

MSHS/2016/2/P

6 May 2016

Dear Parents/Guardian

Thank you for the kind words of support in reply to my first email. My team and I are encouraged by the support shown by parents for Marists and their education. Term 2 is an exciting term for both Marist and teachers with many programmes conducted for Marists and I would like to share some updates regarding them with you.

1. Cross Country & Sports Day

The Cross Country initially not in the school calendar was reinstated after positive responses from Marists indicating a strong interest for the event. True to the promises made by Marists, the participation was high and Marists gave their best to complete the run. We are also encouraged by the presence of parents who came and run alongside or cheer for their sons. We are happy to congratulate Francois House for clinching the House Challenge.

The Sports Day is one of the full school events that brings both the primary and secondary sections together. This year to encourage mass participation of Marists, a games segment was introduced to complement the Track events. The games played included frisbee, soccer, and modified captain's ball. To prepare for the Sports Day, House Captains from the secondary section held a house meeting to teach their juniors their house cheers and build camaraderie. Indeed they did a great job as evidenced by the high school spirit experienced by all during the event. Congratulations to Chanel House for winning the House Challenge.

We would like to record our appreciation to the PSG parents from the primary section for helping out as road marshal as well as PSG parents from both sections for gamely taking part in the Novelty Race. We apologise for not being able to invite more parents due to the space constraints at the stadium.

2. Secondary 3 Bonding Camp

The Secondary 3 cohort completed their 3 Day 2 night camp at the end of Term 1. The camp saw the Marists building new friendships and fostered strong camaraderie through the various activities. Held at SAFRA Yishun, the Secondary 3 cohort experienced high rope challenges, sea activities and enjoyed a campfire at the end. The activities were designed to bring the boys together as a class and unite them as seniors of the school for the challenging two years ahead.

3. Education & Careers Seminar for Secondary 4 Marists

Held on 9 March 2016, the seminar sought to expose students to various educational pathways after their GCE 'O' level examinations. Several JCs and Polytechnics were present to share their programmes as well as address queries. The keynote speaker was Mr Marcus Tan, founder of the online web portal Carousell. This provided inspiration and motivation for the students, as he shared his reasons for success - discipline, hard work and humility. Marists were able to gain some insights into the world of entrepreneurship, and have a clearer vision on the next lap of their education after the GCE 'O' level examinations.

4. **Good Friday Celebration & Agape Meal**

As a Marist family, we observed the season of Lent with special morning prayers and it culminated in our Maundy Thursday Observance for the whole school. Following the Year of Mercy theme - Be Merciful Like Your Father - we saw the acts of servanthood where the school leaders, teachers and students took part in the washing of feet that morning. The theme was also highlighted through skits and songs put up by both staff and students. The experience for the Secondary Fours was deepened through the mass partaking of a simple meal during their Agape Meal. As a family that prays together, we also celebrated together the great feast of Easter on Easter Monday morning, where all staff and students were delighted with their little Easter treat. We give praise and thank God for his continual blessings upon us, the Marist family.

5. **Updates on Achievements**

In this term, Marists continued to train hard for their CCAs and subject-related competitions exemplifying the school values in their pursuits. We are very proud of Marists for their achievements in the following areas:

a. Science

- i. Awarded Chapter of Clinician Scientist prize at the Singapore Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) 2016 organised by Science Centre.
- ii. Achieved the Gold Award in the Elementz Life Science Conference and Exhibition organized by Anderson Junior College. Our Marist team was one of the 11 teams which won the Gold Award to be selected to present at the conference out of the 60 Secondary school teams which participated in the competition.
- iii. Won the A* STAR Award by Agency for Science, Technology and Research
More details are found in Annex 1.

b. CCA

Marists continued to train hard and have done very well in their CCA and we would like to share the details of their fine achievements with you. Please refer to details in Annex 1.

6. **GCE 'O' Level Chinese Language Paper**

Sec 4 Marists will be taking the GCE 'O' Level Chinese Language (CL) Examination written paper on 30 May 2016 (Monday). The Chinese Listening Comprehension Examination will be conducted on 19 July 2016 (Tuesday) and the Chinese Oral Examination will be on 1 to 18 July 2016, HCL Oral Examination will be held on 25 July 2016 to 25 August 2016. We wish to encourage our Sec 4 Marists to work hard and start preparations early. Their preparations should include being on task about homework, reading widely to expand their Chinese vocabulary and watching the Chinese news to stay in touch with current affairs. The CL teachers are working with them to ensure that they are well prepared. We encourage parents/guardians to support their efforts by ensuring that their sons/wards attend remedial lessons when required.

