



Canossa Newsbites

November 2024

Home News

We welcome to the Canossian Family the following teachers:

- Ms Marie Tay
- Mdm Lim Bee Leng

Did You Know?

It is essential to celebrate the milestones in your child's life as they grow up. Celebrating these milestones helps your child feel important and loved, and it creates lasting memories for both you and your child.

To read the full article,
<https://collabforchildren.org/resources-for-families/resource-library/the-importance-of-celebrating-milestones-in-your-childs-life/#:~:text=Boosts%20their%20self%20Desteem%3A%20Celebrating,set%20a>



**"Peace and charity
will never be too
costly for us."**

- St Magdalene of Canossa

School Mission

Nurturing each in his / her own way by forming hearts, enlightening minds and empowering spirits to live in The Way, The Truth and The Life

School Vision

Leaders of Hope

Sowers of Change

Core Values

Charity, Humility, Forgiveness, Faith



With a grateful heart

With a grateful heart, we give thanks –
For God's bountiful blessings in our lives.



For our Canossian Sisters

Who serve the Lord tirelessly with love and passion –
Touching lives and bringing peace in prayer, word and deed –
As they walk in the footsteps of Mother Foundress.

For our Canossian children

Whose joy and laughter warm hearts,
As they play and learn together, embracing everyone –
And living out the values of Charity, Humility, Forgiveness and Faith.



For our Canossian educators

Whose hearts to serve like Mother Foundress,
See them imparting the joy of learning,
As they create opportunities for our children to grow to their fullest potential.



For our beloved Singapore –

a land of possibilities, a safe and loving home
for her people who stand united and resilient in faith no matter the challenge.



With a grateful heart, we give thanks –
And look forward to a greatly blessed 2025!



Did You Know?

Celebrating milestones, big or small, helps boost your child's self-esteem. When you acknowledge their accomplishments, it shows them that their efforts and hard work are recognised and appreciated. This, in turn, builds their confidence and encourages them to set and achieve more goals.

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our support and
consolation.”

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Calendar of Events (November)

Date	Events	Remarks
31 October	Deepavali	Public Holiday
1 November	Exam Admin Day	School Holiday for Primary 1 – Primary 6 students
7 November	Siblings Orientation for Incoming Primary 1s	School as usual for P1-P6 students The Sibling Orientation for incoming Primary 1s will start at 3pm.
8 November	Primary 6 Graduation	Primary 6 students report to school from 7.30am – 11.30am. Only 2 guests per child. Primary 1 – Primary 5 students do not report to school.
13 November	2024 Primary 1 to Primary 5 Awards Presentation Day	School as usual for Primary 1 to Primary 6 students Details will be given to parents of award winners in November.
14 November	Preparation for Christmas @ The Village	Only selected students report to school.
15 November	Christmas @ The Village	Only for children of Canossa Catholic Primary School, Canossian School, Canossaville Preschool and their immediate families residing in the same house.
16 November-31 December	Term 4 School Vacation	School starts on 3 January 2025, Friday, for all Primary 2 - Primary 6 students.
1 January 2025	New Year's Day	Public Holiday

Did You Know?

Celebrating your child's milestones is an excellent way to encourage positive behavior. For example, if your child has just learned how to tie their shoelaces, celebrating this milestone will encourage them to continue to practice and improve other skills.

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“The most beautiful way to start the day is with a grateful heart.”

- St Magdalene of Canossa

Travel Declarations

To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/ guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ ward if he/ she will be travelling for the holidays.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE > TRAVELS]. For travel during the school holidays, indicate both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required. When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates.

If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG if there is a change in travel destination or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.

Nomination of teachers for national awards

Every year, two national awards are given out to teachers in Singapore to recognise their professional excellence. They are the President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and the Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA).

PAT gives national recognition to experienced teachers who are role models for the teaching profession. These teachers personify deep passion for teaching and inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds.

OYEA gives national recognition to young teachers who are role models for the teaching profession. These teachers personify youthful idealism, energy and enthusiasm, and inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds.

Educators who are 35 years and younger are eligible for the award. Hence, OYEA 2025 is open to educators who were born on or after 30 June 1990.

Nominations for PAT 2025 and OYEA 2025 are now open and will close on 10 January 2025 (Friday). We would like to invite you and your child/ward to submit your nomination(s) for any deserving teacher(s) whom you know by scanning the QR codes on the next page.

Did You Know?

Plan a special outing for your child to celebrate their milestones, such as a trip to the zoo or amusement park. This will create a fun and memorable experience for both you and your child. You can visit a petting zoo, explore some science centers, or even plan a camping trip to create lasting memories.

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 with **courage** and a
generous heart filled with
love, but in **peace.**”

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PAT 2025

<https://go.gov.sg/pat2025>



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OYEA 2025

<https://go.gov.sg/oylea2025>



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Ministry of Education
SINGAPORE

MOE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME (FAS) 2025

The Ministry of Education provides financial assistance to Singaporean students from our Government and Government-Aided Schools who need financial assistance for their studies.

INCOME CRITERION

Gross Monthly
Household Income =

\$3,000

OR BELOW

OR

Per Capita Income =

\$750

OR BELOW

Calculate Per Capita Income =
 Total Gross Monthly Household Income
 No. of Household Members

BENEFITS

Item	Academic Level		
	Primary	Secondary	Pre-U
School Fees	Not applicable	Full subsidy of \$5 per month	Full subsidy of \$6 per month
Miscellaneous Fees	Full subsidy of \$13 per month	Full subsidy of \$20 per month	Full subsidy of \$27 per month
Textbooks	Free textbooks		Not applicable
School Attire	Free school attire		Not applicable
Transport Subsidy*	65% of monthly school bus fares for students taking school bus; or \$17 transport subsidy per month from month of approval, up to \$204 per annum for students taking public transport		
School Meal Subsidy*	Subsidy for 7 meals per 5-day school week from month of approval, for up to 40 school weeks per annum	Subsidy for 10 meals per 5-day school week from month of approval, for up to 40 school weeks per annum	Not Applicable
Bursary	Not applicable		\$1,200 per annum

*If the FAS application approval is not from January, the transport subsidy will be pro-rated accordingly from the month after your application is approved to December of the same year.

