

Rosyth PSG Newsletter



A word from the President of Rosyth PSG

As we kick off 2023, I would like to welcome our returning and new students, with their families, to the new school year. On behalf of Rosyth School Parent Support Group (PSG), I would also like to welcome Mr Suraj Nair, our newly appointed Principal of Rosyth School as well as Mdm Tan, our newly appointed Vice-Principal.

It is my first year as PSG President, after serving as an exco member for the past 4 years. I am humbled and inspired by my predecessor- Ms Eunice Tay along with past members and school leaders as they have done a wonderful job supporting our school and students through the years. The unwavering support from school leaders as well as constant engagements have allowed us to contribute meaningfully and I truly believe that the PSG, can play a part in creating a strong and trusting parent-school partnership at Rosyth.

Moving from the shadows of Covid 19, we are thankful for the gradual resumption of school activities and events from last year. This means that we have the chance to be involved in school events and activities as parent volunteers under the Parent-Involvement-Program (PIP). It allows us a first hand experience to interact with Rosythians through activities such as crafting, mental wellness booths, interclass games, care carnival and many others. These make wonderful conversation starters with our own children and I strongly urge you to participate and experience this meaningful participation by signing up for PIP.

Our weekend enrichment programs were also resumed in March 2022. Competing teams in Badminton, Wushu and Taekwondo managed to compete in the various inter-school games and competitions, clinching medals and recognition. It is indeed an encouraging kick-off for our Rosythians as the weekend enrichment program is a platform that allows our children to further explore and excel in their areas of interests. We hope that through the weekend enrichment program, we can help cater to our children's interest and broad based holistic learning needs at a familiar environment, convenient location and affordable rates.

While this newsletter rounds up the past year, I am certainly looking forward to an exciting 2023. I hope that over this year, we will have a chance to get to know more of our fellow Rosythians. I have personally gained support, advice, meaningful insight and friendships through this parent-support-group and hope that in one way or another, we can continue to be a strong parent network for each of you. Till then, have a wonderful year ahead

Fiona Chiu

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Rosyth School has grown from strength to strength since its founding in 1956. This is due to the efforts of past and present school leaders, staff, students, parents, and community partners, who believe in the school and what it stands for and have come together to serve the school and its community. It is indeed a privilege for me to now be counted as a member of the Rosyth family entrusted to lead the school.



When I first heard of my posting to Rosyth, I did what seems second nature these days - I 'Googled' about the school. I am heartened by the school's directions and focus. In particular, the motto, "Ready to Serve," aligns well with my personal educational belief that our children deserve an education that inspires belief in themselves and should influence them to lead meaningful and purposeful lives. I trust that over the years many Rosythians have responded to this call to serve and done so in big or small ways. However, we can only be ready to serve if we have the capability and the heart and will to act. Our children will graduate into a world that is significantly different from what we faced or are facing presently. We see trends of the future unravelling before our eyes, and the pace of change is unlikely to let up. We must look beyond academic achievements to enable them to thrive in the future. Developing soft skills such as confidence to voice one's views, resilience to manage ambiguity and bounce back from setbacks, and empathy will continue to grow in importance. This would require our young to not see learning as going through formal education in discrete stages but as a lifelong process and endeavour to better oneself.

Having the capability to serve, does not mean much if you do not see the need to act or take steps to act. If we aspire for a more gracious Singapore society and better economic progress, we need individuals and teams that would apply themselves. They would be willing to take calculated risks to realise their aspirations and ideas. We need to encourage our children to have the desire to make a positive difference, the capability to plan and the courage to act.

I look forward to working with all the parents of our Rosythians. You are an essential partner and member of the Rosythian family. I look forward to engaging you at various platforms as we discuss the development of our Rosythians and the future growth of Rosyth School. Wishing all a blessed, joyous, prosperous, healthy, and meaningful new year ahead!

Suraj Nair

Principal

Rosyth School

VICE- PRINCIPAL'S LETTER



A very warm greeting to all our parents, and a warm welcome to all our new students to our big Rosyth family! I joined the Rosyth family in mid-December 2022 as the second Vice Principal and am excited and delighted to be given the opportunity to serve in Rosyth School.

My journey as an educator started in two primary schools where I had taught and grown from being a classroom teacher to becoming a Head of Department and later vice-principal. The exposure and experience which I have gained over the years has allowed me to develop deeper insights and gain different perspectives into education. My professional learning was further enriched after I had completed my post-graduate study for the Master of Education at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore). Prior to joining Rosyth School, I served in Mee Toh School as the Vice-Principal for 7 years.

