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(Talk on 'PDPA')**
(Postponed until further notice)

**SMSS Graduates 2010
(10-Year Reunion Hi-Tea)**
(Postponed until further notice)

**SMESA visit to St. Andrew's
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(Outreach/Chaplaincy Programme)**
(Visits subject to further advice from
the relevant authorities)

Note :

**Due to COVID-19, all events are
postponed until further notice
except for SMPS Charity Golf**

For enquiries to the above events,
Please e-mail us at smesa.sg@gmail.com



President's Message

By Chew Siew Kheng

Unprecedented Times

All of us know we are living in unprecedented times now. Everything we are going through the last few months are new norms. Our lives have been disrupted in many ways and adjustments are more than necessary. Schools and organizations no longer function as before. Many have begun working from home and schools have also gone through home-based learning. All in a short span of time, we have gone through major shifts in our lives. We thank God for His grace and His faithfulness throughout this season. He certainly has been our fortress and our refuge in these difficult times.

I hope everyone is keeping well and coping with the necessary adjustments. For the very first time, we had our SMESA Annual General Meeting (AGM) virtually after postponing twice in March and in April. Initially we thought we should hold off till a better time when we can meet physically again but when circuit breaker kicked in and was extended, we knew this COVID-19 is going to be here for a long while and safe distancing will have to be the new norm. With this, we took the decision to use Zoom Meeting for our AGM. We do not know if members were comfortable but we trusted the Lord in every way for His guidance and it went very smoothly and a new Board was elected. We are thankful that our work in SMESA can carry on though many activities will have to be put on hold for some time. Nevertheless, our hearts are always with all of you and would love to reach out to as many of you.

Please continue to stay connected with us as we overcome these challenging times together. If you would like to serve or contribute in any way to St. Margaret's family, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at smesa@gmail.com. Also, if you have ideas how we can do things together virtually, we want to hear from you. Do not let this COVID-19 bring us down.

Praise God that we have now entered into COVID-19: Phase 2 of post-circuit breaker reopening. Let us continue to be vigilant and stay safe as we slowly revert to our normal way of life though this is going to take a long time until a vaccine is found.

In closing , let us remember a part of our School Song :

"When life brings pain, when trials us defy

Our faith, our hope, our discipline require

Us to withstand respond with spirit high

St. Margaret's shall again inspire."

God bless.

SMESA BOARD MEMBERS 2020/2021

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Ms Chew Siew Kheng

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SMPS Charity Golf 2020



Join us and shape their future!

St Margaret's School
Fund Raising
GOLF 2020

Tampines Course, Tanah Merah Country Club

8 SEPTEMBER, TUESDAY | **1.30PM SHOTGUN START**

includes lunch, dinner, goodie bag, attractive hole-in-one prize, tournament prizes and lucky draw!

GOLD
\$15,000
(2 Flights)

Gold sponsor gets two complimentary flights, corporate logo acknowledgement, 1 unit of A Board display on course as well as token of appreciation presented over dinner.

SILVER
\$6,000
(1 Flight)

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We welcome all forms of donation for this event.

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Pictures of the campus at 2 Mattar Road (temporary site)

It was announced by MOE on 27 May 2020 that SMPS upgrading works will be delayed for another year and that SMPS will hence return to Sophia Road in January 2023 instead of 2022.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome aboard the following new members :-

	SMPS	SMSS
1. Vivien Ng Gay Siang	1992	1997
2. Leung Kit Mei	1996	2000
3. Alexandra Oh Soong Chin	1996	2000
4. Tan Ik Fei	None	1997
5. Sharon Kam	1988	1992
6. Nsarath Burveen	2001	2005
7. Angeline Ong	1999	None
8. Yvonne Lai	1996	2001
9. Ho Tsai Wen Melody	1992	1996
10. Cai Xiao Wei	1996	None
11. Amelia Kathy Lin Xiuli	1994	1998
12. Christina Huang Yuan Qing	1997	None
13. Sharon Liang	1996	2000

PERI-Upgrading at SMPS (Support Our PUP)



The Ministry of Education (MOE) has been upgrading primary school infrastructure to support holistic education and the use of engaging teaching methods.. As such, facilities like Subject Based Banding Rooms, Learning Support Rooms, Indoor Sports Hall (ISH), Dance Studio will be provided in PERI Upgraded schools.

