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SMMIS Newsletter

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE
School Principal**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we draw the curtain on Semester 1, it is a joy and a deep sense of pride to look back on a semester filled with energy, laughter, and learning across our SMMIS community. Each week has brought new opportunities for growth, inside the classroom and far beyond it, and I could not be prouder of our students and staff alike.

From the many meaningful educational field trips, our Early Years Fairytale Adventure, and the wonderful Social Action projects, including the deepening relationship with the AWWA, to the camaraderie of our sponsored walk and clothes collections, and volunteering at the Standard Chartered Marathon, our students have embraced every experience with enthusiasm and compassion.

We have seen them shine on stage during SMMIS Got Talent, and the recent

team has also represented us with courage and great sportsmanship.

Other highlights of this semester include our first-ever Spelling Bee, a celebration of curiosity and confidence, the Grade 8 Model United Nations, and the G4–5 overnight camping trip, where students discovered the joy of teamwork and independence under the stars. Our IPC Exit Points have demonstrated learning in its most vibrant form, filled with creativity, collaboration, and pride of achievement and we have been inspired by a series of amazing assemblies run by our talented students, that have reflected our shared values and global outlook.

We have come together as a community to celebrate our diversity through International Day: allowing us to engage with our fantastic PTA and parent body, as well as showcase ourselves as the diverse community we are in our small but mighty school. We have enjoyed the launch of the SMMIS Parent Book Club, and the informal PTA-SLT monthly lunches.

We have been honoured by the visits of three Chief Rabbis this year: Chief Rabbi Amar, Chief Rabbi Kalman Ber and Sir Ephraim Mirvis as well as the Ambassador of Israel to Singapore, Mr Eli Hazan. We were moved by the SMMIS choir who sang so beautifully at the celebration of the 120 years of the Chesed El Synagogue.

We have enjoyed the light and warmth of Chanukah with our daily candle lighting, and exciting Escape Room activities, and the fantastic PTA run Chanukah Fun Day, with over 150 children and families.

This Semester the school was awarded 5 awards by Honey Kids Asia, including for Best Small School in Singapore, and Mr Dom was singled out as Teacher of the Year and I was honoured to receive the Principal of the Year Award. Attendance at our CCA's has grown, and a number of our families attained their PADI scuba diving license under our guidance.

This Semester we also received Government approval for the opening of our Grade 11 and 12 in the coming school year, which is in part due to the support and commitment of the parent body. This is a truly wonderful development for the growth of SMMIS.

What stands out most about this semester is the strong community spirit that runs through SMMIS. You can hear it in the laughter echoing in the Heartspace, see it in the faces of children supporting one another, and feel it in every

In news further afield we have witnessed the return of all of our living hostages, and we wait with bated breath for the last soul to return home. We have also seen the horrific terrorist attacks in Manchester on Yom Kippur, and Sydney this Chanukah, and I have been deeply moved by the response of our united SMMIS community, standing in solidarity with the Jewish Community around the world. This Semester we also lost one of our beloved Trustees Mr Frank Benjamin.

Today we wish farewell to a number of our students and families, some of whom have been with us for many years. We wish you well on your onward journey, please be in touch, you are always part of the SMMIS family.

On a personal note we wish a huge mazal tov to Mr Dean on the safe arrival of his new baby Eliya, and to Ms Angelina on her marriage just last week.

I am deeply grateful for the hard work of the Senior Team: Ms Simcha; Ms Ali; Mr Greg; Ms Janine; Ms Valentina and Mr Desmond, and the entire staff body who have gone above and beyond to provide an enriching and fantastic school experience this Semester for all of our students.

As we head into the holidays, I want to thank our students, staff, PTA and all our wonderful families for making this semester so memorable. I am grateful to the SMMSS Trustees for their generosity of spirit, guidance and commitment to the growth of our wonderful school.

At this special time of Chanukah I pray that we spread the light of kindness in the world, and that we continue to be lamplighters. As I shared with the staff this week, in Judaism we are taught that each of us has the spark of God within our souls: 'the light of God is in the soul of man' (Proverbs 20:27), may we all use this light for good, and to light up the world.

Have a restful and well-deserved break, I look forward to seeing everyone again in January for another inspiring semester at Sir Manasseh Meyer International School.

Wishing you all a joyful restful and restorative holiday, Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, Shabbat Shalom,

Ms Elaine
Principal

Parent Surveys

Thank you very much for those of you who have already filled in the Parent Surveys. There is still time, if you are yet to do so. Please ensure it is complete by **Friday 19th December**. Please fill out one survey for each child.

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G6 to G10: [Secondary School](#)

Shuttle Bus

If you would like your child to travel on the Shuttle Bus please complete this simple [SMMIS Shuttle Bus \(Semester 2: 2025-2026\) – Fill out form](#). Please note, in the afternoon there are two buses, one that leaves at 3:50pm and one that leaves at 4:10pm. There are no Bus Attendants on these services.

Help Us Grow Our SMMIS Community Online

Don't miss out on photos and highlights from life at SMMIS! If you haven't already, **please take a moment to follow us on social media channels** to stay connected with our community and see what's happening on campus. Our goal is to grow by 1,000 more followers by the end of this year. Your follow really makes a difference.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Chanukah

Date: 15th to 28th December 2025

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First Day of Semester 2

Date: 6th January 2026

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Birthdays of the Week

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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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