

Weekly School Newsletter

Message from the Head of School

The hectic events calendar of GWA (Singapore) has continued to provide families with an extensive range of learning opportunities. This week, students across the school have enjoyed the GWA Talent Show. This event provides students in PY and SY the opportunity to demonstrate a range of skills and creative pursuits in an encouraging performance space. It has been a wonderful event, with our Facebook feed sharing pictures from each day.

Our Grade 4s returned this afternoon from their camp in Singapore. The three days spent around the Changi precinct provided them with the chance to define their developing leadership skills, enhance the manner in which they collaborate with peers, and to challenge each themselves via new activities.

Last night Mr Cox hosted a G11 university night, which was very well attended. As part of the ongoing series of events run throughout the year, the night served as a strong launchpad for review of the many higher education opportunities available to GWA graduates, each of which may have slightly different requirements for entry. By starting this review early, and by having the chance to meet with university representatives direct, the Secondary Years team are ensuring we are providing every student with the greatest chance for individual success.

Our swim team heads to Bangkok this weekend for an international competition, and we again thank Mr Betts and Mr Petersen for their support in coordinating this trip. Many other swimmers remain in Singapore for a large competition being hosted not far from the GWA campus, at Orchid Country Club. Many thanks to Mr Dempsey for leading the team this weekend.

Next week we continue the high levels of engagement, with our Grade 10s hosting their MYP Personal Project Exhibition. The Personal Project represents a significant milestone for our Grade 10 students and is a core culminating project which enables them to demonstrate the skills and conceptual awareness they have developed through the MYP. The Personal Project is a stepping stone to the Extended Essay, which commences in G11, and is a progression from the Grade 5 PYP Exhibition.

On the week commencing 13th March, STEM Week will take place. The STEM programme continues the in-class curriculum experience for our EY/PY students, with the week providing further opportunity to highlight the importance of STEM in education. A core focus for the week-long activities will be to apply skills from different subjects within an interdisciplinary approach, solving new and varied real-world problems.

Across our balanced curriculum, GWA (Singapore) really does continue to provide extensive programmes in sports, arts and academics. We thank you for your support and encouragement of your children in each of these areas, and we look forward to your family involvement in these and other events in the coming weeks.



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Parent Event

Peranakan Heritage Home
Museum



Awarded Best Tour
Experience by Singapore
Tourism Awards 2016, the
Intan is a Peranakan
Heritage Home-Museum.

Date: 9 march
(Thursday)

Time: 11am

Venue: The Intan

Address: 69 Joo Chiat
Terrace, Singapore
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Fees Apply \$45 per pax

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Message from the Primary Years Deputy Principal

This week at GWA (Singapore) we celebrated the students creativity and confidence at our annual Talent Time. The Talent Time is a dedicated time for students to display a wide range of talent items that they prepared. During events like these I am constantly encouraged when I see the confidence and pride our students have when performing. We had singers, dancers, story tellers, rubik's cube racers and many more. It was a wonderful celebration of our students and once again highlighted the range of positive experiences offered within our community.



This week our Grade 4's took part in their annual camp and the feedback from this event has been very positive. While away, our students participated in a range of collaborative and individual experiences which

highlighted the attributes of our learner profile. During this time, the students and teachers made genuine connections to their classroom learning in a fun and engaging manner.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions



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Message from the Secondary Years Deputy Principal



Secondary Years students showcased their talents this week during our lunchtime Talent Show performances. Students demonstrated their talent through musical performances, dance, song and magic tricks.

Our SY performers took this opportunity to be risk-takers and share a particular talent with the school community. It was great to see how the school community came out to support our students.

On Thursday evening of this week, parents and students attended our University Information Night led by our Academic Advisor, Mr. Jonathan Cox. Karen Kaylor, the Director of the United States Education Information Centre, was also in attendance to provide an overview of the application process for schools in the United States of America. The meeting was primarily focused on:

- Preparing for and submitting university applications
- Key dates and targets
- Procedures and support
- Expectations



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Click [here](#) to view detailed Events Calendar

9 March 2017

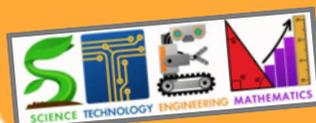
POP CONCERT

Music Department is happy to announce a Pop Concert, which will take place on Thursday, **March 9th at 6:30pm** in the Auditorium.