The Singapore education system has evolved and grown over the years, moving from survival-driven in the early 1960s-1970s to its current emphasis on values education as well as a system that caters to the varying talents and aspirations of our children. I strongly believe that every child can learn and has unique talents and abilities that can be developed through igniting the joy of learning. With proper guidance and support, children will be able to bring out their best, pursue their passions and use their special gifts to make a positive difference for themselves and our world. The best gift anyone can ever give to a child is to inspire them to excel in what they can best be.

Although education today is vastly different from the past, our emphasis on character development and values inculcation remains unchanged. What firmly anchors the core of education must be a Student-centric and Values-driven education, rooted in fundamentals which remain unchanging with times and yet, embraces life-skills to prepare every child to face the ever-changing demands. In Rosyth School, it is our mission to maximise our students' potential and to develop in them the passion for life-long learning, while at the same time ensuring all Rosythians are well-grounded in the I-CARE values of Integrity, Care, GrAtitude, Respect and Resilience, and Entrepreneurial spirit that will serve as their moral compass. We continuously seek new ways to improve our teaching and learning programmes and design learning experiences to grow well-rounded individuals with robust character, complemented with strong 21st Century and Social-Emotional competencies. To achieve this, we want to provide our students with opportunities to discover and nurture their strengths and interests, develop resilience, and imbibe good values.

We are privileged to have the strong support of our stakeholders and parents, School Advisory Committee (SAC), Rosyth School Alumni Association (RSAA), Rosyth Parent Support Group (PSG) and strategic partners to raise our Rosythians and make a positive difference in their life-journey with us in Rosyth School. Together, we bring out the Best in Every Child who passes through our hands. Together, we guide our Rosythians to Learn with Passion, Serve with Compassion, and Lead with Vision.

Yours in Partnership,

Mdm Tan Lay Wah

PSG Events 2022

We are thankful the pandemic is under control thanks to everyone's collective efforts. Together with the school, Rosyth PSG put together events and activities that aim to raise everyone's spirits as we moved forward into this new endemic season. We look forward to organising more of such events to bring parents, students and school together in meaningful ways.

Japanese Language Family Bonding over Zoom

It's been awhile since we had a chance to travel and whilst we are planning for our next holiday, what better way than to learn the Japanese language from a native Japanese. With over 25 years of teaching experience, Makiko Koshikawa shared with Rosythians and parents about the culture of Japanese, taught basic Japanese phrases for greeting and asking for directions as well as talked about the places to visit in Japan. It was a wonderful 2 hours spent bonding with each other. Next stop, Japan!

Pottery Class

Create, mould, bond and fire! Rosythians and parents spent 2 hours over the June holidays to create their very own pottery pieces. Art certainly knows no boundaries as we saw many interesting pieces when the creations were ready and brought home by the participants.

National Day Quilling in School

The PIP volunteers and PSG exco members came together to involve the students from P1 to P6 in quilling a national day collage for Singapore's 57th birthday. We set up booths near the canteen and invited students having their breaks to make colourful quills for the collage. Students were also encouraged to write their thoughts and wishes for Singapore.



Bond over Bouldering

Bouldering promotes physical literacy and teaches children to be self-reliant. Parents and children were taught and bouldered under supervision of instructors, followed by free and easy climb during September holidays. 2 hours went by in a flash, but it was fulfilling knowing that we could complete the routes.

PSG Appreciation High-Tea

After a long 2 years, we could finally gather and show appreciation to fellow parents for their time, support and services rendered over the past year. We held our PSG Appreciation High Tea right before the school term ended with a sumptuous buffet lunch at Furama hotel. We are also thankful that Mdm Elis Tan could join us before officially moving onto her new role and present her with a token of appreciation. Also not forgetting the chance to thank former PSG exco, president, Eunice Tay for her dedicated leadership over the past 7 years as well as former exco members, Winny and Suan. Last but not least, and also most importantly, it is a chance for us to thank our parent volunteers who never cease to show up and support with their time, efforts and skills whenever the opportunity arises. With smiling faces, warm hearts and filled bellies, it was a wonderful bonding session indeed.



60 Minutes with Kayla

In this issue of the Rosyth PSG Newsletter, I sat down with Kayla, daughter of Eunice, Former Rosyth PSG's President. The Rosyth graduate shares her joy on seeing her mum's involvement in her school activities and how it helped her connect with the school.

Spending these 60 minutes with her was time well spent as we talked about PSG, graduating nostalgia and the school of the future.

Share with us on your thoughts or feelings of mummy being in PSG.

Kayla: I like that when she has a meeting and I get to see her at recess. Most of my classmates know my mum because she is frequently in the school and my friends tag along to meet her. It's a bonus when I get to see her and I feel happy whenever she is around.

“My parents support me by checking in on me even if it's the smallest thing that happened in school”

Any nostalgia now that you are graduating?

