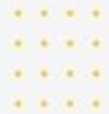


# CANTONMENT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## Semester 2





## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents, Colleagues and Students,

As I bid farewell after heading CPS for 7 years, I am filled with gratitude and a deep sense of nostalgia. I am reminded of the incredible journey that has brought me to this moment—a journey spanning over 40 years in education. It has been a path of resilience, camaraderie, and purpose, made meaningful by the students at the heart of everything I do and by each of you—colleagues, friends, parents and mentors—who have walked this journey with me.

To my Vice Principals, Ms. Cheng, Mr. Loh, and Mrs. Chin, I extend my deepest gratitude. They have been pillars of support, wisdom, and encouragement, true confidantes who have stood by me through every challenge and celebrated every triumph. Together, we built a leadership team grounded in shared purpose, unfailing dedication, and a deep commitment to our students. Mrs. Chin and Ms. Cheng, together with our team of middle managers, had a very challenging time navigating the years during COVID 19. While spending numerous hours doing contact tracing to make sure the school is a safe place for all students, we also had the obligation to ensure that learning was not compromised for the students. A tough call and we made it through with the support of staff and parents. Ms. Cheng and Mr. Loh, thank you for your unwavering presence through it all. Your friendship and partnership have been invaluable, and I am honored to have led alongside you.

My Middle Managers served as the energy that has driven my leadership. Their steadfast commitment to our shared mission, their willingness to innovate, and resilience in adapting to the ever-changing educational landscape have inspired me more than words can convey. They are leaders and it has been my privilege to witness and be a part of their journeys.

To my colleagues, both teaching and non-teaching staff, I want to thank them for their unwavering dedication and commitment to our students. Each day, they bring boundless energy and a spirit of learning that transforms the lives of our young ones. Together, we have embraced change, redefined success, and instilled in our students a love for learning. I feel truly privileged to have shared these meaningful experiences with all of them.

My heartfelt thanks also go out to our parents, PSG and SAC members, who placed their trust in our leadership. Their support has been essential in creating a nurturing environment for our students, and I am deeply appreciative of the faith they have shown us.

And most importantly, I want to thank all my students — they are the very reason I stepped into school leadership. Watching them grow, witnessing their curiosity, and seeing the joy in their eyes as they discover new things have been among my most rewarding experiences. They have reminded me daily of my purpose, the profound responsibility and joy of shaping young lives, and it is with them that I leave a part of my heart. My message to all students as always: Anchor yourselves in values, show unconditional love to all, believe in yourselves, believe in your dreams, be guided by the 7 habits for you are the leader of yourself and take the steps to make your dream a reality. Go forth with confidence and chase your dreams.

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of serving in three exceptional schools: Woodlands Ring Primary, Jurong Primary, and now Cantonment Primary. Each school has enriched me in unique ways, presenting challenges that strengthened me as a leader and as a person. The cross-deployment experiences from secondary school teaching to leadership roles in primary schools have broadened my perspective and honed my resilience. These moments have shaped my approach to leadership, allowing me to adapt and evolve while staying rooted in our core purpose—serving our students, the future of our nation.

As I prepare to leave, I am filled with confidence for the future of this school under Ms. Foo's stewardship. Ms. Foo brings extensive experience from both school and MOE HQ, and I am certain that her vision and dedication will guide Cantonment Primary to even greater heights. I am excited to see all the remarkable strides that will unfold in the years to come.

"Parting is such sweet sorrow". So, as I bid farewell, I do so with a full heart and boundless gratitude. It has been a joy and blessing to have served as an educator and leader. I am deeply thankful for the people, opportunities, and memories that have shaped me and for making these years profoundly meaningful.

Best wishes to Ms Foo and Cantonment Primary School!