Please join us for a great evening of contemporary favourites.

13-17 March 2017

STEM WEEK



29 March 2017

PARENT ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

31 March 2017

END OF QUARTER 3

SPORT AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sports at GWA

Season 3 teams have kicked off their respective trainings and competitive games. We could be on track for another successful season as the 8U Boys Football and 11U Girls Touch teams both won two of their three matches played on Tuesday afternoon. The 19U Girls Netball, with most playing for the very first time, lost a close and evenly matched game against Tanglin Trust 4 - 7 in our gym on Monday. There is plenty of potential in this team and I'm sure they will improve over the next few weeks. Next week the 11U Rugby 7s 14U Boys Basketball and 19U Badminton teams start their seasons.

Orca Scuba

I am pleased to inform you of an exciting opportunity offered to GWA families who are interested in commencing or continuing their experiences as scuba divers. Orca Scuba are based in Singapore and are fast becoming the standard by which scuba diving instructors follow here, and throughout South-East Asia. They have agreed to create an educational programme that not only teaches you how to become a certified scuba diver but also educates about the importance and significance the ocean has on both a local and global scale. With a variety of options available, please contact the Head Instructor at Orca Scuba, Simone Wirthmann for further details.

As always, if you have any questions about the Sports or ECA programme at GWA please don't hesitate to get in contact.



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MESSAGE FROM GWA PARENT ASSOCIATION (GWAPA)

GWAPA Social Event

We are happy to invite you for our next GWAPA evening social event: **Singapore River Bumboat Cruise on March 23, Thursday, at 7:30pm.** See Singapore from a different angle, listen to the tale of the two Quays and be amazed by the laser show. For details see www.rivercruise.com.sg. Nibbles, soft beverages and an optional glass of wine will be served the boat. If you feel like having something to eat or drink prior to the cruise, we will be waiting for you from 6:30 pm in an optional meet up place (TBC) in the vivid area of Clark Quay point. Please click the following link to sign up: [River Cruise Sign up](#).

Cost- two options to choose from: March 12 (Monday)- deadline for signing up
\$30 - including river cruise, nibbles and soft beverages
\$35 - including river cruise, nibbles, soft beverages and a glass of wine
Money back guarantee in case of bad weather.
40 sign ups needed



GWA Fair

The GWA Fair is another exciting event on the school calendar for GWAPA members to get involved and support the school! The GWA fair aims to promote the school within the wider community, ensuring a fun day for existing families and celebrating all our children's accomplishments. **This year the GWA fair will be held from 10am - 2pm on Saturday April 22nd.** We have a wonderful chance to be involved as parents and the opportunity to decide how we can be fully engaged at the Fair (by running mini-workshops for other parents on craft, cookie decorating, favourite holiday locations and fitness techniques as an example). We are very interested in hearing your ideas of ways that we can successfully engage our community at this event, so please share them with us by sending an email to gwapa.singapore@gwa.edu.sg

Community Service

We would like to ask you for information about the charities and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Singapore that you are connected with or have worked with in the past. We are also hoping some of you will volunteer to talk with students about their community service work or suggest speakers from those charities and NGOs. Once we collect this information, we will share it with the school to support students' community service and action activities. Our goal is to gather enough information to set up a community service calendar to help students choose meaningful and long-term engagement opportunities. Please support us and take a short survey by clicking the following link: [Survey link](#)

In March we invite you for the next visit to The Lee Ah Mooi Old Age Home. If you are interested to be involved, please email Ms. Lei directly r.lei@gwa.edu.sg and she will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Community Service
Survey

[Survey link](#)

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our Facebook page

GWAPA Social Event
March 23rd, 7pm
Singapore River Bumboat
Cruise