Kayla: I will miss my friends a lot as some of them want to go to different schools, though I hope we get to go to same schools. But we all intend to keep in touch. For us, most of us have phones and have the ability to communicate with each other. Even before we graduate, we were already communicating with each other via WhatsApp when collaborating on school projects. I have an idea where we can arrange reunions with our primary school classmates and bring along our new friends from secondary schools so that we can all make new friends.

In your opinion, what is one thing mummy has done well in her role as the president of PSG? How do you think the PSG has help make Rosyth a better place?

Kayla: I think I am proud of her, she is a really good leader who communicates very well. Mummy is very good at organising events and it helps that she collaborates well with others, and that is one thing I learnt the most from her. She always gives her 100% effort in everything she does. An example is the teachers' day event. She planned out the themes, photo booths etc. She also spent quite a lot of time getting the right costume for the event. She even checked out kids' shops for ideas.

I think every single member of PSG, parents, students and teachers make Rosyth a wonderful place to learn. Many of my teachers have also been very supportive. Besides being in badminton school team, I am also the chairman of Brownies and a student councillor. With many responsibilities due to my many roles in school, they (parents and teachers) always find time to check on me to see how I am coping.

Can you share a favourite memory of mummy being in school?

Kayla: On children's day every year, I will see mummy helping out in the booths, or giving out ice cream. My friends and I will go and chat with mummy and her friends from PSG and that was nice. Even though it was quite a few years back since we had such events, I can still remember it clearly. I loved seeing her having fun with the events and that felt very dear to me.

You are about to start a new journey in secondary school, what would you like to see when you come back here to visit?

Kayla: Firstly, I will want to come back to visit the teachers and principal because I am so thankful to them in helping me throughout my primary school journey and building a strong foundation, not just in academics but also in character development. However far I have gone, it's because of them (Rosyth staff). I would love to see Rosyth as the school of the future (SOTF), and that is something I would like to see Rosyth have. I want to see Rosyth being a leader in using technology for education.



Thank you Kayla and we wish you and all “2022 batch” Rosythians the very very best, and may you bring your positivity and love for learning to wherever you go!

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There are more than retail benefits in being a Rosyth PSG member. We get a chance to be part of a bigger cause and that is our child(ren)'s primary school education journey. As we read how Kayla has benefitted from her mother's involvement in school, we know that your child will experience the same joy and thrill in seeing you help out in events around the school. We are working parents too and we understand the time constraints around parenting, careers and self-care. Every single parent who has chipped in, be it in decorating booths or playing games with the students during recess, has contributed greatly to the success of our PIP (Parent Involvement Program). Whether you have an hour or 3 hours to spare, we would like to invite you to be part of our PIP team. Scan the QR code below to fill up a form and our representative will get in touch with you on the events that require help.





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Course Name	Programme Provider ^ / Enquiry	Lesson Timing	
Chinese Language, Speech & Drama	Best Mandarin Enrichment Centre Ms Zhao Xue Hong 9295 2536 Ms Chen Ying 9487 3258	P1 Sat	1030 – 1200
		P2 Sat	1030 – 1200
		P3 Sat	1200 – 1330
		P4 Sat	1200 – 1330
		P5 Sat	0900 – 1030
		P6 Sat	0900 – 1030
English Enrichment	Talent Academy @ SRMC Ms Shelia 9680 5497 Mr Nick 9018 9413 (Registration)	P1 Sat	0900 – 1030
		P2 Sat	0900 – 1030
		P3 Sat	1030 – 1200
		P4 Sat	1030 – 1200
Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)	ABA EduArt Pte Ltd Mr Nick 9018 9413 (Registration)	Level 1 (P3 to P5)	
		Option 1 Sun	0830 – 1000
		Option 2 Sun	1000 – 1130
Math Olympiad	RECMEL - Resource Centre for Math Educators and Learners Mr Michael Gan 9787 1523	P2 Sun	0830 – 1000
		P3 Sun	1130 – 1300
		P4 Sun	1000 – 1130
		P5 Sun	0830 – 1000
		P6 Sun	1000 – 1130
Creative Children Art	Zhuo Art Studio Mr Wee 8250 1971	Session A Sat	1030 – 1200
		Session B Sat	1200 – 1330
Chinese Martial Arts	Ms Xue Jun Hua 9090 3586	Session 1 Sun	0830 – 1000
		Session 2 Sun	1000 – 1130
		Beginner Sun	1130 – 1300
		Session 3 Sun	1300 – 1430
Group Violin Course	Edvox Music School 6100 3380	Beginner Sat	0900 – 1000
		Grade 1 Sat	1000 – 1100
		Grade 2 Sat	1100 – 1200
		Grade 4 Sat	1000 – 1100
Ballet Class	The Dance Praxis Ms Adeline 9771 9640	Grade 4 Fri	1400 – 1530
		Grade 5 Fri	1530 – 1700
		Grade 4 (Jazz) Sun	0900 – 1000
		Grade 1 (Ballet) Sun	1000 – 1100
		Grade 2 (Ballet) Sun	1100 – 1200
	Allegro Dance Company Ms Oxana 9664 6437	N.I. (Ballet) Sun	1200 – 1300
		N.I. (Jazz) Sat	1130 – 1230
		N.I. (Ballet) Sat	1230 – 1330
Young Coder Programme	Roboto Coding Academy A1: 'First Step into Coding' B1: 'Young GameMakers' C1: 'Robotic Escape' D1: 'Website Wizard' Mr Nick 9018 9413 (Registration)	Class A1 Sun	1000 – 1130
		Class B2 Sun	0830 – 1000
		Class C1 Sun	1000 – 1130
		Class D1 Sun	0830 – 1000
Badminton	Coach Sun Bing 9743 2843 Mr Nick 9018 9413 (Registration) [For 2023, all sessions of Badminton are full]	Session A1 Sat	0900 – 1030
		Session A2 Sat	1030 – 1200
		Session A3 Sun	0830 – 1000
Taekwondo	Zenith Fitness Mr Robin Chow 9006 6326	All belt levels Sat	1030 – 1200
Chinese Music Instrumental Grading Programme	The TENG Company Mr Yang 6970 0771 Sat classes available for Pipe, Suona, Percussion, Dizi, Ruan, Double Bass, Sheng, Erhu, Yangqin & Cello	Call Nick 90189413 for Sat/Sun class times	

