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School's Message



guidelines for partnerships to prepare our children for the future. A positive schoolhome partnership helps our children develop the joy of learning and prepare them to learn for life. Our work hand-in-hand parents support them and help them to be useful and successful individuals.

Having worked alongside with our Rosyth School Parent Support Group (PSG) for the last few years, we are thankful for the strong and trusting partnership that brought about many meaningful programmes to develop our students holistically. The PSG is always quick to lend resources to the school in co-organising various enrichment programmes to benefit our children.

Recently, the MOE articulated 3 focus areas to align and synergise efforts of all schools to cater to our children learning needs. Specifically, they aim to develop skills and dispositions for our students to learn for life, embracing all learners by valuing our children's interests and passions, and enhancing our students' well-being by providing a conducive and positive learning environment for our students to learn and play in the school. As the school's Vice-Principal (Administration), beyond the safety and security issues, as well as the infrastructural support of teaching and learning facilities in the school, I am glad to be involved in working with the staff and our parents in these important areas of our students' holistic development in Rosyth School.

In the last few years, the school has been initiating several programmes to foster in our children a love for learning so that they will continue to learn for life. Pupils are given opportunities through different platforms to discover and develop their strengths and interests, for example, the CCA Fair and passion-based enrichment opportunities. Our children also enjoyed their Period Phi lessons where they experienced first-hand the 7E Innovation Protocol to create innovative products or learn about future career options through our own Roszania programme. Your partnership is critical in the holistic development of our students and I encourage all of you to have conversations with your children to understand their passion and support them in the development of their specific talent areas.

On 16 Feb 19, the Ministry of The school is currently undergoing the General Education (MOE) launched a set of Repairs and Redecoration Works (GR&R). The walls school-home are given a fresh coat of paint and various infrastructural improvements have been made, for example, the installation of the High Volume Low Speed fan at the MPH and replacement of roof panels along the Sheltered Walkway. The school is also working with our partners such as Traffic Police and children do best when school and Land Transport Authority to improve road safety. We to would like to appeal to parents who are driving to school to observe traffic rules and avoid parking or waiting along the roads or bus bays. These actions inconvenienced other road users and posed a safety hazard.

> Besides the physical environment, the social and emotional needs of our children were also given greater focus. Values-in-Action programmes will instil in them the value of serving with compassion while resilience building programmes through the I-DARE series expose our children to the rugged elements and put them out of their comfort zones. These experiences will test their resilience and allow them to build friendships and teamwork, experiences which they will cherish in the many years to come.

> We will continue to enhance our programmes so that our children receive a holistic education with good values and be ready for their next phase of education. The theme of "Serving with Compassion" over the next two years will serve as our compass as we prepare our children to appreciate and be grateful for the many opportunities to learn. We also want them to serve with compassion and give back to the school, community and society. For Rosyth School to continue with our aspirations for our children, we hope parents will continue to place your trust in us, the teachers and our staff. As our motto states, we are Ready To Serve. Let's all do it together for our students!

Thank you.

Mr Loh Yuh Por **Vice-Principal (Administration) Rosyth School**

Our Vice-President's Message



When Ms. Vera Chok, then President of the Rosyth **PSG** learnt about my journalism background and approached me for assistance with the school newsletter. I ioined the **PSG**

committee without fully understanding what I was in for. She told me there were only six events that were compulsory for me to attend annually: four committee meetings and two recruitment drives. It was only when I began working on the Rosyth PSG newsletter that I realised how much work is actually involved.

Under the Parent Involvement Programme (PIP), the PSG helps out, namely with the Parents' Reading Programme, Teachers' Day decoration and the Children's Day Carnival. We have also organised exciting holiday programmes such as Movie Day, Dads For Life Laser Tag Challenge, learning journey to Megazip and Dine in the Dark experience. There are also weekend enrichment programmes like Ballet, Wushu, Badminton, Maths Olympiad and many others. It is amazing how parent volunteers sacrifice their own time to make these events possible. This, considering the fact that many have to juggle between family and work at the same time.

This will be my final year serving the PSG, as my second child will soon complete her six year journey in Rosyth. I have had the honour of serving under three Presidents - Ms. Vera Chok, Ms. Tan Kar Lin and Ms. Eunice Tay. Even though they each have very different styles and opinions, all of them share the same

selflessness dedication. passion and to contribute to the betterment of not only our own children but to all other children of Rosyth. My time with Rosyth has been both meaningful and fruitful. As a parent, I have experienced many trying moments, but I am glad that I have managed to walk the journey this way. I have gained knowledge, friendship and have had so much fun and laughter with the amazing parents I have worked with throughout these past few years. I would also like to thank the school for their continuous support to the PSG. Serving in the PSG has humbled me and allowed me to greatly appreciate the effort by the school principals, teachers and staff who provide a holistic education for all of our children.