*Subsidies for school meals purchased and consumed in school.

HOW TO APPLY?

Application forms are available from the school and MOE website. The school will notify you of the outcome of your application.

ADDITIONAL HELP REQUIRED?

If you need additional help, you can approach your child's school for further financial assistance.

If you need help to get a digital device and/or broadband internet access, you can apply for IMDA's DigitalAccess@Home scheme*. For details, please visit www.digitalaccess.gov.sg

For enquiries, please contact IMDA hotline 6377 3800 or e-mail: digitalaccess@imda.gov.sg

* Subject to eligibility and availability.

OTHER INFORMATION

Parents with children in different schools

You need to submit only one application form for all your school-going children to one of their schools. The school which receives the application form will inform you of the outcome for all the children.

Primary 6 students going to Secondary 1 in 2025

Primary 6 students can apply for MOE FAS at their primary school for Secondary 1 next year.

For more information, visit www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance/

Did You Know?

Creating lasting memories of your child's milestones is important because it allows you to look back on those special moments and relive them.

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 difficulties there are to
 encounter, the
 better we will
 serve God.”**

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Sportsmanship Award 2024

The Singapore Schools Sports Council (SSSC) Sportsmanship award is awarded to athletes who have exemplified the attributes of character, integrity, and sportsmanship.

We are proud to announce that seven of our athletes from Track and Field and Floorball have been awarded this prestigious award.

Track & Field

Ong Tian Wei Gabriel (6 Joy)

Leong Xin Yi (6 Peace)

Laiso Zoe Abigail (5 Piety)

Janae Wong Lin Xuan (4 Hope)

Laiso Justin Andrea (4 Piety)

Floorball

Nur Myiesha Maisara Binte Ahmad (5 Piety)

Tan Kah Minh (5 Piety)

They have also displayed the following characteristics:

Team focus – unselfish and committed dedication to their team on their own individual performance

Attitude – Positive attitude and mindset

Role model – Respecting officials and opposing teams, even in the face of adverse outcomes and demonstrating cooperation with the coaches and teammates

Integrity – Emulating the Canossian Principle of *doing what is right even when no one is watching*.

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2024

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools, which has been proudly delivered by the Royal Commonwealth Society since 1883. Each year, the theme is drawn from Commonwealth values and principles. It encourages young people to engage with pressing issues of the day, such as the environment, equality, and youth leadership, to foster an open-minded and empathetic worldview.

Under the long-time patronage of Queen Camilla, The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition has reached over 200,000 young people, involved some 5,000 volunteer judges, and encouraged hundreds of schools to enter just in the past decade.

We would like to congratulate the following students for their achievement:

Silver Award

Sara Tan (5 Piety)

Certificate of Participation

Ee Zhuo En Isaac (5 Joy)

Lim Jia En Isabelle (5 Joy)

Did You Know?

Celebrate your child's achievements, such as getting good grades, winning a sports competition, or learning a new skill. These achievements are a reflection of their hard work and dedication, and they should be celebrated.

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and loved.”**

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Creative Writing Programme 2024

The Creative Writing Programme (CWP) aims to nurture budding writers in creative writing by helping them cultivate a critical awareness of literary technique and craftsmanship. It is one of a suite of provisions by Gifted Education Branch (GEB), Curriculum Planning & Development Division (CPDD) for English Language High Ability Learners (EL HALs).

Participants had the opportunity to attend the Tier 1 Enrichment Session by Ms Low Ying Ping who is the author of the *MOUNT EMILY* novels featuring friendship and time travel.

Her second novel, *Mount Emily Revisited*, won the Singapore Book Awards 2017 (Middle Grade / Young Adult category) and the series was also shortlisted for other awards such as the *Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award* and *Singapore's Popular Readers' Choice Awards*.

Our children then submitted a portfolio with 4 pieces of Creative Writing – short stories or poems – for selection to the Creative Writing Camp. Camp Selection was based on the merit of the submitted portfolio.

We are pleased to announce that Sze Toh Yu Shin (5 Peace) was selected to attend the Tier 2 Creative Writing Programme Camp on 2 and 3 September.

His essay, *The Speck*, has also been selected for the annual CWP publication, *Mementoes*, a compilation of poetry and prose works gleaned from the CWP.

Sony Creative Award 2024

The Sony Creative Science Award is Singapore's largest national toy-making competition for primary school students, jointly organised by Science Centre Singapore and Sony Group of Companies in Singapore, with the support of the Ministry of Education.

This competition aims to allow students' creativity to blossom and bring their amazing ideas to life and apply Science concepts in their design.

We are proud to announce that we have 2 winners for the Catalyst award.

The Catalyst Award is a new award introduced to celebrate young creators who have shown enthusiasm and creativity. It honours the students' efforts and encourages them to continue exploring and innovating. This recognition serves as a reminder that every creative effort can spark new ideas and drive the spirit of discovery forward.

The Catalyst Award

Felicity Grace Sim Hwee Hsin (5 Piety) and Janice Seah Hui Lin (5 Piety)
 Name of toy: The Gacha Machine