



PUNGGOL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk

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Dear Stakeholders,

In this issue, we would like to share with you highlights from our annual events as well as CCA achievements by our Volleyball Team.

Secondary Two Subject Streaming and 1-1 Computer Briefing

On the evening of 2 February, parents of the Secondary 2 Cohort were cordially invited to attend the Subject Streaming and 1-1 Computing Briefing talk.

Parents had the opportunity to listen to the subject streams offered by our school that could potentially be chosen by our students for their eventual national examinations. It was a good opportunity for parents to understand the school curriculum better and help their child make an informed decision based on passion and aptitude for the respective subjects.

The Q&A session was also a very good avenue for parents to clarify any queries they had regarding the choices that could be made, and how it could potentially affect their child's immediate future in terms of educational choices.



Q&A session

The evening was also an opportunity for parents to find out more from Mr Tay Teck Seng, HOD/ICT (covering) about how the school leverages on ICT to engage our students in their learning. Presentations by our ICT Champions, Mr Stephen Low, Mr Peh Aik Hui and Mrs Amutha Raj provided the parents with glimpses into what the students experienced on a regular basis in Punggol Secondary School.

Parents and students also had time to browse through different models of chrome books so that they can make informed decisions in purchasing the appropriate devices to enhance and support the students' learning.



Parents enquiring about chrome books with vendor

Chinese New Year Celebration

The Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebration in Punggol Secondary School took place on 15 February.

Mr Loo Kin Ben, Chairman of the School Advisory Committee, the Parents Support Group, as well as Alumni members, joined the teachers and students for the celebration.

Special guests from the Bright Hill Evergreen Home were invited to attend the CNY concert, and well-wishes and gifts were presented to them as a gesture of love and care.



SAC Chairman, Mr Loo, presenting 'hongbaos' and gifts to guests from Bright Hill Evergreen Home, assisted by our Vice Principal, Mdm Ching



Our dance performance titled "Heart. Spring"



Our Principal receiving a scroll of well wishes and mandarin oranges during the Lion Dance performance

All students, school staff and other stakeholders also donated generously during our annual Ang Pao Pledge. All donations will be channelled to support the Bright Hill Evergreen Home and HCA Hospice Care.

After the celebration in the hall had ended, all teachers and stakeholders were invited for the traditional Lo Hei prepared by our Staff Well-Being Committee.

Annual Cross Country

The annual Cross Country was held on 23 February at Punggol Waterway Park. After the morning assembly, staff and students made their way to the park with the Secondary 1 cohort leading the way.

The weather was good and the race got off to a flying start. Staff and students were joined by parents who did their very best to complete the distance. Many students completed the distance within 45 minutes and this earned the students valuable points for their respective Houses. In addition, the parents who took part contributed to the points accumulated by the various Houses.



Our students displaying resilience towards the finishing line



Parent Support Group

Congratulations to all the prize winners and especially to Blue House who managed to retain their title as the Champion House for Cross Country 2018.



Champion House – Blue House

Volleyball CCA Achievement

Our 'B' Division volleyball teams made the school proud in the North Zone 'B' Division Volleyball Competition by emerging as 1st runner-up for the boys' team and as 2nd runner-up for the girls' team.

On 9 February, our girls played their best but lost the semi-finals against Xinmin Secondary School. In the 3rd/4th placing match played on 13 February, their hard work and commendable teamwork paid off as they emerged victorious against Anderson Secondary School, winning both sets with a score of 25-10, 25-15.

In the semi-final played on the same day, our boys won the match against Presbyterian High School with a score of 2-0.



Team cheering before start of match



Team Captain, Tan Shi Wei, jersey number 10, leading the team's attack with a thunderous spike

Subsequently in the North Zone Finals played on 14 February, our boys failed to repeat their feat last year against the same opponent – Catholic High School. Despite the numerous attacks led by our captain, Tang Shi Wei, our boys lost both sets marginally (23-25, 23-25).

Both the volleyball boys' and girls' teams will train hard and strive for better results in the National Schools Competition, which will commence on 27 February.



Our Principal receiving the trophy from team captain



Volleyball boys' and girls' team picture with SAC Chairman and School Leaders (right of picture) and teachers-in-charge (left of picture)

Blind Date With A Book

As part of our English Language & Literature Week, the Media Resource Library (MRL) committee organised the *Blind Date with a Book* activity, in conjunction with Valentine's Day which fell on 14 February.

To entice students, the library books were wrapped creatively. Short descriptions of the books were also included to get students interested to know more about the books. These books were displayed during recess and it was well-received especially by the lower secondary students.



Colourfully wrapped books on display at canteen



Students browsing the books

When interviewed, several students shared that they found the activity interesting as they were kept in suspense about the books they had borrowed. A few students' eyes sparkled in anticipation as they tore the wrappers excitedly. Students shared that they would participate in this activity again.