of Vice-Principal. Mr Tayeb will continue to serve as a second VP at St Stephen's. All the best, Mr Tayeb!



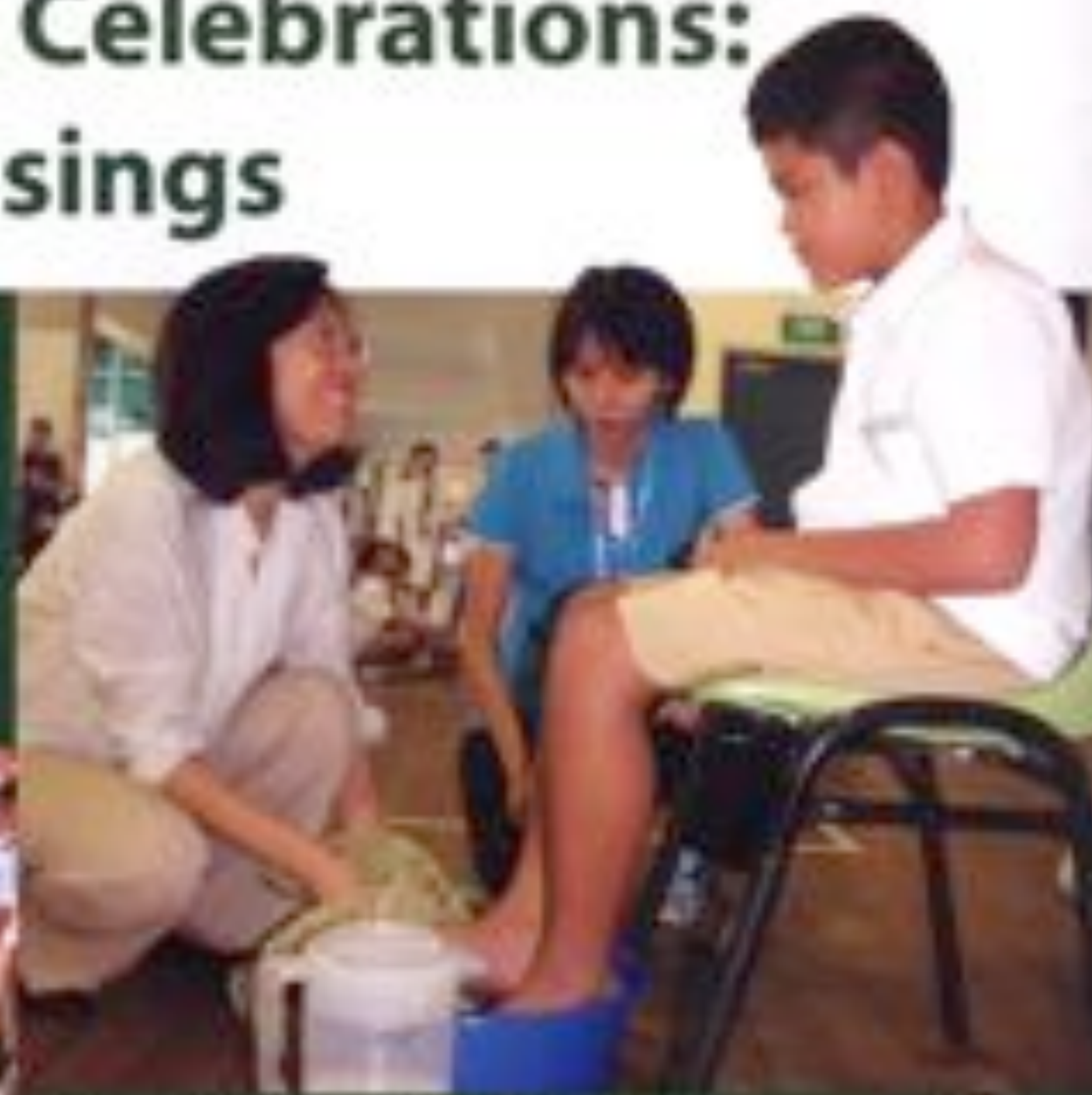
CHERISH
2010
Bronze Award

St Stephen's was awarded the CHERISH (Championing Efforts Resulting in Improved School Health) Award for 2010! The award was jointly presented by the Health Promotion Board and the Ministry of Education in recognition of schools that promote holistic and healthy lifestyles for both staff and students.

