

ROSYTH PSG NEWSLETTER



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School Message

As we usher in 2017, and welcome our new students and parents to the Rosyth family, it is timely for us to reflect on the rich learning we experienced last year, as the school celebrated its 60th Anniversary. Fondly coined as "RS60", the year long celebration anchored on the theme "Appreciate, Affirm, Aspire". With the spirit of RS60 being injected into day-to-day events, students were exposed to a plethora of activities that helped them appreciate the contributions made by staff, alumni, parents and stakeholders who have built Rosyth School to what she is today. We affirmed these contributions through tributes and sharing, and are heartened by the positive responses from Rosythians as they shared their aspirations for themselves, and that of the school.

One of the key celebratory events last year was the "RS60 Experience" that was held on 6 Oct 16. The Parent Support Group (PSG), together with Rosyth School Alumni Association (RSAA), partnered with our teachers in the design and conduct of a special heritage tour to the old Rosyth School; near Parry Avenue. No efforts were spared in the curation of the tour. The guided journey was complemented with "live" commentary, and provided a comprehensive account of the school's history and development. It was no wonder that the tour was over-subscribed. Rosythians were enthralled by the rich learning, and were treated to free ice-cream served in a vintage van! All these experiences would not have been possible, without the dedication and thoughtful planning of the PSG.

Through my interactions with the PSG members, it is evident that we have a very committed pool of parents who have consciously set aside time to support our pupils in their foundation years. Under the capable leadership of Ms Tan Kar Lin, and her Vice-Presidents, Ms Amy Goh and Ms Ng Hwee Min, students and parents alike have benefited immensely from the programmes that were conducted.

As excellent role models, PSG members have exhibited deep commitment and passion in the work that they have done. This is a key quality that we hope to imbue in all Rosythians. Passion fuels the purpose within, and provides a clear direction in the things we want to achieve. Our children will one day operate in a highly complex and ambiguous environment. Other than strong **I-CARE** values, they will need to be able to embrace change, derive meaning, and learn to enjoy life's journey.

In this regard, we have set this year's school theme as "**I-CARE about Learning with Passion**". We hope that with your support, Rosythians would be active and nimble learners, who take ownership of their own development. Moving forward, the school would look into providing more opportunities for Rosythians to pursue their interests. At the same time, we would also be extending current provisions to recognize students who have made good progress in their learning.

We hope all parents could consider joining the PSG and to participate actively in school events. With strong support from you, we are confident that the school would be able to leverage its position of strength, to scale even greater heights!



Marvin Chan
Vice-Principal
Rosyth School

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Rosyth Parent Support Group Message



Amy Goh
Vice-President
Rosyth PSG

It is my great honour to write this message as the Vice-President of Rosyth School Parent Support Group (PSG).

The past year has been exciting as PSG continues to build its leadership and ventured into many new projects and programs.

On behalf of the PSG, I would like to extend our gratitude to the Principal Madam Elis Tan and her team of staff - the Vice-Principals Mr Loh Yun Por (Admin), Mr Marvin Chan and Mrs Stella Kwan, the office administrative team and not forgetting the gems of Rosyth – the teachers, for their overwhelming and continuous support in the implementation of our various PSG programs held over the year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our ever supportive and dedicated team of committee members who have put in their time and effort to pitch in their assistance to organize and run all our events. To the parents involved in our Parents Involvement Program (PIP), I am immensely grateful that you took time off to provide your help unconditionally in our various projects held in collaboration with the school. Last but not least, I would like to welcome our new PSG members and thank those members whose children have graduated to secondary schools.

Over the past year, our committee has lined up a series of programs for both our members and their children such as Movie Day, Kidzania and Dine in the Dark just to name a few. Through our programs, we aim to let students realize that knowledge can be gleaned out of the schools via exposure with hands-on methods, instead of simply being encroached in the classrooms with their textbooks.

In PSG, we believe that parents who are involved in their child on-going activities during the school years are able to enhance their learning experience and instil a positive attitude towards the school. We will continue our commitment to provide interesting, affordable and value added programs and look forward to your participation and support.

We have recently updated our PSG website. Please look out for updates on our more exciting programs we have planned for this year under the PSG link in the Rosyth School website.

I hope you and your children have had the opportunity to enjoy our programs in the past years. I trust that they will continue to do so under the PSG's commitment to enhance our children's learning experience with the support from the school.

All the best for the year ahead!

The HEART of the holiday programs

By: Serene Pang (Head—Program)

It's been an exciting and fruitful 2016 for PSG. Our 2016 holiday program sign-ups were very encouraging and we thanked everyone for the support and participation.

In 2016, our kids role-played at Kidzania, enjoyed an amazingly different dining experienced at Dine in the Dark and learnt all about the value of money and virtues of money management in the MoneyTree Literacy program.