7. **Grade Enhancement Programme (GEP) for Secondary 4**

The Grade Enhancement Programme (GEP), aimed at providing academic support to help selected Marists to better prepare for their coming 'O' Level examinations commenced on 10 February 2016. A schedule has been given to Secondary 4 Marists, indicating the subjects they have been allocated to attend. These sessions are compulsory for the selected Marists as we

help them to tackle their basic understanding and we seek parents' continued support to ensure that your sons, if selected, attend the sessions.

8. ICT in MSHS

a. Upgrading of 21st Century Classrooms

The school has recently refurbished the 21st Century Classrooms for students' learning. The classrooms are designed and used to promote self-directed as well as collaborative learning.

b. Lower Secondary ICT Programmes

The Secondary 1 ICT Programme aims to expose students to the different applications used in daily life for work and study. Some of the applications include Microsoft Office applications, Google applications, Macintosh applications such as iMovie, Garageband, etc. The Secondary 2 programme aims to develop the computational thinking for the students and learn basic programming. Scratch Programming is the focus for the Secondary 2 students where they design games using basic block coding. With the programme, Marists learn to think through the design process to achieve the objective of the game project.

9. Examination Matters

The Semestral Assessment 1/Prelim Examination 1 started on 27 April 2016 and would end on 13 May 2016. Marists have been informed to report to school at the usual time for morning assembly and would be dismissed at the end of the paper during the examination period. Students who are absent for any paper due to medical reasons must submit a valid Medical Certificate (MC) to their Form Teacher immediately upon their return. Failure to produce a valid MC will result in a zero mark for the particular paper. Letters from parents will NOT be accepted. Any other reasons for exemption will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Please visit MSHS exam website at <http://exams.mshs.edu.sg> for Exam Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and information on examination topics and format.

10. Events & Activities for rest of Term 2

As we aim to nurture Marists holistically, there are a number of programmes planned for Marists after the SA1/Prelim1 beginning with 17 May. Do refer to the table of events (Annex 2) attached at the end of this mail.

Thank you and we look forward to partnering you as we nurture Marists to realise their potential.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Woo Soo Min
Principal

Annex 1: CCA & Subject Achievement January – April 2016 – Congratulations, Marists!

| Name Of Competition | | Achievement | Name and class of students | |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1. | Singapore Science and Engineering Fair (SSEF) 2016 organised by Science Centre | Chapter of Clinician Scientist prize | Goh Kang Yang Eric Tey Li Zhang Edmund | Sec 4A Sec 4A |
| 2. | Elementz Life Science Conference and Exhibition organised by Anderson Junior College | Gold award Silver award | Goh Kang Yang Eric Jonathan Koh Hao Tian Tey Li Zhang Edmund Ong Tjun Jet Cheah Tze Juen Lee Xuan Wei Augustine Tan Jean Kye, Darius Ng Linus | Sec 4A Sec 4A Sec 4A Sec 4A Sec 4A Sec 4A Sec 4B Sec 4E |
| 3. | A * STAR Award by Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A STAR) | | 2015 -2016 Awardees Tan Zhengkang Yap Wen Jayden 2016 Awardees Julian Chang Zhen Yang Matthias Ong Jing Jie | Sec 4B Sec 4A Sec 3A Sec 3A |
| 4. | SPF-NPCC Badge Award 2016 | 4 Awardees | Cheah Tze Juen Javier Wan Justin Siaw Jun Kang Ng Hao Hiang, Herman | Sec 4A Sec 4B Sec 4D Sec 4D |
| 5. | NCC Freestyle Exhibition Drill Sea District Competition | 1st Position (Gold) | Au Jan Weng Caleb Choke Chang Jia Chen Chew Ka Jun Clarence Teo Jia Jun Eugene Lee Yong Jing Gavin Goh Jun Chong Low Yuan Heng Marcus Mok Ping Pheng, Jagat Seah Yi Xun, Ryo Sebastian Wong Kia Hiam Tan Cher Rui Tan Yao Wen Yip Hou Mun Zechariah Yeung Chao Shing | Sec3B Sec 3A Sec 3D Sec 3C Sec 3G Sec 3E Sec 3B Sec 3C Sec 2F Sec 3D Sec 2F Sec 3C Sec 2F Sec 2I Sec 2F |