SMPS will be undergoing PERI Upgrading in 2020. It is also timely for SMPS to upgrade her infrastructure as the school was last upgraded almost 20 years ago in 1999 under PRIME (Programme for Improving Existing Schools). SMPS will need to raise S\$1.26million but the figure is expected to rise to include some non-standard items to support teaching and learning.

"Support Our PUP" (PERI Upgrading Project) is the tag line coined by the fundraising committee. The school will embark on various fundraising activities to raise funds for this project the next two years.

To kick-start the fundraising, SMPS held its mini-Funfair on 6 July 2019, helmed mainly by the staff and students and strongly supported by SMC, SMESA and PTA (Parent-Teacher Association). The fund raised, which surpassed the school's target by 25%, was an encouraging start.

To facilitate the extensive two years' upgrading which involves demolition and rebuilding, the school has moved to a temporary site at 2 Mattar Road (previously Macpherson Primary School) on 18 November 2019.

We would like to thank the many hearts and hands that come together to raise funds and contribute towards providing a better and more conducive learning environment for our girls. We look forward to your support and would like to appeal to you to donate* generously to the building fund to "Support Our PUP". Your donation will go a long way to benefit future generations of SMPS students.

(* Cheque can be made payable to 'St Margaret's Primary School' or you can contact SMPS General Office at 6339-4247 for assistance)

SMESA Annual General Meeting

By Juliana Tengara

The St. Margaret's Ex-Students' Association (SMESA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 25 April 2020. Given the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and the national circuit breaker measures in place, the meeting was conducted over Zoom.

Our President, Ms Chew Siew Kheng, commenced the meeting by extending a warm welcome and well wishes to member attendees. She thanked members for their patience and understanding for the prior postponement of the AGM, and reiterated the purpose of holding the meeting via video conference. Greetings were then followed with a prayer and thanksgiving to God. Ms Chew prayed for His continued blessings and protection over the St. Margaret's family.

Ms Chew then presented the President's and School's Reports for 2019, sharing the many events and activities organised by SMESA in support of its alma mater; in service of the members and the larger community (including the seniors at the St. Andrew's Cathedral Home for the Aged). Ms Chew took the opportunity to invite members to join in the visits and be a blessing to the residents. In addition, Ms Chew also appealed to members for work attachment opportunities to enhance the career guidance support available to the students.

At the end of her sharing, Ms Chew thanked the many stakeholders – School Management Committee, Principals and teachers, PTA, PSG and ex-students – who have contributed generously to the School. Ms Chew also took the opportunity to share the news of Mdm Lee Lim Yee's re-assignment to MOE HQ and expressed her gratitude to Mdm Lee for her dedication and heart of service to SMSS and SMESA and welcome the new principal Ms Linda Lim.

Before welcoming the newly elected Board Members, Ms Chew thanked her outgoing members once again for their service. In addition, she expressed her gratitude to members who graciously accepted another term of office. The Board for 2020/2021 comprises:

President	Ms Chew Siew Kheng
1 st Vice President	Ms Pamela Rachel Kwan Ka Foong
2 nd Vice President	Ms Lina Wee Mei Ling
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Committee Member	Ms Lee Mian Jun
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	Mrs Tay-Lang Ren Jee Renata

On behalf of the members, Ms Lee Soo Kwan thanked Ms Chew for her leadership and taking SMESA to greater heights.

Ms Chew then invited Mdm Suraja Raman to conclude the meeting with a prayer.

