

PRINCIPAL'S EXTRA NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Dear Parents,

Although I will be producing my customary bi-monthly letter at the end of the week I thought that you might appreciate some information about this Friday's International Day. This will build on the success of previous events in emphasising the international nature of our foundation by celebrating, in a variety of ways, the shared humanity which we enjoy. The morning will start with our customary Chapel service, followed by a procession of flags, and then a highlighting of themes to think about during the day. Students will then be participating in a variety of workshops throughout the morning with 'grab-and-go' snacks available in the canteen to nourish the body. The workshops all have the aim of encouraging students to think what unites us:

The environment workshop aims to make students think about how they have a shared earth and need to respect it. This will be done using three themes – reduce, reuse and recycle; the different year groups have projects addressing these themes. The idea is that we are united as people through our environment so we need to respect it.

The cultural-heritage workshop aims to celebrate unity by looking at how we can all enjoy different cultural or heritage pursuits even though we aren't from that region of the world. Some workshops aim specifically at the intellectual side of how ideas or dances, or martial arts have spread across different continents and are a more global practice now. There are now 13 different workshops taking place and students will hopefully learn something new; that in itself often unites people.

The ACS Olympics aims to show students how sport can unite us and how people are brought together through cheering on teams or working as teams: they will even be physically attached to people to really bring this home as the sports will be done three- legged! (dodge-ball, soccer, ball-in-a-line and captain's ball)).

The afternoon activities begin with the PSP who are putting on a **food fusion** of Eastern and Western food in a blend which will be something in the middle. This should demonstrate – appropriately enough in Singapore – how the influence of food has spread to different parts of the world and how we come together over food. Coupons in units of one dollar will be available to purchase in School over the next few days and on the day itself. Proceeds raised will be divided between the Society for the Physically Disabled and the three School service trips to Cambodia, Indonesia and Thailand.

Thereafter there is the **rock-band concert** where five schools will each perform one of their own songs which should look at our theme of sharing our humanity and how music unites us. **All students will be watching this in the hall.** At the end of the day

the three distinguished judges – Dr. Larry Francis, Mr. Greg Lyons and Mr. William Gathright – will give the bands their feedback.

The day will then end around 4pm with a few final concluding remarks and closing prayer: students will then be able to depart from School.

I do hope that the day will be an enjoyable one which supports our vision and goals: as such it will form an important part of the education we offer and I hope that I can count on your support in ensuring the attendance of your sons and daughters.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,