Commemorations and Celebrations: Rejoicing in God's Blessings

Maundy Thursday, 31 March by Jordan Chia

We commemorated Maundy Thursday with Ms Fang and Ms Pang washing the feet of twelve Stephenians. This was symbolic of Christ's love and humility for His disciples and ultimately, His greatest gift of life through His crucifixion.



The Washing of Feet by Ms Fang



"Oh! I think I've found treasure!"

Easter Celebration, 5 April by Johnathan Liong

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was organized and facilitated by our parent catechists. We had lots of fun searching for 'treasure' which we could exchange for chocolate eggs.

Library Week, 12 April

by Thomas Abraham and Tan Yong Boon

This year's theme was "Sports & Health" in conjunction with the Singapore Youth Olympic Games (YOG) 2010. The extravaganza kicked off with several teachers outfitted in their sporting-best. Mr Fernandez then honoured a former Stephenian, Mr Nigel, who brought glory to the school with his impressive accomplishments in Athletics back in his day. The last day of Library Week saw many pupils dressed in their favourite sports attire. Some boys even went on stage and introduced their favourite sports to us. We had such a great time!



Ms Fang carries the 'Olympic Torch'



Our future elite sportsmen!

International Friendship Day, 15 April

This year, pupils were introduced to some of our local YDG sports personalities through a slideshow. This was followed by a skit from ACT 3 Theatre, entitled "Our Flag Flies High". It was entertaining and succinctly encapsulated the history of Singapore. Pupils also coloured commemorative stamps featuring Singapore, Jamaica and Papua New Guinea, and even designed and wrote postcards to international pen pals. There was also a nationwide event, Doodle 4 Google – "Our Singapore" competition, and the response was overwhelming with over 300 submissions!

Works of art by our very own Stephenians



Our flag flies high!



Our Guest of Honour, Father Ignatius Yeo

Sports Day cum Founder's Day, 26 April

by Kahlil Sudhakaran and Lucas Koh

The excitement was palpable as Sports Day cum Founder's Day began with the March Past. This year, some pupils were dressed as our Founder, St. John Baptist De La Salle, in commemoration of Founder's Day, which we were also celebrating. Fr. Ignatius Yeo, a former Stephenian, graced the occasion. In the spirit of YDG, Sports For All was re-introduced to encourage all pupils to participate in sports through fun novelty races. Competitors and spectators from all four houses competed in the spirit of true sportsmanship, with Sebastian House eventually emerging champion for 2010.



"I'm going to be Champion!"

Red Cross Day, 7 May

This year, Red Cross Links donned their full Red Cross uniform to celebrate the 150th birthday of Mr Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross Movement. They formed a mini contingent in front of the whole school to reaffirm the Red Cross Promise together.

The 110th Anniversary of the Canonization of St John Baptist De LaSalle, 24 May

The celebration began with a prayer by Brother Colin Wee FSC. Mr Joseph Lesslar explained what canonization meant and elaborated on LaSalle's inspiration to teach and care for youth. Ms Nicole Tham then spoke of becoming Men for Others by touching the lives of others. Mr William Tang focused on how we could practise this through charity. Pupils were encouraged to donate spontaneously to the Catholic Welfare Services. The core message of De LaSalle was reinforced, "De LaSalle can only start the spark, we must kindle the fire."



Our smartly-dressed Red Cross Links



Lasallian teachers

The Buzz

Snapshots of the various school events carried out in Term 2



Mr Tayeb explaining the new subject combinations

Primary 5/6 Foundation Subjects Sharing, 5 April

Parents obtained a better understanding on the new subject combinations (standard and foundation subjects).



