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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 good week. It has been a very joyful one here at SMMIS, culminating in a very special visit of the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel today with his wife Rebbetzen Daphne. A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for the PTA lunch, this week, your presence made it truly meaningful, and I deeply appreciate it. Thank you so much.

We Won 5 Awards! From Honey Kids Asia

For the last two years, we received the Honey Kids Asia School Awards for: **Principal of the Year** and **Teacher of the Year**, at SMMIS. This year is something truly special has happened. We've been recognised in five different categories at the **HoneyKids Asia Awards!**

In addition to **Principal of the Year** and **Teacher of the Year**, we are proud to

- **Best Student Wellbeing**
- **Best Small International School**

We could not have achieved this without our dedicated teachers and trustees, our incredible students, parents, and the unwavering support of our Management and Admin teams. Thank you for being part of this community. This win belongs to all of us.

Chesed El Synagogue 120th Celebration

Last night we celebrated the 120th Celebration at Chesed El Synagogue. The celebration carried a deep sense of continuity and belonging. The speeches, stories, and shared memories of the growth of the Jewish Community in Singapore, and the vision of **Sir Manasseh Meyer**, reminded us of how closely our community has grown together over time. Dinner was filled with familiar warmth, and the SMMIS choir led by **Mr Junaidi** and **Ms Sara** and accompanied by **Ms Mavis** and **Mr Erik** was the highlight of the evening. They filled the synagogue with their hearts and souls, it was very moving. It was a beautiful celebration of the 120th Anniversary of the Chesed El Synagogue. Congratulations to the Sir Manasseh Meyer Synagogue and School Trust from all of us at SMMIS, here's to the next 120!

SMMIS Parent Book Club

The SMMIS Parent Book Club met on **Monday, November 3**, for a lively discussion of *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. It was a lovely afternoon shared among our members as they explored the themes of the novel. We warmly welcome more parents to join our next meeting on Monday, December 3 when we will discuss *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop*, by Satoshi Yagisawa from 2:40 to 3:40 p.m. Please RSVP to Ms Channele, our Librarian at chanelle.crosby@smm.edu.sg.

Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day and Dress to Express Day

SMMIS Anti-Bullying week will take place 10th to 14th November 2025. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, students are invited to participate in **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November** (wearing mis-matched socks to symbolise that we celebrate diversity), and **Dress to Express Day next Friday 14th November**. On Dress to Express Day, students are encouraged to dress in a way that reflects their individuality, interests, or passions, and to share positive or kind messages through their outfits. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate self-expression, kindness, and respect within our school community. Thank you to our Student Council for this lovely idea.

The first annual SMMIS Spelling Bee was a resounding success today, featuring incredible spelling and phenomenal support from the enthusiastic crowd across all competitive phases: the K2–G1 phase, which focused on fundamental early literacy; the G2–3 phase, which challenged students with more complex and tricky intermediate vocabulary; and the final G4–5 phase, where older candidates demonstrated advanced spelling and confident articulation under pressure. Every candidate showcased impressive talent and bravery, making the competition thrilling throughout; consequently, everyone who competed was awarded a well-deserved medal, concluding a truly inspiring event. Mr. Dom commented, "The dedication and focus shown by all the children, from our youngest spellers to our oldest, was simply magnificent. They made the entire school proud!"

SMMIS-Ganenu Clothes Drive: It's Raining Raincoats

For the month of November, SMMIS and Ganenu are joining forces for a special **Mitzvah Day** initiative: a joint clothes and toy drive supporting migrant workers in Singapore. Families are invited to donate gently used clothes items, toys and unopened toiletries, helping spread kindness and care across our community. All proceeds will go to the wonderful local charity, It's Raining Raincoats.

Please drop your contributions into the designated boxes at one of four locations:

- SMMIS
- Ganenu
- Chesed El Synagogue
- Jacob Ballas Centre

SMMIS International Day

As mentioned last week our annual International Day will be held on Friday **21st November**. A huge thanks to the PTA and those parents who have already volunteered to run a 'home country' booth during the morning. We may also have parent groups (with children and/or staff) to perform a traditional dance or similar in the afternoon assembly (1.40-2.35pm). Aspects to the day include:

- staff and students come to school dressed up to represent their home country
- parent booths of some of our home countries (morning rotation of classes/grades to visit the booths)
- special assembly (including a flag parade) in the afternoon

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We are excited to offer families of SMMIS a uniquely designed **Family PADI Diving Course**, in collaboration with **Turtle Buddy Divers**. This 3-day certified programme invites parents and students to learn and explore the wonders of the underwater world together. Across three **Sundays: 23rd November, 30 November, and 14 December 2025**, participants will begin with an introductory pool session at school before heading out for open water exploration. At the end of the course, you'll be **PADI certified** and ready to embark on your next diving journey! Spaces are limited, so don't miss out, register now at eugan@smm.edu.sg.

