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Friday, 24 July 2015

Venue: School Hall

Guest-of-Honour: Mrs Eliza George

SMPS Green Dot Day

Saturday, 1 August 2015

Time: 8 am to 12 nn

Venue: St. Margaret's Secondary School

Teachers' Day Dinner

Friday, 28 August 2015

Venue: M-Hotel

SMESA Members' Outing

Details to be announced on SMESA's Facebook

St. Margaret's 173rd Anniversary Dinner

Monday, 16 November 2015

Venue: St. Margaret's Secondary School

Details in next issue of newsletter

Visit to

St Andrew's Cathedral Home for the Aged

Saturday, 19 September 2015

A NOTE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

The year 2015 is a year for Thanksgiving and Reaching Out, just as Singapore is celebrating SG50, fifty blessed years of nationhood.

We are planning to honour our 'pioneer' teachers and principals for the solid ground they had laid for us and generations to come. As our School Hymn says '... they reap not where they laboured, we reap what they have sown ...'. It is therefore befitting that we thank and honour them at our 173rd Anniversary Dinner on 16 November 2015. So do come and join us at this year's Anniversary Dinner to reconnect with our teachers and principals who educated us and taught us life's precious values.



This is also a year when we will be Reaching Out – reaching out to all our alumni members, our ex-students and our graduating students to come together to bond and to serve as one St. Margaret's Family. We are also reaching out to the community especially the disadvantaged and the marginalised. Our activities for the year will focus on our 'reaching out' programme. These will be announced in our Newsletters, Website and Facebook. So do keep in touch and join us in our calendar of events.

We are in the process of putting in place a new SMESA Website which would facilitate communication between our alumni members and students – past and present. The new Website is expected to be operational later in the year.

Together, working as one family, we can achieve our goals. We welcome your feedback and suggestions and look forward to welcoming you to our activities during the year.

Ms Lee Soo Kwan



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMESA BOARD MEMBERS 2015/2016

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Ms Lee Soo Kwan

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2nd Vice-President

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Ms Ho Lian Geok

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Ms Hui Choon Wai

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▼ Demise of Mrs Gertrude Song

Mrs Gertrude Song, former Principal of St. Margaret's Primary School (1960 – 1966) passed away peacefully at home on 12 May 2015 in Portsmouth, United Kingdom.

▼ SMSS Gymnastics Team

The Team has been invited to perform at the 15th World Gymnaestrada in Helsinki 12 to 18 July 2015.

▼ New Members

We welcome aboard the following new members! We look forward to seeing you at our activities during the year.

Life Members

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ms Linda Ling | • SMSS 1975 |
| Ms Paulyn Teo Wei Ling | • SMSS 1992 |
| Ms Denise Kim Hui Cheng | • SMPS 1988 • SMSS 1993 |
| Ms Elisa Chia Ming Ling | • SMPS 1991 • SMSS 1996 |
| Ms Charlene Tan Ee Ting | • SMPS 1992 • SMSS 1996 |
| Ms Koh Aileen | • SMPS 1992 • SMSS 1996 |
| Ms Hernie Johari | • SMSS 1996 |
| Ms Ricia Chai Lichang | • SMPS 1994 • SMSS 1998 |
| Ms Yang Huilin | • SMPS 1994 • SMSS 1998 |
| Ms Tay Siew Lee | • SMSS 1998 |
| Ms Choong Sze Sze | • SMPS 1994 |
| Ms Jennifer Chan Mei Yin | • SMPS 1996 • SMSS 2000 |



◆ SMPS Green Dot Day

SMPS will be hosting its annual Green Dot Day on Saturday, 1 August 2015, from 8am to 12 nn on the grounds of SMSS at 111 Farrer Road. Do join us in the Family Fitness and Fun. There will be mass workouts, telematches, games of yesteryear, food and snacks which you had savoured in your younger days. Please direct your enquiries to: enquiry@greendotpta.com.

St. Margaret's Primary School

GREEN DOT DAY

COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT MORNING OF FAMILY FITNESS & FUN!

SATURDAY **1ST AUG 2015**
{8AM - 12NOON}

mass workouts
zumbaK - POP

telematches
CRAB-O-BALL
ping the pong game

HOP
LEAP
JUMP

ALL TIED UP
KARANG
GUNI
EXPRESS

fun
family
bonding

LUCKY DRAW
ICE CREAM
snacks

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Tickets & info pack will be issued in July.
 For more enquiries, please send an email to enquiry@greendotpta.com



PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE DAY

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This year's Professional Guidance Day was held on 5 January 2015 which was much earlier in the year than the previous years. The rationale for SMSS to start early is that it wanted its graduating students to have an early start in planning their career path.