Mr Lucas Loh, Principal of SPS, and Dr Koh Thiam Sing, Principal of SJI, addressing parents

P6 SJI & SPS Talk for Parents, 5 April

Principals of both St Joseph's Institution and St Patrick's School updated parents about the latest programmes offered.



Our visitors observing a PB lesson

Visit from Philadelphia High School, 8 April

Our pupil ambassadors had an interactive time with our visitors from Philadelphia High School from the Philippines.



Presenting the Gold award-winning St Stephen's Brass Band

Band Performance @ Esplanade Concert Hall, 12 April

Our Brass Band played at Of Pride and Celebration @ Esplanade, a concert in celebration of the 25th anniversary of our conductor, Mr David Glosz. Congratulations, Mr Glosz!



Captured boys at the paper recycling booth

Earth Day, 22 April

Booths were set up in the canteen where pupils could view a paper-recycling demonstration and a display on Global Warming.



Our boys peering a quiz on Fire Safety together

Emergency Preparedness Day 2010, 24 April

At the event organised by the Grassroots Organizations and the Home Team agencies, some of our P4 pupils were equipped with basic emergency response skills.



Our boys sharing the lessons

Use Your Hands Campaign, 27 May

by Jonathan Ramakrishna
On the last day of Term 2, I was given the opportunity to serve the school. I learned that without teamwork, we cannot achieve success.



Meet-The-Parents (MTP) 2, 27 May

The purpose of the second Meet-The-Parents session was for teachers to update parents on their son's performance in SA1 and behaviour in Term 2.

Learning Journeys in Term 2

A kaleidoscope of learning journeys and activities that took place this term through pictures



Discussing what symmetry is at Labrador Park



Maths among honey at the Zoo

P4 Maths Trail, 18 May

P5 Maths Trail, 20 May

MT Activities



This photo titled 'Spirit of Resilience' in St Stephen's School taken by Ruan Ting Kavulda Hiranis (P4) won an outstanding award in the National Chinese Language Photography Competition held in 2009

National Chinese Language Photography Competition



We were featured in Channel News Asia for our Bilingual Approach in the teaching of Chinese Language

Bilingual Approach in teaching Chinese Language, 8 March



Pupils were engaged in a range of interactive and fun activities conducted by English Language Centre to expose them to creative usage of their Mother Tongue

P5 MT Language Local Immersion Camp 2010, 24 - 26 May



Our proud prize winners!

Malay Language Week, 19 - 23 April

The Malay department conducted a range of activities for Malay Language Week which included:

- Primary 1 - Primary 2: Singing Competition
- Primary 3 - Primary 4: Poetry Recital
- Primary 5 - Primary 6: Creative Writing



Typing in Tamil for the first time

Murasu Anjal Workshop, 6 and 19 April

Pupils learnt how to use Tamil touch-typing software, Murasu Anjal.



A Stephenian getting introduced at the Interactive Forum

Interactive Forum in Tamil, 14 April

Pupils attended an Interactive Forum on the use of Tamil in Singapore at MDIS UniCampus.

School Family Education (SFE)

In 2002, MCYS, schools and schools' service-providers jointly developed a holistic family learning model - the School Family Education (SFE) Programme aimed at equipping parents with effective parenting skills. At St. Stephen's School, we work with Family Life Society (FLS) to develop and provide relevant skills training that are catered for parents and students.

For any enquiries on the SFE programmes at St. Stephen's School, please contact the school's SFE Coordinator, Mdm Lily Tan at 9069-2777 or email lily.sfe.sss@gmail.com



Learning Tamil through fun and games

Tamil Language Camp, 24 - 26 May

Pupils learnt more about the Tamil culture through activities such as games, songs and dance. They also practiced Tamil touch-typing using Murasu Anjal.