For 2017, PSG has lined up a host of holiday programs and educational tours for our students in March and September. Our annual tradition of Family Bonding Movie Day will also prevail, and this will be held as usual, during the June holidays.

We look forward to more of you joining us in our activities in 2017.

Here's wishing everyone a fun-filled, fruitful and exciting year ahead.



Three "ANGRY BIRDS" from the PSG committee.
(From left) Serene Pang (PSG Program Head),
Tan Karlin (PSG President) and Ng Hwee Min
(PSG Vice-President).

Parent Involvement Program (PIP)

Do you want to get involved in your child's life in school? Are you curious what your child is doing in school? Join our PSG organized Parent Involvement Program (PIP).

In this program, parents will come into the school and participate in the following school activities:

- * Games' / Sports' Day
- * Teachers' Day/ Children's Day Celebration
- * Racial Harmony Day, Parents Reading Program, Chinese Programs, etc.
- * Other Ad-hoc events



The wonderful parent volunteers behind the beautiful booth at North Vista Primary Carnival.



Parent volunteers with their children receiving their appreciation certificates at the Annual School Awards Ceremony .

Parent volunteers helping out at the Cookies Donative Drive.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM:

- Name:
- Contact No:
- Name of child:
- Class:

(Put a '/' between if you have more than 1 child)

Please indicate your interest in the following. You may tick more than one box:

- Any areas
- IT related e.g. Website, Computer Lab, Data Key-in
- Accounts related e.g. Treasury, Auditing
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- Sponsorships & Members' discounts e.g. School Shoes & Bags, Excursion Tickets
- Others : Please specify _____

Time available :

- Weekdays (Days/Time Available) : _____
- Weekend (Days/Time Available) : _____
- Ad-hoc only

Please drop this form into the Rosyth Parent Support Group Box located inside the Rosyth General Office.

MARCH Holiday Program 1

AMAZING RACE

Article contributed by:

Ms Serene Pang



How well do you know your school compound? Have you ever tried doing a Treasure Hunt and “discovered” little corners that you have never noticed? Or that there are 2 PAL rooms on Level 4 and that there are more than 3 ways to the MPH?

Well, during the Amazing Race held during the School Holidays, our Rosythians discovered exactly that, and more! Students were divided into 6 groups to compete against time to complete their given assignments.

They had to solve different puzzles at the different stops in the school. The puzzles included some of the questions about the history of the school, challenging Science and Mathematical questions, as well as Astronomy and Philosophy. The race saw the children seeking out the Heritage Gallery, the Parts Theatre, Parade Square and even one of the classrooms on the topmost floor.

The objective of the Amazing Race was to allow our kids to have fun while learning about the facts of the school and other general knowledge. Even though the teams were racing against time, everyone played fair and we saw sportsmanship among them. There was much camaraderie among the team members as the upper primary kids helped the lower primary ones within the group.

The older kids also helped the younger ones during lunch. Needless to say, all the kids were ravenous by lunch time, having clocked quite a fair bit of distance. However, they were back to their energetic self after their lunch, sponsored by the Parent Support Group. By the end of the race, a winner emerged winning the title of the fastest Amazing Racer and a Popular voucher!



Happy students with their completed puzzles



Students listening attentively to the instructor

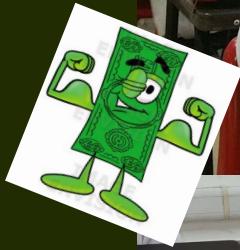


Teamwork in action!

MARCH Holiday Program 2 FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE

This course is conducted by:

MoneyTree, an accredited organization specializing in helping students understand the importance of money management through role-play and hands-on activities.



Accomplished students showing off the money they have accumulated.

Article contributed by: Ms Serene Pang

It was a day of fun and learning for both students and parents alike, as they attend the 1 Day Financial Literacy course during the June Holidays.

The students were introduced to the history of money and the difference between assets & liabilities. They were equipped with the knowledge of how to be a wise consumer; such as how to make price comparisons and how to make the most of their money during purchases knowing the difference between the “good to haves” and “must haves”.

During the hands-on activity, each child was given a sum of money in the form of MoneyTree dollar notes. Using the concept taught earlier, they must accumulate as much money as they can, by either trading goods, investing or trading goods and dollars with their friends. The Rosythians, guided by the trainers, enjoyed the activity thoroughly. The bargaining with their peers kept them on their toes and they learnt how to apply negotiation skills to put themselves in the best position.



Happy and better informed future “investors” with their certificates.

The children walked away from the workshop, better informed about the value of money, how to save and invest smartly, and most importantly appreciating the pocket money that they receive from their parents.

