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SMMIS Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE  
**School Principal**

## Dear Parents,

I hope you are well and have had a lovely week, it's been a very joyful week here at school.

### Rosh Hashana

Celebrating Rosh Hashana at SMMIS is a deeply meaningful experience, as the whole school community comes together to honour tradition, reflect on renewal, and embrace the values of kindness and unity. We have enjoyed making honey cakes, participated in Rosh Hashana seders, the sharing symbolic foods, hearing the shofar, and joining in festive activities which creates a warm sense of belonging, making the New Year celebration at SMMIS both spiritually uplifting and deeply meaningful. I pray that the coming year 5786 is a year of health and happiness, peace and harmony for all of us.

exciting neighbourhood walk to a nearby park. This experience allowed them to engage their senses: sight, sound, smell and touch, while enhancing their observational skills. During the walk, students explored the sights, listened to the cheerful sounds around them and experienced the various scents and textures. After their sensory adventure, the children enjoyed delicious snacks and had a fantastic time playing at the park. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn, play and make lasting memories!

## Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

We look forward to seeing many of you at the first round of Parent Teacher Student Conferences (PTSCs) for Nursery, Primary School and Secondary School in October. The PTSCs are an important opportunity to discuss your child's academic, personal and social progress at school. During your conference, your child's teacher will be sharing information about your child's achievements and progress, as well as their wellbeing.

- **Wednesday, 22nd October:** Nursery, Primary School and G6 and G7 – (2:00pm to 6:00pm)
- **Tuesday, 28th October:** Nursery, Primary School and G8, G9, G10 – (2:00pm to 6:00pm)

Please note that students will be dismissed from school at 12 noon on these dates.

## 2025 Parent Survey Feedback

As you know each year we send out two surveys for parents to share their feedback with us. In June the parents shared very positive feedback highlighting their appreciation for the school's supportive learning environment, commitment to student wellbeing, dedicated teachers, clear vision and strong leadership team, many also noted strong progress in their children's academic growth. Suggestions for further improvement included: consistent communication across the school about children's progress; the scheduling and timing of upcoming events to allow for parental planning; an expansion of wellbeing initiatives, and offering a larger variety of CCA's. Other areas for improvement included: streamlining of the communication methods between the school and parents, and the suggestion to include additional activities to enhance and grow the SMMIS community. The senior team and faculty have discussed the survey feedback and put in place recommendations for improvements, with a timeline of when these will be achieved. Thank you once more for your valuable feedback about how we're doing, together we are building a beautiful school community.

We are very excited to welcome you to our Phonics Masterclass and show all the great phonics learning happening in school, as well as helping you to understand the curriculum and the AAP app. There will be one session in the morning and then repeated in the afternoon to allow opportunity for as many parents as possible to attend. Please find the finalised details below:

- Date: Monday 29th September 2025
- Session 1: 10am
- Session 2: 4pm
- Location: Seminar room (Room number 312)
- Register [here](#) or email Mr. Dominic Quinn at [dominic.quinn@smm.edu.sg](mailto:dominic.quinn@smm.edu.sg)

## SMMIS International Day

In light of parent feedback please be informed that we have moved SMMIS International Day from Friday, 24th October 2025 to Friday, 21st November 2025. Please take note of this change.

## Zero Tolerance on Vaping: Stronger Laws

As you will be aware the Singapore Government has announced stricter enforcement against vaping, effective 1 September 2025. This includes the classification of etomidate vapes as Class C controlled drugs under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

What this means for our community:

- Possession or use of e-vaporisers can result in fines of up to S\$2,000 and mandatory rehabilitation.
- Repeat offenders face detention, mandatory supervision, and prosecution.
- Foreign students and families risk revoked passes, deportation, and permanent bans from re-entry into Singapore.
- Importers or sellers of etomidate vapes face up to 20 years' imprisonment and 15 strokes of the cane.

Violations now carry life-changing legal consequences. Please speak to your children about the risks and consequences of vaping, and please work with us in safeguarding our community and ensuring a safe, healthy environment for every student. Learn more at [gov.sg/stopvaping](https://gov.sg/stopvaping)

## Condolences

It is with deep sorrow that we share the heartbreaking news of the passing of

as a dedicated and cherished teacher at SMMIS for many years, touched the lives of countless students and families. The entire SMMIS school community sends its heartfelt prayers and stands in solidarity with Michal, Avi and their family during this unimaginable time of grief. May Hashem grant the Hersko family strength and comfort, and may they know no more sorrow.

Due to the short week next week, there will be no Newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the SMMIS staff to wish you a Shana Tova u'metuka, may it be a peaceful, sweet, happy and healthy New Year, Shabbat Shalom.

Ms Elaine

Principal

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### Rosh Hashana Break

**Date:** 22 September (Half day), 23 & 24 September 2025

Dismissal is at 12noon on 22 September. School resumes on 25th September 2025.

### Open House

**Date:** 26 September 2025

**Time:** 9am to 11am

**Venue:** SMMIS

### All Aboard Phonics Masterclass

**Date:** 26 September 2025

**Time:** 10am & 4pm

**Grades:** Nursery to G2

**Venue:** Seminar Room 312

Registration required.