Staff Page



We warmly welcome our new staff:

L-R: Ms Helen Valentina Fernandez (LH-EL), Mdm Quah Swee Bee, Ms Nuraini Binte Abdul Samat, Mr Leng Kok Keong (MT Teacher), Ms Suhaila Binte Hamid (CSO) and Ms Ruhaidah Binte Rahmat (MT Teacher)

Farewell

We would like to thank Mr Donald Magness, Mrs Patricia Magness, Mr Prabuddha, Mdm April Tan, Mr Yam Chwee Mok and Mdm Zawiyah for their dedicated service to the school and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following teachers on the recent promotions! Ms Choo Huey Xuan, Mr Foo Voon San Thomas, Ms Hong Hui Ling, Ms Sharon Lai Fee Phee, Ms Lim Li-Yen Sharon, Mrs Ming Loh, Ms Evonne Tan, Mdm Tay Sin Woon, Mrs Tan Chor Kheng, Ms Thia Hwei Ling Sharon and Mdm Yang Yiqu

Professional Development

CBS KP Sharing Day, 26 March

As a Lasallian fraternity, we have much to learn from each other. This was marked by the first Christian Brothers Schools Key Personnel Learning Day held at S.B Junior. Each Primary CBS presented three of their areas of strength. These included sharing sessions on topics such as 'Improving writing in EL', 'Reflecting, Inquiring and Sharing for Pupil Engagement' and 'Raising the Standard of CI' among many others.



De La Salle teachers share their expertise in musical productions

E5 Cluster Tamil Teachers' Sharing, 21 May

Mrs Sandian shared her Professional Development Leave (PDL) experience in India with other Tamil teachers at the session.



British Council Workshop, 25 June

A 5-part workshop on 'Teaching Mixed Ability Classes' was conducted by Mr Robert Martinez from the British Council. Teachers picked up valuable knowledge and useful strategies for differentiating their lessons to accommodate learners of varying abilities and learning styles.



Staff Welfare Activities

Staff Learning Journey to Johor Bahru cum Family Day, 3 June

Staff enjoyed a day tour to Johor Bahru where they visited a kampong, learned how noodles are made, lunched at an organic vegetable farm and shopped the afternoon away at Jusco Shopping Mall. What better way to welcome the holidays than amongst familial and collegial company!



Celebrating the birthdays of our June babies at the organic farm

Mr Lukman shows us how noodles are made



Our extended Stephenian family!

Celebrating Our Achievements in Semester 1

Our Stephenians have brought glory to the school, excelling in various sports, aesthetic, oratorical and co-curricular activities in Semester 1. We thank our coaches, teachers and parents for their guidance and encouragement. Congratulations, boys!



Soccer
(Senior)

- 3rd at SPSS/TAS 7-A-Side Soccer Festa
- 3rd in Inter-Primary School East Zone Soccer (Senior) Championship 2010
- 10th in National Inter-Primary School Soccer (Senior) Championship 2010



Soccer
(Junior)

- 3rd in Inter-Primary School East Zone Soccer (Junior) Championship 2010



Cricket
(11-a-side)



Cricket
(8-a-side)

- 1st in National Inter-Primary School Cricket Championship 2010 (8-a-side)
- 2nd in National Inter-Primary School Cricket Championship 2010 (11-a-side)



Celebrating Our Achievements in Semester 1



- **C Division**
1st in National Inter-Primary School Track & Field Championship 2010
- **D Division**
5th in National Inter-Primary School Track & Field Championship 2010
- Akira Swift Competition – 7 Golds, 5 Silvers and 6 Bronzes
- Programme for School-Based Excellence (PSE) Award Renewed (1st 2005 – 2009, 2nd 2010)



- **Daniel Ooi (Junior)**
1st in National Inter-School Taekwondo Championship 2010
- **Luke Yeo (Junior)**
1st in National Inter-School Taekwondo Championship 2010
- **Luke Yeo (Junior)**
3rd in National Inter-School Taekwondo Championship 2010



- **Frank Cooper Sands Award (Silver)**

- **Gold Award:** Eugene Seng
- **Silver Award:** Shaun Sim
- **Bronze Award:** Max Lim Jun Liang