As one P4 student Ethan puts it, as he got ready to go home, “My mummy always tells me that money doesn’t grow on trees. However, I learnt today that money can grow. I can actually grow my money if I plan my finances wisely!” Wow! Well said, Ethan!

JUNE Holiday Program 1



The BIRDS are here for the holidays, so are our kids!

Around 100 over students and parents packed the theatre to start their holidays with the angry but witty birds. Nothing beats having their classmates and friends around with them to discuss their preferred characters in the movie. To enjoy the movie further, the kids also gave themselves a new set of eyebrows to compete with RED, the hero of the show. What an exciting way to start the holidays!



Program 2 — KIDZANIA *A place where kids can feel what it's like to be a working adult!*



I am a Professional Photographer!



I am a PIZZA Master!



I am "Cristiano Ronaldo"!

Program 3—Rock Climbing

For those who were more adventurous, program 3 provided them with plenty of challenge and adrenaline rush. The kids tested their inner resilience in one of Singapore's latest indoor rock climbing facility at Kallang Wave.

For the unknowing passers-by, who witnessed the little Rosythians unleashing their inner potential to conquer the 16 meters wall; the kids looked like they were auditioning for the next Spiderman sequel! Although the climb was tough, no one gave up and everyone reached the top at the end of the day!



Safety briefing before the climb.



All belted up, waiting eagerly in line.



A very focused young lady determined to reach the top.



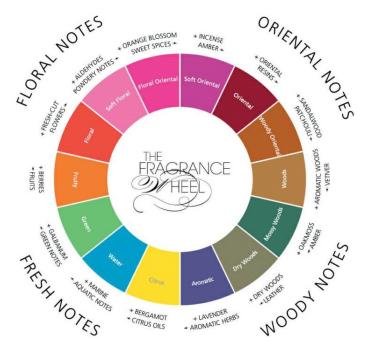
SEPTEMBER Holiday Program 1

The Fragrance Wheel

Scent Appreciation Workshop

The afternoon started with a visit to the artistic Goodman Art Centre, for a fun and educational parent-child workshop in perfume making. They also had the chance to learn about the herbs and oils at the Je'taime Perfume Museum!

It was a truly aromatic bonding session for the parent and their kids where they learnt all about the amazing history and the art and science of perfumes together! They were also able to discover if they had a good sense of smell and a creative soul to be a perfumer.



An aromatic bonding session :)

Holiday Program 2 DINE IN THE DARK

Dinning in the dark is indeed a unique experience for all the students and parents who participated.

After the students were shown the equipment that the visually impaired used in their daily lives, they were brought into a pitch dark room for their lunch.

The 2 hour lunch without sight brought humility back to the participants where they took time to understand and help each other using the rest of the other senses.



Participants are led into a pitch dark dinning room by the visually impaired staff

Students are shown the equipment used by the visually impaired.

RS60 Experience -

Heritage Journey to Old Rosyth

Article contributed by: Sharon Ang

On October 6th, Rosyth School celebrated her 60th Birthday with a BIG bash! There was a fun-filled carnival with lots of exciting games and activities for the students.

The highlight of the day was the “Heritage Journey to old Rosyth School”. This special segment was supported by Rosyth School, Parent Support Group (PSG) and the Alumni Association (RSAA).

Students embarked on this journey by joining a 10 min tour of the Heritage Gallery guided by a member of RSAA. Upon answering a 10-question quiz correctly, they were given a token to exchange for a 30 min bus ride to two old Rosyth School sites. The 1st site is located at Rosyth Road and the 2nd is at Parry Road. This was definitely a trip down memory lane for parents who were alumni of the old Rosyth School. We were lucky that these 2 sites were conserved and are still around today.

The students had the opportunity to discover how Rosyth School was transformed in the last 60 years. PSG multi-talented members had the honour of being the tour guides for the day. They provided live commentary covering its rich history and explained the origin of Rosyth School name and her 5 houses. To top it all, at the end of the journey, students had to complete a challenge to exchange for an old school delight, which was an ice cream or lolly from a 1960's Kombi vintage van.

There was an overwhelming response for this event and additional bus rides and ice creams were catered, so as not to disappoint our students on this momentous occasion. It was indeed a memorable RS60 experience for both parents and students. PSG is proud to champion this meaningful initiative. This event is made possible because of the strong partnership between Rosyth School, PSG and RSAA.



A member of the RSAA explaining the history of Rosyth to a student.