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| 6. | St John Brigade - Corps Achievement Award 2015 | Gold Award | |
| 7. | Scouts-Frank Cooper Sands Award | Gold Award | |
| 8. | Secondary School Bowling League 2015/2016 | C Division Overall Team 1st runner up | Cleavant Ong Sec 1A Davon Pung Sec 1G Isaiah Chin Sec 2A Jayden Ong Sec 1B Jerel Chua Sec 1A Joey Djulamsah Sec 2H Joshua Dylan Goh Sec 2G Koh Jay Sen Sec 1I Lee Jia Jian Sec 1C Lee Kai Jie Sec 1C Lee Kang Lee Leroy Sec 2D Ng Rui Jian Leron Sec 1C Reyes George Sec 1D Sean Oh Sec 2C Sky Tan Sec 2H Ting Wei Chong Sec 1B Young Zhi Heng Joel Sec 1C |
| 9. | National Age Group Bowling Championship 2016 | U-15 Doubles Event - Boys 1st Runner up | Isaiah Chin Sec 2A |
| 10. | Akira Swift Tan Soo Liat Road Relay Memorial Age Group Championships 2016 | Boys U14 - 1st Boys U17- 1st | Boys U14: Ang Cher Wei Jackson Sec 2C James Chin Dow Ching Sec 2B Lim Chun Khai Jon Sec 2A Yeo Ke-Gan Sec 2B Boys U17: Aldrich Goh Sec 3J Chia Zong Xuan Darrell Sec 4D Lim Rui Jie Sec 3D Yeo Zi Jian Sec 4F |
| 11. | Nanyang Polytechnic Invitational Track and Field Open | 800m - 2nd 3000m - 3rd | Lim Rui Jie Sec 3D Yeo Zi Jian Sec 4F |
| 12. | Akira Swift Track and Field Championship 2016 | 400m Boys U17- 3rd 800m Boys U17- 3rd | Lim Rui Jie Sec 3D Yeo Zi Jian Sec 4F Yeo Ke-Gan Sec 2B |



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| | | 800m Boys U14-1st | |
| 13. | National Schools Cross Country Championship 2016 | Boys C Div -10th place Boys B Div - 4th place | Yeo Ke-Gan Sec 2B Yeo Zi Jian Sec 4F |
| 14. | National Schools Track and Field Championship 2016 | 1500m Walk - 6 th 1500m walk - 8 th 3000m - 5 th 1500m - 7 th | James Chin Dow Ching Sec 2B Tan Yu Yang Sec 3E Yeo Ke-Gan Sec 2B |
| 15. | National Inter-School Table Tennis Championships 2016 | C Division - Top 8 | Brandon Chong Wen Jun Sec 2C Choo Zheng Yang Sec 1I Ezekiel Yeo Wei Loong Sec 1H Justin Lee Chong Han Sec 1A Kenny Lim Wee Pin Sec 1I Looi Hong Jim Sec 2F Ng Jing Zhe Sec 1A Teng An Ting Sec 1H Xander Goh Zhao Hang Sec 2B Xavier Lim Guan Ying Sec 1D Neo Cher Ying Clarence Sec 2I Poo Quan Yong Sec 2I |
| 16. | National Individual Table Tennis Championships 2016 | C Div Top 4 C Div Top 16 B Div Top 8 | Ezekiel Yeo Sec 1H Ng Jing Zhe Sec 1A Wang Qi Sec 4J |
| 17. | National Inter-School Badminton Championships 2016 | B Division - Top 16 | Brian Wong Yun Long Sec 4C Dyfrig Lim Ju Heng Sec 3J Dylan Tang Teck Xuan Sec 4C Esa Lim Yan Sec 4B Goh Wei Cong Sec 3H Justin Emmanuel Chua Yijie Sec 3J Matthew Phan Koi Lok Sec 3J Ong Kuan Jin, Gavin Sec 3I Rayner Lim Yi Ke (3J) Sec 4C Sim Jerrod Sec 4I Thaddeus Yang Ray Zhi Sec 3J |