BY PIXIE HO

Ten speakers were invited to speak at the event on the following professions:

1. Media – Radio Presenter
2. Legal Profession
3. Scriptwriting and Journalism
4. Engineering
5. Performing Arts
6. Scientific Research & Education
7. Hospitality
8. Student Care & Entrepreneur
9. Writing
10. Interior Designing

The speakers were requested to speak at 3 sessions of 45 minutes duration each on the following areas of their profession:

- Educational qualifications required to join that profession
- Personal educational pathway
- Insights into the profession and personal experiences
- Specialization within the profession
- Any other interesting points to enlighten the students

The participation from ex-students for the event was fewer than the previous years because of the change in the timing of the event. Only 2 ex-students participated, namely, Ms Rita Gozali and myself. Ms Rita Gozali shared her profession as a Supply Chain Operations Manager in the Engineering profession.

I shared with the students my experience in the legal profession. 40-plus students attended my talk for each session. They were a mixed group. There were some who were very keen and serious about the profession and some who were merely there to listen.

They asked questions like how long does it take to complete the law course before one can start earning a living; how much does a lawyer earn at the start of her/his career; what subjects are required to qualify for entrance into a law school; is the profession already saturated with lawyers and how to be a Judge.

It was an enlightening time sharing our work experience in our individual profession with the students. We hope that more ex-students will come forward to share your profession with them.

01 Welcoming speakers at the school hall

02 Pixie Ho sharing her experience with graduating students



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SMSS SPORTS DAY 2015

SMSS Sports Day was held at the Yio Chu Kang Stadium on 13 March. The excited students were at the Stadium bright and early at 7.30 am, all eager to get the Event going. The morning started with the singing of the National Anthem and saying the Pledge. This was followed by Devotion.

BY LEE SOO KWAN

Everyone was ready for the games to start. Principal Lee Lin Yee led the students, teachers and parents round the track to signal the beginning of the Day's Event. As the games and competition proceeded, there were loud cheers and shouts of encouragement from the stadium for their friends, classes and House teams. The Mascot Fun Race brought much laughter and cheers and parents had fun with their daughters in a telematch.

As the morning progressed, there were more cheers to spur their House teams on for the House Team Champion trophy which was won by Fearon House.

Ms Lee Soo Kwan from SMESA was the Guest-of-Honour. Walking round the Stadium watching the competition and talking to the students and teachers reminded her of her days at St. Margaret's when as House Captain, she was also cheering loudly for her teammates.

Soon it was time to present prizes to all the happy and excited winners by Principal Lee Lin Yee and Guest-of-Honour Lee Soo Kwan. The winners walked away happy with their medals. For those who did not win any, try again next year!



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01 Teachers and parents in action

02 Guest-of-Honour Lee Soo Kwan (centre) flanked by SMSS Principal Lee Lin Yee (right) and Vice-Principal Tan King Ming (left)

03 Teacher-in-charge giving instructions



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SMESA AGM 2015

The Annual General Meeting was held at the IT Conference Room of St. Margaret's Secondary School on 18 April 2015.

By HO LIAN GEOK



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As the quorum was not met, the AGM was adjourned for 30 minutes. Thereafter, the meeting discussed the items on the Agenda before taking a break for refreshments. Members had a jolly good time socialising with one another and enjoying the light snacks prepared or contributed by Board members. The convivial atmosphere was a nice prelude to the election of office-bearers for 2015/2016.

Elected in the following positions were:

President	: Ms Lee Soo Kwan
1st Vice-President	: Ms Jennie Bek Poh Kiang
2nd Vice-President	: Ms Pamela Kwan Ka Foong
Honorary Secretary	: Ms Ho Lian Geok
Assistant Honorary Secretary	: Ms Bridget Choy Wai Fong
Honorary Treasurer	: Ms Hui Choon Wai
Committee Members	: Dr Lee Hoon Hwee (Immediate Past President) Ms Pixie Ho Pik Yew Ms Denise Kim Hui Cheng Ms Brenda Lan Shumei Ms Joy Gillian Quek

01 (Seated L-R): Pamela Kwan, Monica Lim, Lee Soo Kwan, Loh Geok Chin.
(Standing L-R): Pixie Ho, Joyce Lee, Linda Ling, Jennie Bek, Joy Quek, Hui Choon Wai, Ho Lian Geok

02-03 Meeting in progress

Mrs Margaret Fong and Ms Sara Liew were elected as Auditors.

The AGM ended on a high note with the new Board in place. There was delight in the addition of new members and the commitment of those who stayed on to serve with pride.

See you again next year!