

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Shaping tomorrow's leaders, thinkers and doers.

Message from Head of School

The sports day last week was a fantastic showcase of community engagement. Students, parents and staff all contributed to the success of the day, which saw winners, place-getters and participants recognised for their achievements.

This Sunday, GWA concludes its sponsorship of the 2015 MetaSprint Series, with the final event taking place from 8am at Changi Beach Park. Our sponsorship focuses upon the Kids and Youth categories, who compete after the adult events earlier in the morning. Thus far in the previous two events held, GWA students, parents and staff have competed with distinction in the series. As a school committed to a balanced programme across Sports, Arts and Academics, we see the MetaSprint Series fitting very well with our essential agreement as a school.

Next week GWA will host its' first Open Day. Described as "A Day of Answers", the 9am-12pm event enables families within Singapore to get a better understanding of GWA life. A detailed schedule of "Master Classes", hosted by our GWA teaching team, will provide students with insight into our challenging and exciting curriculum. Fun activities across sports, arts and academics will be provided. Please join us at the school on Saturday 25th April, with the invitation extended to your friends and their families.

The messages surrounding GWA are certainly being heard across Singapore. The enrolment team are dealing with large numbers of interested families who want to learn more about the school. Whilst our new advertising campaign can be seen on buses, transit stops, newspapers and online, it is very much the word-of-mouth sharing from our founding families that continues to drive great interest in the school. We thank you for your trust in us and in taking the time to share your wonderful school experiences with other parents, as they too seek to provide their children with outstanding learning opportunities.

David Edwards - Head of Education

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MetaSprint Series

Join us this Sunday for a morning picnic as we cheer on our team, many of whom are attempting to win the series championship. The first 20 families who register at the GWA booth between 8.30-9.30am will receive a gourmet picnic basket from Jones the Grocer.

METASPRINT - Sun 19 April, 8am to 1pm, @ Changi Beach Park

GWA Open House

Register early to avoid disappointment- www.gwa.edu.sg



Parent Association

Our first coffee morning was a great event! Our next social get-together will be another great chance for old and new members of the GWA parent community to mingle in a relaxed atmosphere!

Date: 30 April 2015

Time: 10:30am

Venue: Real Food Cafe - 110 Killiney Rd, Tai Wah Building S239549H

Arts Update

The Arts Team is looking forward to the first-ever instalment of "Arts Week," which will take place May 4-8.

Students, parents, teachers and staff will have the opportunity to sample a wide range of art, dance, and music events throughout the week. Among other things, artists will be providing instruction in Brazilian Capoeira, Japanese drumming, and Zumba.

Special arts happenings will take place throughout the school every day of Arts Week. We invite every member of the GWA community to enjoy and participate.

Further updates will be provided in the weeks ahead.

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PYP EXHIBITION INFORMATION EVENING FOR GRADE 5 PARENTS

Date: Thursday 23 April 2015

Time: 7pm

Venue: Auditorium Lobby

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Sports Update

This week was the beginning of our third and final block of ECAs. It was great to see students actively engaged in such a variety of activities.



There is a real buzz around the offerings, none more so than the chance for the students to get on the GWA-S climbing wall.

On Thursday we hosted 11 teams in another ACSIS 8U football tournament. Once again our boys showed great improvement winning 3 games, drawing 1 and losing 1. Next Thursday we will host teams from around Singapore in our biggest 8U football tournament yet. So if you are around, come and see this festival of youth football and cheer on our young players.



Our 14U boys continue with their season this week. After many being away on camp, the team is rested and ready to go. On Tuesday they travel to TTS to face their biggest challenge yet.

As always if you have any questions regarding the sporting or activities programme please do not hesitate to contact me.

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EY/ PY Curriculum Update

We are looking forward to the Parent-Teacher Conferences that will be held on **Tuesday the 28th and Wednesday 29th April**. These conferences are an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers to discuss student progress at school.

GWA values open and effective communication and we encourage parents to follow the GEMS '3-a-Day' Approach.

1) TALK ABOUT LEARNING

- Engage in conversation with your child and be sure to listen to their responses. This is best done without TV, phones, or distractions
- Ask questions about the world around you and introduce new vocabulary, ideas and examples

2) SHARE LEARNING

- Experience focused learning together
- Read together
- Explore and experiment through activities such as kitchen science, building and learning through play

3) ENCOURAGE LEARNING

- Be a role-model for your child
- Be generous with your praise
- Provide specific feedback about how and what your child is learning
- Model a positive attitude towards learning, teachers and school
- Set and guide daily routines
- Establish high standards and realistic expectations

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SY Curriculum Update

The Secondary Years team are currently on the way back from their week long camp in Australia, arriving early this evening.

The camp has provided students with a wonderful opportunity to better understand their personal strengths and areas requiring development, explore collaborative skills, engage in community and service initiatives, and to learn more about a culture other than their own.

The SY team will provide an update next week, however the family site that has been active during the camp has provided excellent photos and videos of the students participating in their many activities. Our school Facebook page has also shared some of these highlights to broader observers.

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