Mrs Manokara S

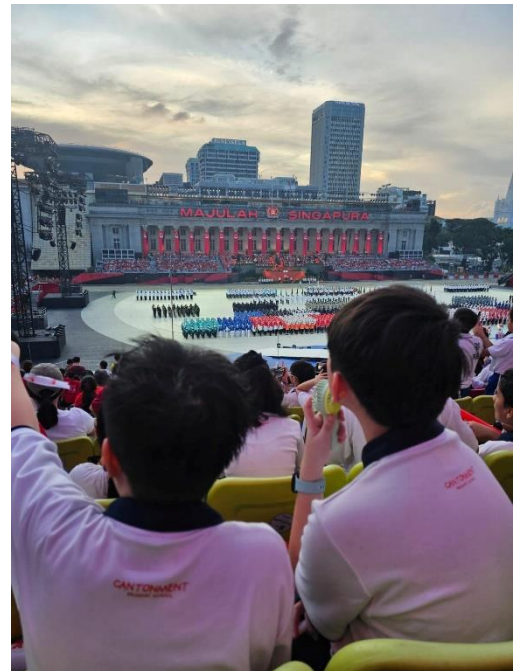
## NATIONAL EDUCATION SHOW

9th of August is Singapore's National Day. To commemorate the event, all Primary 5 students attended the **National Education (NE) Show**. This year's NE Show was held at the Padang. The theme of the Show was Together: As One United People'.



Cantonment Primary 5 students went to the NE Show on the first Saturday of July. It was the very first show, so it was also attended by the performers' families. All the attendees were excited and could not wait to see the awesome fireworks and listen to the National Day songs by our homegrown talents. While it did take a while to finally be at the Padang, spirits were high, and everyone was full of excitement and anticipation. We were also given Fun Packs which had useful items to participate in the activities throughout the two-hour long show.

One of the crowd favourites was the fighter jets that did a fly past above the Padang. It was super loud but thrilling. The whole atmosphere was action-packed and the live feed on the big screens showed the pilots in the jets which added to the excitement. The jets zoomed over our heads, and the sound of the jets cutting through the air echoed in our ears as they disappeared into the clear, blue sky. Everyone at the Padang screamed in jubilation as the jets flew very close to them!





As night loomed, we were entertained with the next segment of the show which was performances by our local artistes and students. Their performances were spectacular. Then, it was time for the Dynamic Defence Display. This year's Dynamic Defence Display was eventful as it was the first time the national water agency, PUB, and the Singapore Red Cross are part of the contingent. PUB's presence emphasised the importance of our water resource.

When it was time for the last segment of the show, Benjamin Kheng performed the National Day Song, along with many other performers. We sang wholeheartedly and it was definitely a very special experience.

Of course, the most eagerly awaited part of the show was the fireworks! As expected, they were visually stunning with a vast array of colours displayed against the night sky. What a way to end the show! As participants of this year's NE Show, it was truly a privilege to have this once in a lifetime experience and a memory that we will treasure.



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## CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAY



Many schools and institutions celebrate **National Day** and Cantonment Primary School is no exception. Commemorating the majestic milestone of the nation, the school has come up with various ways to celebrate the event. As the day approaches, our classrooms and the school compound are decorated with flags and banners. On this special occasion, the school population was dressed in red and white and representatives from scouts and the prefectorial board come together, taking the honour of reciting the national pledge. Their faces were etched with pride as they carry out the national flag.



Then, an inspiring and patriotic speech was delivered by Mrs Mano, our principal. She emphasized the importance of National Day. This would always rekindle and instill a spark of unity and a sense of belonging among the students.



The lower primary students participated in the Lower Primary Games which challenge their skills and teamwork. The games concluded with the prize-giving ceremony for each level. Mrs Mano, our principal, awarded medals and tokens of participation to the winning and participating classes. Students were applauded for their efforts and encouraged to continue striving for excellence both in sports and character building. National Day celebrations in school helped to foster a deeper appreciation for our nation's heritage, achievement and independence. Through this meaningful celebration, we look forward to building a brighter future for our nation.

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## MOTHER TONGUE FORTNIGHT

We celebrated our annual **Mother Tongue Language Fortnight** in July this year. This event promotes active learning in the use of Mother Tongue Language and allows students to appreciate and experience the diverse culture. It also provides an environment which is conducive for learning and exploring language and culture.





Students participated in different activities. The lower primary students took part in sing-along activities where they learnt how to sing and perform folk songs confidently. They were also introduced to folk tales and performed skits. As for the middle primary students, they learnt how to use clay to mold traditional food which allowed them to explore the different traditional dishes.



In addition, they also learnt the history of traditional games and had the opportunity to experience playing these games with their peers.

Upper Primary students participated in doing traditional arts such as painting face masks, batik and pots. Apart from learning the techniques, it provides them with a sense of accomplishment too. Besides classroom activities, there were also interesting recess booths where students can delve deeper into learning language in a creative and engaging way.