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| | | Individual Bronze Individual Silver | Tan Min Kai, Edsel Sng Zhen En Julius | Sec 2E Sec 2I |
| | | Team of 3 - Gold | Cheong Yuen Meng Goh Mun Rong Jonas Liew Jun Hong | Sec 1E Sec 1F Sec 1F |
| | | Team of 3 - Gold | Lim Jing Kai Tan Min Kai, Edsel Wong Jing Jie, David | Sec 2I Sec 2E Sec 2G |
| | | Team of 3 - Gold | Chen Yang Hun Owen Ng Yi Hern Benjamin Sng Zhen En Julius | Sec 1F Sec 1F Sec 2I |
| | | Team of 3 - Bronze | Hong Xu Lih James Ngia Jin Chong, Lucas Victor Loh Zeng Cheng | Sec 3J Sec 4I Sec3E |
| 21. | National Story Challenge 2016 | Champion- Team | Cao Zhiwei Ke Mingsheng Lee Khim Ann Yang Shuai | Sec 3K Sec 3E Sec 4G Sec 4D |
| 22. | National Story Challenge 2016 | Top 4- Individual | Wang Yilin | Sec 3D |
| 23. | RoboCup Singapore Open 2016 | 2nd RMA Challenge | Ryan Tan Park Yu Seng | Sec 3G Sec 3J |
| 24. | RoboCup Singapore Open 2016 | 4th CoSpace Grand Prix | Hei Yee Kai Ng Zheng An Oh Kai Jun Ryo Pong Yun Siang Shawn Toong Hao Ting | Sec 3G Sec 3C Sec 3E Sec 3C Sec 3B |
| 25. | StrITWISE Hackathon 2016 | 3rd prize | Koh Hong Kai | Sec 2B |
| 26. | National Schools Bouldering Competition 2016 | 3rd position | Soh Jit Kai Jarrell | Sec 1H |
| 27. | National Schools 'C' Division Swimming Championship | 50m Breaststroke- 1st 100m Breaststroke- 2nd 200m Breaststroke- | Goh Jeng Yee Goh Jeng Yee | Sec 2G Sec 2G |



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| | | 3rd 100m Backstroke- 5th 50m Backstroke- 6th | Ethan Lim Jonathan Louis Yeo Yang Ethan Lim | Sec 1A Sec 1G Sec1A |
| 28. | National Wushu 'C' Division Championship | Sword (1st Intl) – 3rd | Angus Quek Ngee Heng | Sec 1C |
| 29. | National Schools Individual Chess Championships 2016 | North Zone – 2nd National overall Top 20 - 16th position | Keven Chua Yong Jun | Sec 2D |

Annex 2: Updates on School Events

| Level | Date | Activity/Event |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Sec 1 | 17 May, Tuesday | Sec 1 Class Photo Taking |
| | 17 May, Tuesday | Sec 1 Inter-house Games |
| | 20 May to 27 May | Sec 1 Level Program |
| | 27 May, Friday | Sec 1 100 th Day Commemoration |
| Sec 2 | 16 May, Monday | Sec 2 Inter-house Games |
| | 17 May, Tuesday | Sec 2 Class Photo Taking |
| | 24 May to 26 May | Sec 2 Level Camp |
| Sec 3 | 16 May, Monday | Sec 3 Inter-house Games |
| | 18 May, Wednesday | Sec 3 Class Photo Taking |
| | 20 May to 27 May | Sec 3 Level Programme |
| Sec 4 | 20 May to 27 May | Sec 4 CL Revision Programme |
| | 30 May, Monday | GCE 'O' Level Chinese Written Paper |
| | 31 May, Tuesday | GCE 'O' Level Chinese B Written Paper |
| | 31 May to 3 June & 20 to 23 June | Sec 4 Holiday Supplementary Programme and 'O' Level Chinese Oral Preparatory Lesson (1 st & 4 th week of holiday) |
| | 21 June, Tuesday | Sec 4 Class Photo Taking |
| All levels | 2 May, Monday | Labour Day Public Holiday |
| | 5 May, Thursday to 13 May, Friday | Semestral Assessment One for Sec 1 to 3/ Preliminary Examination One for Sec 4 |
| | 16 May, Monday | Marking Day (Marists need not come to school) |
| | 17 May to 19 May | Checking of Examination Scripts |
| | 20 May | Confirmation of Marks |
| | 23 May, Monday | School Holiday in-lieu for Vesak Day (21 May 2016) |
| | 27 May, Friday | Parent Teacher Meeting 2 |
| | 28 May to 26 June | Term Two Holidays |