I urge all Rosyth parents to join PSG as a member. We understand that not all parents can contribute their time and effort to volunteer in our activities or join the committee, but a membership will allow parents to take advantage of the discounts offered on the holiday programmes we run or products we managed to negotiate on better terms.

Nevertheless, I wish all parents a fruitful year ahead, with much love and success.

Ms. Ng Hwee Min Rosyth PSG Vice-President February 2019 Page 3

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My journey with Rosyth School started as a parent volunteer (PV). As we know, being a PV does not guarantee a primary 1 placement. When the ballot results announced. still remember the heartbreaking moment when my son's number was

not called. After learning that my boy did not get a place in Rosyth, I put aside my disappointment and rushed to another school to enrol him. But my memories with Rosyth were still fresh and I still had hope for my son to get a place.

Then came the call from Rosyth, giving me the news I had been hoping for. There was a slot available due to a withdrawal. Without hesitation I said yes! My dream had come true. I promised myself that I would continue to volunteer and help in the school within my means.

The opportunity came when Ms. Cheryl Chang, former Vice-President of Rosyth PSG, approached me to join the PSG committee. I gladly obliged.

Joining the PSG has allowed me to meet and work with the teachers and other staff at school. All I can say is I have learnt how much dedication they have and I appreciate the hard work and sacrifices they make in running the school.

It's been a wonderful 10 years, and the school I have had so much faith is now seeing my youngest child through PSLE. The journey with Rosyth will come to an end this year after my girl completes her P6. This means that I will be stepping down at the end of the year. I really cherish the friendships built over the years and wish to thank everyone who gave me the opportunity to serve in the committee and contribute my humble share to the school. I want to also extend my appreciation for the support by the Principals and teachers.

I wish everyone a greater year ahead with lots of achievement.

Ms. Amy Goh Rosyth PSG Vice-President



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Information on Rosyth PSG • Parent
 Involvement Programme (PIP) • Membership
 Registration • Holiday Programme Registration
 • Weekend Enrichment Information



PSG HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Social Etiquette Course

During the June holidays, Rosyth PSG engaged a well-known Social Etiquette mentor, Ms. Lynette, to conduct a half-day programme on proper deportment and social etiquette for the children. The half-day workshop aimed to teach correct behaviour in different social settings and also proper table manners during meals.

The children set off from school to the office tower in



All showing off their certificates proudly

Ngee Ann City where the session was held. Their busy chatter in the bus reflected their excitement.

Once the children were settled down in the conference room, Ms. Lynette began her session. Ms. Lynette definitely got their attention as it was indeed not a typical day to see all of them sitting around a conference table in a prim and proper manner, listening intently to her instructions. During the three hours, Ms. Lynette covered basic etiquette rules and included role play for the children to learn in an interactive and fun

way. After the conference room setting, what best to exhibit what they've learnt than to put it into practice at a lunch session!

The kids were ushered to Swensons, where each of them had their own lunch set, and practised the proper way of handling their cutlery for their soup, salad and steak. As

one child quipped "Now I finally know which fork is for the salad and which one is for the steak, and which knife is the butter knife!" The children were closely supervised by their mentor to ensure that their napkins were placed properly and that their cutlery



were in the correct positions after the meal.

Well, it seemed to be a productive learning journey for these children. The programme ended after lunch. It seemed that Ms. Lynette had endeared herself to some children, who hugged her warmly to say goodbye. One boy even shook her hand formerly to express his appreciation.

After this Etiquette workshop, the words "Mind your table manners!" would hopefully not be heard from their parents in their homes from then on!

Movie Screening

Our PSG annual Movie Bonding Day was held on the first week of the June school holidays. Response was overwhelming with two halls at NEX Cineplex fully booked for the movie 'The Incredibles 2'. Although many kids have not watched the prequel 'The Incredibles' before this show, they enjoyed 'The Incredibles 2' tremendously, judging from the laughter and buzz of excited whispers generated throughout the movie. Animation movies always prove to be a hit with both adults and kids alike!

Kylie Kwok, P5 "What I liked best about the movie was the strong family bonding and values. I learnt that anything can be solved if we work together as a family!"



Financial Literacy for School Children

When the PSG conducted a Kids' Financial Literacy workshop during the March school holidays, we had an enthusiastic sign-up from 48 parents with kids ranging from P1 to P6. The children were separated into lower and upper primary groups.

The workshop aimed to prepare young kids to be financially savvy and responsible. They would learn and understand financial goals, the importance of savings and budgeting, as well as the difference between needs and wants.

During the workshop, the children experienced handson activities and board games that required them to do budgeting and plan spending. They made use of MoneyTree currency and credit cards to role play in a simulated mini economy to understand that money had to be earned.

After a whole day of financial drilling, twins, E-Xin (P3) quipped solemnly "Today I learnt the difference between needs and wants," and E-Kai (P3) chimed "We should always save for rainy days and not spend everything."