PTA Chanuka Family Funday

We're excited to share that our annual **PTA Family Funday** is coming soon. Join us for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and connection with our SMMIS community. Enjoy carnival games, a magic show, arts and crafts, face painting, and plenty of delicious treats! Friends and extended family are more than welcome to join in the festivities. We can't wait to see you on **Sunday, 7th December 2025**, for what promises to be a joyful and memorable day at SMMIS. Purchase your tickets [here](#).

G5 to G6 campus tour - Reminder

A gentle reminder for those who have not yet signed up:

We will be hosting our **Grade 6 (Secondary) Presentation & Campus Tour** on **Tuesday, 11 November at 9:00 a.m.**

If you'd like to join us, please look out for the email titled "**Invitation: Grade 6 (Secondary) Presentation & Campus Tour — Tue, 11 Nov, 9:00 a.m.**" and register using the [link](#) provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you a restful weekend ahead, Shabbat Shalom,

Ms Elaine

Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Secondary School in Action (for Grade 5)

Date: Tuesday 11th November 2025

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Anti-Bullying Week

Date: 10th - 14th November 2025

Monday is Odd Socks Day

Dress to Express Day

Date: Friday 14th November 2025

SMMIS International Day

Date: Friday 21st November 2025

Early Years Fairytale Adventure

Date: Thursday 27th November 2025

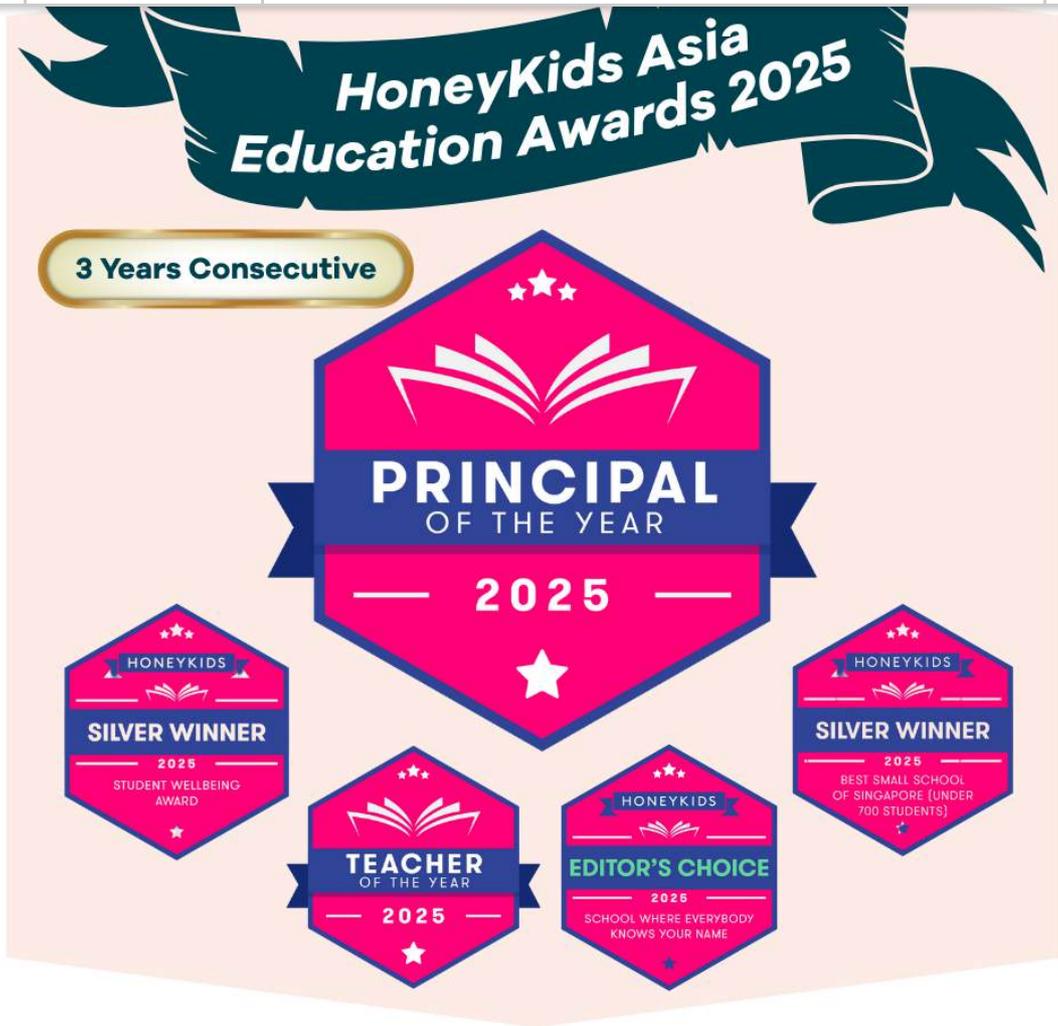
Nursery-K2 parents are invited to join us