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## PAM FIESTA

This year's **PAM Fiesta** was bigger and better than the previous ones. The much-anticipated event brought students together with fun and exciting activities. On the first day of this exceptional event, students took part in fun activities, such as creating cute models of the kiwi bird, at the art and crafts booths.



On the second day of the PAM Fiesta, students showed off their drumming skills with percussive instruments which had their origins from all over the world. On the last day, students participated in sports and games, ranging from basketball shooting to skipping rope competitions. At the end of the PAM Fiesta, it was time to reveal the results of the Gems Jams contest! Many participants submitted videos clips of themselves performing their musical talent, such as dancing, singing, playing the instrument or writing a song.

This year's PAM fiesta is a great success, and we are looking forward to more exciting activities in next year's event!



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## RACIAL HARMONY DAY



**Racial Harmony Day** is an annual event that celebrates the diversity of cultures, religions, and backgrounds that make up our community. Cantonment Primary School had a fantastic time celebrating this special occasion. Excitement buzzed in the air as the long-awaited day approached.

For this year's festivities, we held a variety of activities. The assembly program focused on teaching us the importance of respecting differences and our history, including the 1969 Singapore racial riots. It also provided a valuable opportunity to learn about the cultures and traditions of others. Mrs. Mano's inspiring speech followed the program.



During recess, students eagerly awaited the amazing booths lined up. Parent volunteers, dressed in their traditional costumes, showcased their unique cultural heritage. The canteen bustled with students from diverse ethnicities, many wearing traditional attires. They actively participated in the various booths, which offered fun activities like arts and crafts, costume dress-up, and cultural quizzes.



Through the recess program, students not only had fun, but they also learned the intricate art of making colorful decorations and experienced the excitement of trying on different costumes. We also enjoyed an engaging skit during assembly that emphasized the importance of respecting one another despite our differences, reminding us that diversity goes beyond race. Next, NE ambassadors (National Education) delivered a patriotic speech while dressed in traditional attires.

This immersive experience not only entertained but also fostered a deeper appreciation for the rich cultural tapestry that makes Singapore unique. The event served as a powerful reminder of the harmony that binds our diverse communities together.

Reflecting on the day's events, we learned the critical importance of respecting differences in culture, race, and heritage. Racial harmony should not be confined to school grounds; it should be practiced everywhere. Celebrating Racial Harmony Day has a significant impact. It was truly an unforgettable occasion!



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## Celebration of Thinking



The **Celebration of Thinking** event was an amazing experience, uniting students from across the school to create an unforgettable event. With over 30 booths, it was a memorable experience for parents, students, and teachers.

Everyone was busy preparing their respective booths, with some putting the finishing touches on their displays while others practicing their speeches to perfection.

This was the first time our school had combined Terra Village, IPW, and Thinkhub showcase into a single event. The event was divided into two sessions: session 1 for P1-P3 and session 2 for P4-P6.

It was a truly rewarding experience for all involved. Students and parents alike enjoyed the variety of games and booths. From P1 to P5, students presented on their project topics, honing their presentation and brainstorming skills. Each class had to brainstorm ideas and develop them into presentations, often based on specific themes.



The primary goal of the Celebration of Thinking is to celebrate our learning journey throughout the year. It provides an opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments, identify areas for improvement, and foster a sense of pride.



Overall, the Celebration of Thinking is a valuable event that helps us learn from others, appreciate our achievements, and recognize areas for growth. We look forward to seeing you at the Celebration of Thinking 2025!

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## Children's Day

Children's Day in Cantonment Primary School was a blast!

We celebrated it by having the long-awaited Games Day. Not only did the students participated in the games, but our teachers did too!



Then it was time for concert in the hall. We sang Semoga Bahagia, the customary Children's Day song since 1961 and composed by Mr Zubir Said, who also composed our National Anthem. We enjoyed the song although our singing might not be perfect. We were also entertained by a few students from Circus Act and they did multiple tricks with diablos. They used plates and sticks which they spun effortlessly. It was impressive! A student also used a ribbon and waved it around, forming an optical illusion! The circus act was truly one of the best performances we have seen in a while.



The students' favourite was a skit presented by none other than our own CPS teachers! They acted and sang 'I Want It That Way' by the Backstreet Boys. It was hilarious! We had the time of our lives.

Hopefully, for the next Children's Day in CPS, the events planned will be even better!



*Our amazing Teachers' skit performance*



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