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SMMIS Newsletter

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## Dear Parents,

As we end another successful school year at SMMIS, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements, milestones, and memorable moments we have shared as a school community.

At the beginning of the academic year, we successfully attained a renewal of the 4-year EduTrust accreditation. We were commended on our: 'Wide range of student support services to enhance the students' holistic educational experience, highlighting the variety of amazing social action and community projects our students are involved in. They were also incredibly impressed by our 'strong (academic) team, supported by a diverse network that catered to students' academic, emotional, physical, mental health and spiritual needs, fostering holistic success. ...along with the partnership between the parents, the expert

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This year I was honoured to be awarded Principal of the Year for the second year running, and Mr Junaidi, Teacher of the Year from Honey Kids Asia, both of which recognise the high standard and quality of our staff and the teaching and learning we provide at SMMIS.

Our students have thrived through their learning which they have proudly presented to us with enthusiasm and passion through their IMYC, IPC Exit Points and Art Exhibitions. Our students have succeeded in many competitions: Maths Olympiad; Mandarin and National swim competitions. Our commitment to creative and holistic education is evident in our classrooms and our outdoor spaces.

We were thrilled to host a number of prominent guests this year: including His Excellency Mr Michael Oren former Ambassador of Israel to the US who was visibly moved by his visit here, and the unique work we do at SMMIS as a Jewish school committed to dialogue; and Senior Minister of State, Mr. Desmond Tan who was deeply impressed by our commitment to service learning.

This year has been truly exceptional, filled with learning, laughter, growth, and the joy of community. One of the year's shining highlights was our phenomenal school play, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Our students dazzled us with their talent, energy, and confidence, and it was a beautiful reminder of the power of creativity and collaboration.

We were proud to launch our Inspire Talks for Secondary School, providing a platform for student voices, passions, and ideas. It has been inspiring to see our young people rise to the challenge, enjoying meaningful and thought-provoking presentations by our guest speakers. We are very grateful for the time of our expert speakers who have also provided mentorships to our Grade 9 and 10.

Throughout the year, we celebrated our diversity and deepened our understanding of others during Interfaith Week and Chinese New Year, embracing culture, tradition, and shared values. Our Book Week ignited a passion for reading across the school, with authors, activities, and costumes bringing the world of literature alive. Our Chanuka and Purim celebrations didn't disappoint; they are always a highlight for our community calendar, as well as our celebration of Passover. As a community we commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day; Israel's Remembrance Day and of course a celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut. We were thrilled to welcome our little friends from the Ganenu Pre-School to a pre-Shavuot celebration together with the SMMIS students.

This was also a year of powerful community engagement and growth in our Social Action and Service-Learning programmes. Our students were involved in raising awareness about Neuro Diversity, busied themselves in Beach Clean Ups and working in Soup Kitchens, and Willing Hearts. We have deepened our connection with the local AWWA, who we welcomed to SMMIS a number of times throughout the year, fostering meaningful

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Our students explored far beyond the classroom as well, with many field trips around Singapore, too numerous to mention. The Secondary School Trip to Thailand was a transformative experience, filled with adventure, teamwork, volunteering and personal growth. Closer to home, the Grade 3 Sleepover at School and Grade 4/5 Overnight Camp were exciting milestones, encouraging independence and building bonds among students.

We celebrated student talent and spirit through events such as SMMIS' Got Talent, our annual Talent Show, and an energetic and joyful Sports Day, our Swim Carnivals, and Art Exhibitions — each one a reflection of the courage, creativity, and camaraderie that define our school.

We celebrated the graduations of our K2, G5, and G10 classes. We have also celebrated the K2 Siddur party and the Grade 1 Chumash party. The Pre-School enjoyed lovely events, including: Magical Wonderland, Under the Sea and Family Fun Days.

Above all, what has made this year truly special is the continued building of a beautiful and caring community. Together—students, staff, and families—we have created a warm, inclusive, and values-driven environment where every child is seen, supported, and celebrated. We have continued to prioritise student wellbeing and holistic education through a nurturing, inclusive, and creative environment. Our students have thrived academically with SMMIS scoring highly compared to many schools in the region and worldwide. (ISA results 2025)

We have supported our students emotionally through the Wellbeing Mental Health Check, and with our strong pastoral care, service-learning opportunities, and a focus on values-based learning. We have empowered students to grow as confident, compassionate global citizens, living out our ethos of kindness, care, connection, and community.

It has been a truly wonderful year.

