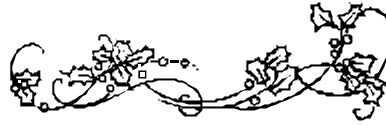


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Speech Day

The Annual School Speech Day (2000/2001) was held at 10:30 a.m. on 14th December 2001 (Friday). The Guest of Honour was Deputy Director of Education, Mr. Anthony TONG Kai-hong, BBS, JP. The ceremony ran smoothly and the whole day was a great success.

The ceremony started with the procession of the official party onto the stage. After the audience was seated, the Principal delivered the school annual report. He stated that it has made us proud to have put our school mission into practice, that "we have in the past year provided various learning experiences through numerous extra-curricular activities" and that all these "had the common purpose of developing our students' all-roundedness and multiple intelligences together with a sense of social awareness



and responsibility." The Guest of Honour was then invited to distribute prizes to students who excelled either in academic subjects or in extra-curricular activities. Awards were also given to students who rendered services to the school. In his speech, Mr. Anthony TONG remarked that in the past few years, he hadn't met students so lively and responsive as ours.

The entertainment programs that followed won great applause and appreciation from the audience. Three of our students recited English Verses, two of which came first in the 53rd Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival and one which obtained the "International Poet Award". There were also poems in Hindi, Urdu and French. This year, a Chinese poem was added. It was presented in the form of a drama. The performers included not only Chinese but also Indian, Pakistani and Filipino students. This is very encouraging to both the students and parents, reflecting that our students are talented in language learning, and even non-Chinese students can learn Chinese well.

The climax of the programs came with the two songs, "Friend of Mine" and

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"The Greatest Love of All", sung by the school choir. The singers certainly succeeded in filling the hall with the greatest love they have for singing!! The ceremony was ended with our school song.

After the ceremony, the guests were invited to enjoy refreshments in the Student Activity Centre. Here, what attracted the guests was not just the delicious food on the tables, but also the music performed by the young pianist and violinist who filled the air with entertaining melodies.

That morning, around 100 guests and parents attended

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the ceremony. The guests included SMC members, PTA committee members, Principals of other schools, officers from the Education Department and the Police Public Liaison Officer. A representative of the Indian Consulate, Mr. Kumar, the Chairperson of the Indian Women's Club, Mrs. Shroff, and the

Chairman of Yau Tsim Mong Nationalities Fraternity, Mr. Malik, were also present. A special "thank you" must be given to all the guests and parents for coming to give our students encouragement and support.

Congratulations again to the graduates and prize winners.



The 10th Annual General Meeting of the Parents-Teachers' Association

The 10th Annual General Meeting of the PTA was held on 9th November 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall. Around 50 parent-members and 40 teacher-members attended the meeting.

Mr. Balvinder Singh, the Chairman of the PTA commenced by extending a warm welcome to all present. He remarked that in order to foster a better understanding between teachers and parents, various activities, either initiated or sponsored by the PTA, were successfully organized in the year 2000/2001.

The Principal, Mr. TSE Sik-yan, then addressed the gathering and appealed to parents to support the school and to work together with teachers to develop our students' potential. He particularly mentioned the forthcoming Student Development Week in April 2002 when learning

would take on a new dimension as students would be exposed to real-life experiences through a series of educational visits beyond the confines of the classroom.

After the minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting and the Treasurer's report on the Statement of Accounts had been confirmed, the appointed teacher-members for the year 2001/2002 were announced. They were Mr. TSE Sik-yan (Principal and Vice-chairman), Mr. LAM Hon-ching (Asst. Principal and committee member), Mr. CHAN Ying-kit (committee member), Mrs. YAU KWONG Tse-wai (committee member), Mr. TO King-man (Hon Treasurer), Ms Josephine CHUNG (Hon Secretary) and Mrs. Masooda Hussain (co-opted member).

Then Mr. LAM Hon-ching, the master of ceremony, announced the names of the parent-members nominated by the outgoing Executive Committee to

continue their term of office in the year 2001-2002. They were Mr. Abdul Razzaq, Mr. Muhammad Boota, Mr. Rolando Estrella and Mr. Bawa Kulwinder Singh.

The election of executive committee parent-members for the year 2001-2002 was the highlight of the evening. After nominations were made, candidates were invited to briefly address the assembly. Finally, the following parent-members were elected to serve in the year 2001-2002: Mr. Balvinder Singh, Mr. Syed Jamil Raghbi, Mrs. Emma Villa and Mrs. Rachel Orena.

Mr. G.S. Batra, an old boy's father and an old friend of the school, kindly consented to continue to serve as the auditor. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.