SMMIS Open House

Date: Friday 28th November 2025

School Emergency Contact Number

9780 9141



HoneyKids Asia Education Awards 2025



Chesed El Synagogue 120th Celebration.



SMMIS Choir & Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel



SMMIS Spelling Bee



SMMIS Parent Book Club

Community and Collaboration

SAY NO TO BULLYING

This year's theme for **Anti-Bullying week** is **Power for Good**, empowering us all to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.



Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day

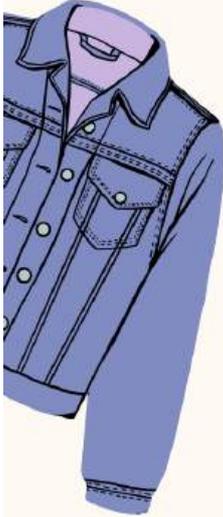


International Day



**SIR
MANASSEH
MEYER**
International School

MITZVAH DAY Clothing Drive



In honour of Mitzvah Day
SMMIS and Ganenu
are collecting:
clothes, toiletries and toys
throughout the month of November
to be donated to

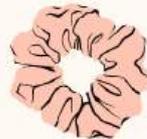


ItsRainingRaincoats



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designated boxes located at:

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- Ganenu Pre-School
- Jacob Ballas Centre
- SMMIS



Mitzvah Day Clothing Drive



SMMIS Early Years Fairytale Adventure

You are invited to join us for
Early Years Fairytale Adventure
at
SMMIS on 27th November 2025



 Please scan the code to register your attendance

Buses will leave Ganenu at: 8.45am

SMMIS Early Years Adventure: Fairytale



Chanukah Carnival

**CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS TOGETHER
AT SMMIS**

SUNDAY 7 2 PM - 5 PM

DECEMBER 2025

- ★ Carnival Games ★ Photo Booth
- ★ VR headset games(12+)
- ★ Magic Show ★ Face Painting
- ★ Art and Craft
- ★ 1 Doughnut + 1 Latke @\$5
- ★ Tickets @ 1 for \$35
2 for \$55, 3 for \$75 , 4 for \$85

**TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATING CHILDREN ONLY.
FOR ADULTS AND KIDS BELOW 2 YEARS FREE**



Chanukah Carnival [RSVP here](#)

SIR MANASSEH MEYER
international School

TURTLE BUDDY DIVERS

FAMILY PADI DIVING COURSE

Parents & Students - Dive in Together!

3-DAY ADVENTURE
23 Nov, 30 Nov & 14 Dec 25

- ✓ Day 1: Introductory Pool Session (at School)
- ✓ Days 2 & 3: Open Water Diving Adventure!

\$738 nett
PADI Certified!
Unlock a New World!

Limited Slots! Register Now:
eugan@smm.edu.sg

Family PADI Diving Course

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!

STAND TO WIN AN IPAD, WACOM TABLET, ART SUPPLIES AND MORE!

SUBMISSION PERIOD
25 Aug 2025 - 20 Jan 2026

Open to ages 7 to 16*
Based in Singapore

*as of 31 Dec 2025

ORGANISED BY **SCWO**
Singapore Council of Women's Organisations

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Awesome Art Competition

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Cuisine	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Main Course	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
Side dish	Steamed Broccoli	Sauteed Bok Choy	Sauteed Vegetables	Roasted Vegetables / Baked Potatoes	
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Bolognaise / Tomato Sauce	Vegetarian Curry	Wok Fried Tofu	Vegetarian Bee Hoon	
Soup	Vegetables Soup	Egg Drop Soup	Carrot Soup	Pumpkin Soup	
Daily Salad	A Healthy Variety of Salads, dressings and fruits				
After School Snack	Assorted Bun	Assorted Cookies	Banana bread	Fruits	Challah Roll
<p><small>*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.</small></p>					

Menu for the Upcoming Week (Week of 10th November)

Birthdays of the Week

Happy Birthday!

Takuto (K2)

Laura May Nuri Han (G10)

Guy (G2)

Kaifeng (G10)

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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