For the members of staff who are leaving us today, I am grateful for their dedication, passion, and care they have given to our students and community. Each of them has made a unique and lasting impact on SMMIS, and while we are sad to see them go, we wish them every success and happiness in the next chapter of their journeys. They will always remain part of the SMMIS family.

Next year we look forward to welcoming a number of new highly experienced members of staff from around the world, all of whom will bring new energy, innovation and initiatives to the school. We have many new students joining us next year, and over 90 students in our Secondary School, which is very exciting.

I am pleased to share with you that over the break we will be having the entire site painted, and some exciting renovations will be taking place to re-fresh our Early Years area in the Level 1 corridor which houses the Nursery Class to K2.

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growth of our Technology Innovations and the first SMMIS Gala Dinner in Semester 1.

Thank you, parents, for your partnership, your trust, and your unwavering support throughout this year. We are so proud of everything we have accomplished together and look forward with excitement and purpose to the year ahead.

On a more personal note, this year has been a very difficult year for my family and me, with the loss of both my mother and my husband Richard. I cannot fully express how much the love, care, and support from this incredible community has meant to me and my boys. We are so deeply grateful for the kindness and strength you have shown us— it has been a true source of comfort and helped carry us through.

Thank you to the Senior Leadership Team, and the entire staff team for their hard work and commitment and loyalty to the success of the school. Thank you, of course, to the SMM Trustees for their kind generosity, vision and unwavering support.

To you the parents, thank you once more for entrusting your children in our care, and being wonderful partners in this precious endeavour.

Thank you very much for those of you who have already filled in the Parent Surveys. If you are yet to do so, please ensure it is complete **by today**. Please fill out one survey for each child. The survey links can be found below:

[Pre School](#)

[Primary School](#)

[Secondary School](#)

Enjoy the following links to the video and photographs from the End of Year Show, the K2, G5 and G10 Graduations.

- [Joseph & the Technicolour Dreamcoat performance video](#)
- [Joseph & the Technicolour Dreamcoat performance photos](#)
- [K2 Graduation & K1/K2 Concert](#)
- [Grade 5 Graduation](#)
- [Grade 10 Graduation](#)

It has been a very difficult year for the Jewish People and the State of Israel and around the world, and I know you will all join me as we pray for an end to these turbulent times.

Wishing you a restful, restorative and joyful break. Shabbat Shalom

Ms Elaine

Principal

June - August 2025

When	What	Grade
20 June	Last Day of School	Schoolwide
1 - 31 July	School Break	Schoolwide
9 August	National Day (Public Holiday)	Schoolwide
13 August	1st day of Semester 1 AY 25/26	Schoolwide

School Emergency Contact Number

9780 9141

THANK YOU!

Pre-School

Jean, Vathy

Primary

Junaidi, Kyle, Preeti, Rowan


Secondary

Marina, Zech


Admin

Jennifer, Stephen


WELCOME!



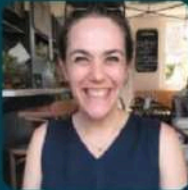
Ms. Lital Shahar  
Marketing Executive (Israel)




Ms. Gabrielle Weinstein  
K1 Teacher




Mr. Jaden Jordan  
Grade 5 Teacher




Ms. Sarah Opasiak  
Secondary Art Teacher



Mr. Erik Richardson  
PE Teacher  
Grades 2-10



Mr. Chris Gan  
Secondary Math Teacher



Ms. Tom Aviram  
ESAL

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Swimming Carnival



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K2 Graduation & K1/K2 Concert



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Grade 5 Graduation



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## Grade 10 Graduation



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Primary School Art Exhibition





Primary School  
End of Year Assembly



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## Secondary School End of Year Assembly



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Grade 3 Exit Point



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Primary School Barcelona Box Project in collaboration  
with Pasir Ris Library



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Grade 6 Field Trip to the Singapore Zoo



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Grade 7 Trip to the Ice Skating Ring



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Grade 9 Trip to the Escape Room



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Joseph & The Technicolour Dreamcoat Concert Video

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## Birthdays of the Week

**Happy Birthday!**

**Kaanhavi (G4)**

**Damien (G7)**

**Abir (G5)**

**Parth (G4)**

**ZhiHan (Daisy) (G9)**

**Xingrou Sherry (G9)**

**Stepan (G3)**

Birthday cake orders must be placed at least 5 working days in advance. We will place an order of the cake only upon receiving payment of \$35 per cake. To order a cake, please click [here](#).

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