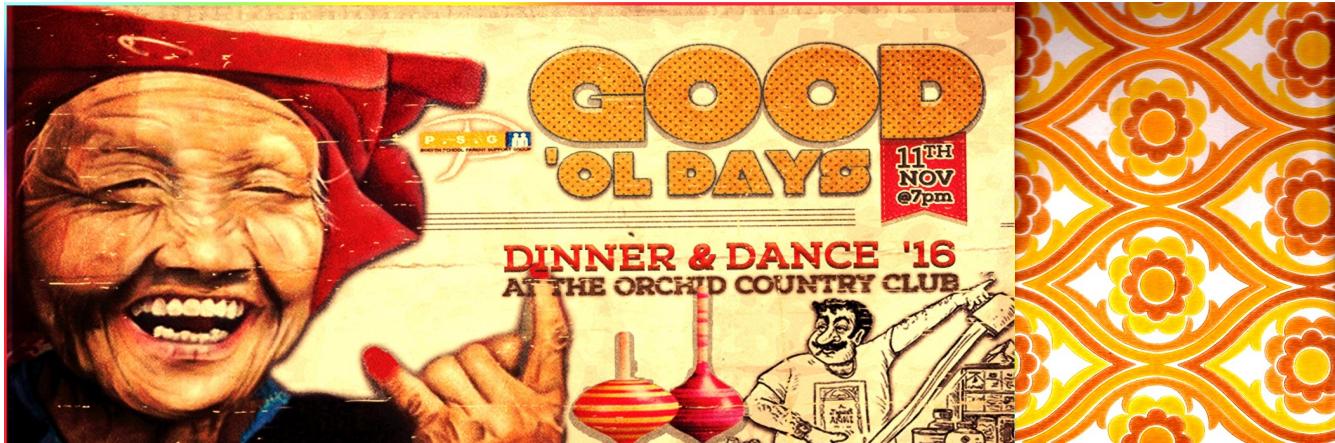
Excited students posed for a photo at one of the old sites located at Parry Road.



The old school delight from the 1960s Kombi Vintage Van.



Other activities at the fun-filled carnival.



Rosyth PSG Annual Dinner & Dance 2016

Article contributed by: Ms Sharon Ang

On November 11th, Rosyth PSG hosted our Annual Dinner and Dance (D&D) 2016 event at the Orchid Country Club. This event was put together to thank the Rosyth School leadership team, PSG members and Parent Involvement Program (PIP) members for their support throughout the year.

The theme of this year's event was "The Good 'Old Days". It was specially chosen to coincide with Rosyth School 60th Anniversary. VIPs, teachers, parents and students were all dressed up for the occasion! P1s and P2s showed up attired in 60s to 70s, P3s and P4s in 80s to 90s and P5s and P6s from 2000s to current fashion.



Prior to the dinner, guests participated in the fringe activities such as Chapteh, Five Stones and Pickup Sticks Challenge and won prizes that were popular in the 80s, like the all-time favourite for everyone, the Kacang Putih snacks!

The event started on a high note with an opening parade where students danced and sashayed to a catchy oldies song. Rosyth's PSG Vice-President, Ms Amy Goh, gave an opening speech followed by Rosyth School's vice-principal, Mr. Marvin Chan. On behalf of Mdm Elis Tan and the school, he thanked PSG for being an outstanding partner to the school through its active involvement and continuous support; from planning holiday programs to offering extracurricular activities, weekend enrichment lessons and supporting the school's events such as the recent RS60 celebrations and for organising the hugely successful "Heritage Journey to Old Rosyth".



We would like to take this opportunity to give a special mention and say thank you to this year's PIP award recipients: Mdm Ang Li Ling, Mdm Rukmani Devi, Mdm Heng Wei Mei, Mdm Carine Lee, Mdm Doreen Lee, Mdm Michelle Liu, Mdm Nikki and Mdm Joey Yap. An appreciation award was given to Narayenan Prabha in recognition for her years of contribution towards PSG.

It was a night of fun and partying where the guests were all very sporting and participated in the various challenges given to them by the emcee. There was a hotly contested Best Dressed competition and lucky draw at the end.



The night came to a close all too soon! We had an enjoyable evening especially amongst the parents, as many of us had become close friends. The school activities have bonded us all together and this camaraderie will give us a solid momentum through 2017 and beyond.



The Vice-Principal of Rosyth School, Mr Marvin Chan with the Parent Involvement Program (PIP) award winners. (From top) Mdm Heng Wei Mei, Mdm Carine Lee, Mdm Nikki, and Mdm Michelle Liu. (From left) Mdm Joey Yap, Mdm Doreen Lee, Mdm Ang Li Ling and Mdm Rukmani Devi.



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SPACE EXPLORER December Holiday Program



GARDENS BY THE BAY December Holiday Program

Weekend Enrichment : * Abacus * Badminton * Ballet * Creative Art Class * Chinese, English, Math and Science Enrichment * Math Olympiad * Taekwondo * Violin * Wushu