COMMENCEMENT DATES

13, 14 & 15 JAN FOR FRI/SAT/SUN PROGRAMMES

*Please note that these programmes are run by the Rosyth PSG for interested Rosythians.

ENRICHMENT SPOTLIGHT – KOREAN TRADITIONS

Did you know...the literal translation of Taekwondo is “the way of the hand and foot”. Besides learning to exert control over their movements and give each stance a purpose, students are also taught to be respectful to their “masters” and fellow learners and even opponents. The Taekwondo programme run by Rosyth PSG is led by Zenith Fitness Singapore. They have established themselves since 2004 running sports programmes for students across all age groups. Under their leadership, students are able to expand their skills in Taekwondo and even go on to win awards in local and international competitions.

Zenith Taekwondo lessons are tailored to your child's age and skill level. Your child begins by practising basic patterns and forms, board breaking, kicking, blocking, striking, and punching. These fundamental skills increase your child's physical coordination, flexibility, balance, and mental acumen.



OUR NEWSLETTER FEATURE GUEST- KAYLA ATTENDED THE WEEKEND BADMINTON CLASSES AT ROSYTH AND TRAINED UNDER COACH SUN BING. SHE SHARES HER EXPERIENCE OF PICKING UP THE SPORT AT PRIMARY 3 AND DREAMS OF BEING IN THE NATIONAL TEAM.

Tell us more about your pro-badminton journey

Kayla: I play badminton competitively. I am also in the school team. The first time I played badminton was in P3 during PE. It was a popular sport among my classmates and most of us would spend most of our recess playing it. I decided to join my friends and after a few weeks of playing during PE as well as during recess, I went home and asked my parents to get me a badminton racket. I continued playing and when the December holidays came, I decided to sign up for the Rosyth holiday program. I then applied for school team in P4 and went for trials. To my surprise, I was selected! Ever since then, I started training almost every day. Unlike some others, I do not find training tedious, instead, I find it fun and it also is an opportunity for me to relieve stress. I love badminton and one of the many reasons is the adrenaline rush I get on the court. I hope to continue playing badminton in secondary school and hopefully get into NIS (National Intermediate Squad).

My badminton coach is Sun Bing. Even though I started badminton much later than anyone in the school team, he is very patient and always encourages me. Whenever I lose a match during training or competition, he always analyses with me my game play and helps me to do better. He is very dedicated to our badminton team and genuinely wants all of us to do well and have good character.

Kayla (front row middle) with her team using after winning the 2021 North Zone Senior Girls' Champions -hips



MEET THE PSG TEAM

We are the EXCO members serving Rosyth and Rosythians, bringing parents and the school closer through school-wide events and student-centred activities.



FIRST ROW: MS ANGELA NG, MS PHEBE POON, MS LAVINA PESWANI, MS SUZAN KOA (VICE-PRESIDENT), MS FIONA CHIU (PRESIDENT), MR MONTRI LAOKULLAVANICH (VICE-PRESIDENT), MS KELLY HO, MS ESTHER CHOONG, MS ADELINE NEO, MS MEI LEONG

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