



PUNGGOL SECONDARY SCHOOL

培道中学

From the Principal's Desk

September 2017

Dear Stakeholders,

We marked a significant milestone of our school's history with our 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. We would also like to share some of our students' achievements with you.

60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Punggol Secondary School is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. We celebrated this milestone in conjunction with Teachers' Day and Mid-Autumn Festival at our 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on 22 September.

Our 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner was held at Holiday Inn Atrium, graced by our Guest-of-Honour (GOH), Mr Ng Chee Meng, Minister for Education (Schools) and Second Minister for Transport, Grassroot Advisor for Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC. The dinner brought together the alumni and stakeholders of the school from the various campuses. Around 350 guests attended the dinner.

The dinner comprised three segments:

Reminiscing the Past

Our Principal, Mr Benedict Keh, expressed his gratitude for the support from stakeholders. Our School Advisory Committee Chairman, Mr Loo Kin Ben, narrated the school's history and shared his appreciation for educators. Our GOH, Mr Ng Chee Meng, delivered his congratulatory message and shared his insights on the current education landscape.

This was followed by a Chinese Dance performance and a video montage created by our students from the Multimedia Club, capturing the various interviews of our alumni and stakeholders from the three campuses.



Chinese dance performance



Alumni from Toa Payoh Campus

The highlight of this segment was the launch of our 60th Anniversary Commemorative Book by our GOH. The commemorative book launch pad, with blinking lights, was hand-made by our staff Mr Bek Jing Siau.



Launch of the 60th Anniversary Commemorative Book

Following that, our student councillors marched in with style and presented the 60th Anniversary Commemorative Book to all our guests.



Our student councillor presenting the commemorative book to a guest

Showing Appreciation

Our lower secondary students from the Aesthetic Programme opened this segment with their delightful Dance Sport performance.



Dance Sport performance by our lower secondary students

To show our appreciation to the 11 teachers from Singapore Girls' Vocational High School (SGVHS) and Pei Dao Secondary school, our student councillors presented the teachers with flowers and customised pens sponsored by Mr Tan Fong Kum, an alumni of Pei Dao Secondary School.

Our GOH also presented the Punggol Secondary School Long Service Award, Excellent Service Award and Most Dedicated Teacher Award to our Punggol Secondary School teachers and staff.

This segment concluded with a speech by our Rising Star Awardee, Ngiam Kai Li from class 3B (2017), on her experiences in Punggol Secondary School.



Group photo with ex-teachers from SGVHS and Pei Dao Secondary School

Celebrating together

In conjunction with Mid-Autumn Festival, our students presented the mooncakes to our guests. This was accompanied by performances by our Guzheng Ensemble and Choir.



Guzheng performance



Choir performance

Before the dinner came to a close, we celebrated our school's 60th Anniversary with a cake-cutting ceremony, followed by a loud chorus singing of the school song.



Cake-cutting ceremony

It was indeed a heart-warming opportunity for all to share their stories and connect over dinner.

Student Outcomes

10th National Chinese Short Film Competition for Secondary Schools

A team of six Secondary One students participated in the 10th National Chinese Short Film Competition for Secondary Schools.

The theme for this year's short film competition is 怕输精神 – chosen with the intention to encourage students to explore issues related to "kiasu-ism" that is linked directly to Singaporeans.

A total of 18 teams, and 131 students participated in this competition. The team clinched the 4th position in the Best Short Film category. In addition, one of the film's lead actresses, Angel Chee Wei from class 1A, was also nominated in the Best Female Lead category.



(From left to right) Nicolai Lidua Palaroan, Angel Chee Wei, Kennis Lim Jun Yan, Low Jing Ying, Lau Ming Yue Natalie, and Nicholas Teo Wu Yu Xuan

Students' Reflections

"I learnt the importance of teamwork and communication through this competition."
– Angel Chee Wei (1A)

58th National Inter-School Team Chess Championships at Overseas Family School

The competition was held on 5 September 2017. Punggol Secondary School (PSS) sent three teams – two teams in the Under-16 category and one team in the Under-14 category.



PSS chess participants at the 58th National Inter-School Chess Championships

In the Under-16 category, PSS Team 1 won the North Zone Chess Championships ahead of Yishun Town Secondary School and Maris Stella High School. In the Under-14 category, PSS came in 2nd with 11 points (out of 24 points).



Champions of Under-16 and Runner-Up in Under-14 North Zone Chess Championships with our Vice Principals Mdm Ching (front row extreme right) and Mr Anith (front row extreme left) and teachers-in-charge Ms Ng and Mr Su

Students' Reflections

"Chess changed my life since the start of the year. Once I got the hang of playing chess, I realised that chess is not only about winning but it is about learning from my own mistakes." – Akshith Mattaparthi (1E)

"Through chess, I learnt a lot about decision-making. My problem-solving skills have also improved. I have learnt to 'invent' ways to solve problems. I have also learnt to make correct decisions at times because if wrong decisions are made, it can lose the game." – Augmen So (3B)

Kidney Health Education Bus and Assembly Talk by the National Kidney Foundation (NKF)

Invited by the Science Department, the Kidney Health Education bus from the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) was parked for a week in Punggol Secondary School.

The bus was equipped with interactive exhibits and augmented reality technology to enable students to learn more about kidney diseases and the various preventive measures.

The Secondary 2 students visited the bus during their Science lessons and were engaged in ICT-infused lessons to value-add to their learning experience.



Kidney health education bus guide interacting with PSS students to enable them to better understand the kidney



Students engaged in the learning of the kidney via the interactive exhibits and augmented reality technology on the bus

An assembly talk by NKF was also arranged for the lower secondary students to further educate them on the importance of kidneys in our bodies. The speaker shared about the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle and making responsible personal choices in line with Prime Minister Lee's National Day message this year on 'fighting diabetes'. A patient was also invited to share his personal story with the students.