### Yom Kippur Break

**Date:** 1 October (Half day) & 2 October 2025

Dismissal is at 12noon on 1st October 2025. School resumes on 3rd October 2025.

### Succot Break

2025.

## Deepavali Public Holiday

Date: 20 October 2025

School resumes on 21st October 2025.

## School Emergency Contact Number

9780 9141



Shana Tova



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Wishing you a  
Happy & Sweet  
New Year

From all of us at  
**SMMIS**





Rosh Hashana Seders (Nursery to K2)



Rosh Hashana Seders (G1 & G2)



Rosh Hashana Seders (G4 & G5)



Grade 1 Field Trip - Neighbourhood Walk

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# Open House

Discover what makes SMMIS unique!

**Friday, 26 Sep 2025 | 9:00am – 11:00am**

[Register Now](#)

Open House on Friday, 26 September 2025



ALL ABOARD

# PHONICS MASTERCLASS

Learn about how the phonics curriculum will help  
your children master their reading!

REGISTER  
NOW!

**Who:** Nursery to Grade 2

**Date of event:** 29 September 2025

More details will be sent via email on  
Monday, 8 September



Primary School Parents  
Phonics Masterclass



**Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025 - 9:30am**

Our Nursery to K2 SMMIS students invite you to join them for a fun morning of Pre Rosh Hashana activities.

Programme:  
Bake sweet round challah  
Rosh Hashanah story time  
Tea & Honey Cake

RSVP: [Frontdesk@smm.edu.sg](mailto:Frontdesk@smm.edu.sg)



Rosh Hashana Challah Bake

**SIGN UP NOW**

# AWESOME ART COMPETITION 2025

**CALLING ALL YOUNG & ASPIRING ARTISTS!**

Imagine you are an SWHF honouree who has time-travelled 60 years into the future. How have Singaporeans built on the work you started?

In what ways do your actions and legacy continue to shape Singapore in 2085?

Capture the spirit of the AWESOME women and reflect the way they see the world 60 years from now!

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## Awesome Art Competition

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Cuisine	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch Main Course</b>	Beef Straganoff with Pasta	Gong Pao Chicken with Steamed rice / Steamed Chicken	Salmon Fish Dish with Pasta	Ginger Stir Fried Beef and Plain Rice	Pizza, Pasta and Cheese / Fried Rice / Fried Bee Hoon and Salad Bar
<b>Side dish</b>	Steamed Broccoli	Sauteed Bok Choy	Sauteed Vegetables	Roasted Vegetables / Baked Potatoes	
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Vegetarian Bolognese / Tomato Sauce	Vegetarian Curry	Wok Fried Tofu	Vegetarian Bee Hoon	
<b>Soup</b>	Vegetables Soup	Egg Drop Soup	Carrot Soup	Pumpkin Soup	
<b>Daily Salad</b>	<b>A Healthy Variety of Salads, dressings and fruits</b>				
<b>After School Snack</b>	Assorted Bun	Assorted Cookies	Banana bread	Fruits	Challah Roll

*\*This is a nut-free menu \*Gluten-free and egg-free options are available for main course and afternoon snack \*Every Friday is dairy day and the canteen does not serve meat options \*White/brown steamed rice is served daily \*Tiny-tots, Pre-nursery and Nursery are offered with softer/smaller cut meat option \*Variety of Fresh and Cooked Vegetables.*

### Menu for the Upcoming Week (Week of 22nd September)

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<b>Lunch Main Course</b>	Beef Bolognaise with Pasta	Breaded Chicken Drumstick with Steamed Rice	Grilled Teriyaki Salmon with Fried Rice	Chicken Shwarma with Pita / Steamed Rice	Tofu and Tuna Ball, Hash Brown. Pizza, Pasta and Cheese / Fried Rice / Fried Bee Hoon and Salad Bar
<b>Side Dish</b>	Steamed Broccoli and Salad Bar	Sauteed Vegetables and Salad Bar	Steamed Broccoli / Beansprout with tofu and Salad Bar	Baked Edamame Bean and Salad Bar	
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Tofu Fritters Tomato sauce with Pasta	Vegetables Patties / Roasted Tempeh with Sauce	Roasted Thai Curry Beancurd with Green Bean	Dhal and Falafel	
<b>Soup</b>	Mushroom Soup	Clear Vegetarian Soup	Egg-drop Soup	Pumpkin Soup	
<b>Daily Salad</b>	<b>A Healthy Variety of Salads, dressings and fruits</b>				
<b>After School Snack</b>	Olive Bun	Apple Crumble Sponge Cake	Chocolate Chips Muffin or Oat Cookies	Pumpkin & Oat Cookies or Fruits	Challah Roll

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## Birthdays of the Week

**Happy Birthday!**

**Nara (K2)**

**Ron (G6)**

**Sumino (G5)**

**Nikita (G7)**

**Rafi (G9)**

**Bnaya (K1)**

**Lavi (N)**

**Shravya (K2)**

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order of the cake only upon receiving payment of \$35 per cake. To order a cake, please click [here](#).

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