Special Activities/Events for our Students in November and December 2001

Activity	Committee/ Organization	Date	Target Students
Drug Education Weeks	Discipline & Guidance Team	1,8,15 Nov	S.3
Drug Education Weeks	Discipline & Guidance Team	15, 22 Nov	S4
Drug Education Weeks	Discipline & Guidance Team	3, 4 Nov	S1
Drug Education Weeks	Discipline & Guidance Team	7 Dec	S5
Drug Education Weeks	Discipline & Guidance Team	10, 11 Dec	S2
Road Safety Talk	Junior Police Call	15 Nov	S1 - S5
Visit to Labour Information Centre	Careers	26, 27 Nov	S5
Talk on Opportunities offered by VTC	Careers	5 Dec	S4, S5
Second Young Leaders' Forum at HK Exhibition & Convention Centre	Careers	5 Dec	S5
English Solo Verse Speaking, Prose Reading & Dramatic Duologue	HK Schools Speech Festival	18 Nov - 8 Dec	S1 - S4
Interschool Football Competition	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation	3, 17 Nov	Football Team
Interschool Hockey Competition		8, 19 Nov	Hockey Team
4X100m Invitation Relay	Kowloon Technical School	30 Nov	Athletics Team
Talent Show and Class Party	ECA	21 Nov	S1 – S5
Inter-school Debating Competition	Education Department	1 Dec	S4

Drug Education Weeks

Learning for life! To enable our students to have a better understanding of the harmful effects of drugs and to advise them to keep away from drugs, the School Discipline Committee, Guidance & Counseling Committee and the school social worker held the Drug Education Weeks, a series of programs on "Say No to Drugs", from November to December for our students. Speakers from Kely Support Group, Against Drug Abuse Scheme Team (II) SWD, Community Drug Advisory Council and Christian Zheng Sheng College were invited to give talks to and conduct workshops with our students.

With the help of the English Club and Art Club, through writing and poster design competitions, the Secondary One students took lots of small gifts home, together with names and pictures of different drugs and knowledge of their harmful effects on their health.

"What would you say to your

“ What we give these children today is the orientation to learn. By helping them acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes, we are also helping them open new frontiers for learning.”

(Learning for Life, a Promise to Our Children 2000)

friends if they offered you drugs at a party?" Secondary Two students were given workshops and taught the necessary skills to assertively reject drugs offered to them by their peers.

Watching videos about past experience of drug addicts, our senior students were informed of situations which might make them vulnerable to the risk of taking drugs. A lively and interactive sharing-session on "Being a Drug-free Student" was conducted by students from the Christian Zheng Sheng College who had joined a drug withdrawal program. Their positive message and sharing made it clear how important it is to

treasure what we have and what we should strive for.

The programs have succeeded in drawing our students' attention to the drug issues and the speakers have certainly instilled some useful knowledge and insights in our students.

Announcements

- **Open Day**
7-2-2002, 10:30 am-5:00 pm
*(Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
10:00 am-10:30 am)*
- **Parents' Day**
8-2-2002, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Careers Guidance

‘When I was just a little girl, I asked my mother, “What will I be? Will I be. . . .”’ When you listen to this, do you ask yourself what your dream is, what your ambition is and what you will be after graduation? Our S5 students are now thinking about these questions. They are also very lucky, for they are more likely to have their dreams fulfilled as they are introduced to various organizations that can help them to acquire skills and knowledge to pursue their career goals. In November and December, led by the Careers teachers,

S5 students visited the Information Centre of the Labour Department in Wan Chai and participated in the Second Young Leaders’ Forum held at the Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Centre, where they obtained knowledge about the world of work.

The Careers Guidance and Counseling Committee looks after not only S5 students but also S4 students. In December, they attended a talk in our school hall organized jointly by the Committee and the Vocational Training Council. Through a slide show and lively talk given by Mr. Ma Tak Ming, a

Vocational Training Officer, our students learnt that they have a vast choice of courses which can lead them to different industries. For instance, they can take training courses to be a qualified chef in Chinese cuisine, a jewellery designer, an automobile technician or an employee of the electrical, electronics, gas, printing or textile industries, to mention just a few. These courses range from certificate to diploma level. Students were reminded that the better the Chinese language skills they possess, the more choices they will have, as well as a better chance of admission to the courses.

Results of the 53rd Hong Kong Schools

It was very encouraging to both students and teachers when good results were obtained in the 53rd HK Schools Speech Festival. There were forty-one students participating in three categories: English Solo Verse Speaking, Prose Sighting-Reading (Open) and Dramatic

Duologue. Two students were awarded Honours Certificates, thirty-one obtained Merit Certificates and seven students obtained Proficiency Certificates.

Keep on working, students of SEKSS (WK)!

Name	Class	Position
Jessica Ochoco	S4A	First
Noriel De Vera	S3E	First
Tomale Ma Candice	S3E	Second
Bargo Rochelle Bernas	S1D	Second
Sarmiento Stephanie	S3E	Third
Romea Christine	S1C	Third

Computerization of Student ID Cards

A new, computerized student identity card with the use of a bar code system has been designed by the school IT team and is already in use.

The new student identity card will be used as a student library card when the school library is in full automation. It can also capture, keep, retrieve and analyse all necessary data, including the discipline record, number of times late, etc., of a student by using a bar code scanner.

Comparatively, the old system was rather laborious and time-consuming in recording the student’s

details, but the computerized system is efficient and saves the teachers' time in updating the records of the students. This new student ID card will surely ensure smoother operating procedures within the school, thanks to the great effort by the school IT team.



Talent Show

The talent show that was held on the 21st December proved to be the perfect conclusion to the year. The audience was treated to many

performances which included both dancing and drama. Given that the class parties were also very successful, this was an enjoyable day for all!!



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