The kids had such a fun time learning. Look that their smiles!

Hip Hop Dance

Thirty dance-loving kids turned up for this 1-day programme, and one can imagine why. Held at our very own Rosyth dance studio, all were eager to learn some cool hip hop moves under the training of Coach Alex.

Coach Alex is from Madd Space, a professional dance and choreography dance company. He started off the day with a short history of the origins of Hip Hop. The kids learnt that Hip Hop is a dance culture and movement that originated from the Bronx, New York City in the 1970s, and that dance moves were developed in various complexities, to music that involved beatbox and rapping. The kids spent the first half of the day mastering some hip hop moves and Coach Alex slowly guided them into incorporating the moves into a two minute dance routine. The full wall mirror in the dance studio was a great help as the kids were able to see their own movements and correct them when needed. They learnt that it was not easy to synchronise movements as a group, while making sure their body moved to the rhythm of the rap music. There were giggles from some while others were serious in getting their moves right.

A 2.5-hour morning routine proved to be rather exhausting, and the kids were grateful when they finally broke for lunch! They continued to learn the routine after lunch and by 4.30pm, they were ready to perform for the parents! The parents were excited to see the performance and gathered into the studio armed with their phones to video their kids.

The dance programme ended with the presentation of certificates to the kids. All were visibly happy to be dismissed. As two girls, Corinth (P5) and Cyrus (P4) put it, "It was fun, but we also realise that dancing needs stamina too!"



PSG Weekend Enrichment

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Weekend Enrichment Courses

- programmes that support and encourage our pupils to engage in holistic broad-based learning activities

	Course Name	Programme Provider A / Enquiry	Lesson Timing	
	Chinese Enrichment	Best Mandarin Enrichment Centre Ms Zhao Xue Hong 9295 2536 Ms Chen Ying 9487 3258	P1 Sat P2 Sat P3 Sat P4 Sat P5 Sat	0900 -1030 1215 -1345 1030 -1200 0900 -1030 1030 -1200
	English Enrichment	Mastereign English Language and Culture Pte Ltd Ms Yap Poh Hua 98366485	P1 Sat P2 Sat P3 Sat P4 Sat P5 Sat	1030 -1200 0900 -1030 1215 -1345 1030 -1200 1215 -1345
	Math Enrichment	Vine Maths Enrichment Ms Lynn Yap 9845 9206	<u>P1</u> Sat <u>P2</u> Sat <u>P3</u> Sat	1215 -1345 1030 -1200 0900 -1030
	Math Olympiad	RECMEL - Resource Centre for Math Educators and Learners Mr Michael Gan 9787 1523	P2 Sun P3 Sun P4 Sun P5 Sun P6 Sun	1130 -1300 0830 -1000 1000 -1130 0830 -1000 1000 -1130
-	Science Enrichment	ARC Centre Ms Marissa 8511 3135	P3 Sun P4 Sun P5 Sun	1000 -1130 0830 -1000 1000 -1130
	Creative Children Art	Zhuole Art Studio Mr Wee 8250 1971	<u>P1-P3</u> <u>Session 1</u> Sat <u>Session 2</u> Sat	0900 - 1030 1030 - 1200
	Chinese Martial Arts **	Ms Xue Jun Hua 90903586	Session 3 Sun Beginners	1130 -1300
-0.0	Group Violin Course **	Edvox Music School 6100 3380	Beginner Sat Grade 1 Sat	1000 -1100 0900 -1000
	Ballet Class **	Allegro Dance Company Ms Adeline 97719640 Ms Oxana 9664 6437	New Intake Fri Grade 1 Sat Grade 1 Sat	1400 -1500 1030 -1130 1230 -1330
	i-CODE 'First Steps into Coding' (for P1 to P2 only)	Roboto Coding Academy Mr Brian 9193 8589	<u>Session</u> Sun	1000 -1130
	Badminton **	Coach Sun Bing 9743 2843 Coach Shang 93840194	Sun Classes Session B P2-P3	0830 -1000
	Taekwondo	MrTan 8288 2342	<u>Session</u> Sat	0900 -1030
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Contact respective course providers to find out more

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Our Partner Discounts

Over the years Rosyth PSG has reached out to partner vendors to provide discounts on books, ergonomic school shoes and bags.





Here are some vendors who provide discounts for our PSG members.

When you visit any of the 3 vendors, simply quote your mobile number to be eligible for the discount.



Parent Involvement Programme

Over the years, Rosyth parents have played a key role helping in the school's various celebrations and functions through the Parent Involvement Programme (PIP). Parent involvement is crucial as many hands make light work.

More examples of PIP activities are:

- Celebrations at school (e.g. Sports Day/Teachers' Day/Children's Day)
- PIP Programmes (e.g. Girl Guide Cookies Donation Drive)



Fill in your details and indicate your interest at this link: http://www.rosythpsg.com/survey.php





Children's Day celebrations

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