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Dear Parents,

I hope you are well, and have had a good week.

Eco Enzyme Workshop for Grade 5, 9 and 10

Did you know that Singapore produced 744,000 tonnes of food waste in 2019? On Thursday, a small group of students from Grades 5, 9 and 10 came together with the EcoEnzyme Learning Studio to learn how to turn common waste products into an amazing natural resource we can use in many different ways. We began by learning about eco-enzymes, what they can be used for and why we might choose to use them over more familiar products to carry out daily tasks. We then had hands-on training to make our very own eco-enzyme liquid which is now happily fermenting away in the lab. The students will devise ways of sharing this method and its benefits with the SMMIS community over the next few weeks so everyone can work to become a little more sustainable in our lives.

Interfaith Week

World Interfaith Harmony week is an annual event run by the United Nations that aims to promote harmony between all people, regardless of their faith. The week aims to promote peace, respect and understanding, core values at SMMIS. We will be celebrating Interfaith Week at SMMIS next week where we will learn about and celebrate the numerous cultures and faiths within our school community.

Ambitious Readers Programme

development of our students, not only in acquiring language skills: it supports cognitive development; prepares them for academic success; increases concentration and discipline and improves imagination and creativity. This in turn cultivates a lifelong love of reading which is invaluable.

The role that parents play is also crucial. There is no more important activity for preparing your child to succeed as a reader than reading aloud together. Make time to read together with your children, whatever their age. Fill your story times with a variety of books, be consistent, be patient, and watch the magic work. It's no secret that activities at home are an important supplement to the classroom, but there's more to it than that, there are things that parents can give children at home that the classrooms cannot give.

Exposing children to a variety of genres is particularly important. The Primary Ambitious Reader Certificate is awarded to students who show great enthusiasm and a love for reading. Each month a number of students are selected by their teachers and the librarian to receive this award. At SMMIS, we pride ourselves on recognising student's achievements.

Purim Mishloach Manot

If you would like to buy mishloach manot for Purim this year please send \$100 to PayLah/Now to Chris @ 9877 7424 and e-mail questions to pta@smmis.edu.sg. Funds will be donated to [MyIsrael](https://myisrael.org/).

Wishing you all a Shabbat Shalom, have a restful weekend.

Ms Elaine
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day

Date: Thursday, 23rd February 2023

Students from G1 to G9 will study at home, with lessons provided remotely by teachers. Pre-nursery to K2 and G10 will continue lessons on-site.

Swimming Competitions

SMMIS vs Dover Court International School

Date: Thursday, 16th February 2023

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Age group: Primary & Secondary Students

Time: 4pm - 6pm

SMMIS vs Eton House School

Date: Monday, 20th February 2023

Location of Competition: SMMIS

Age group: 9 - 11 years old

Time: 1pm - 2.30pm

School Emergency Contact Number

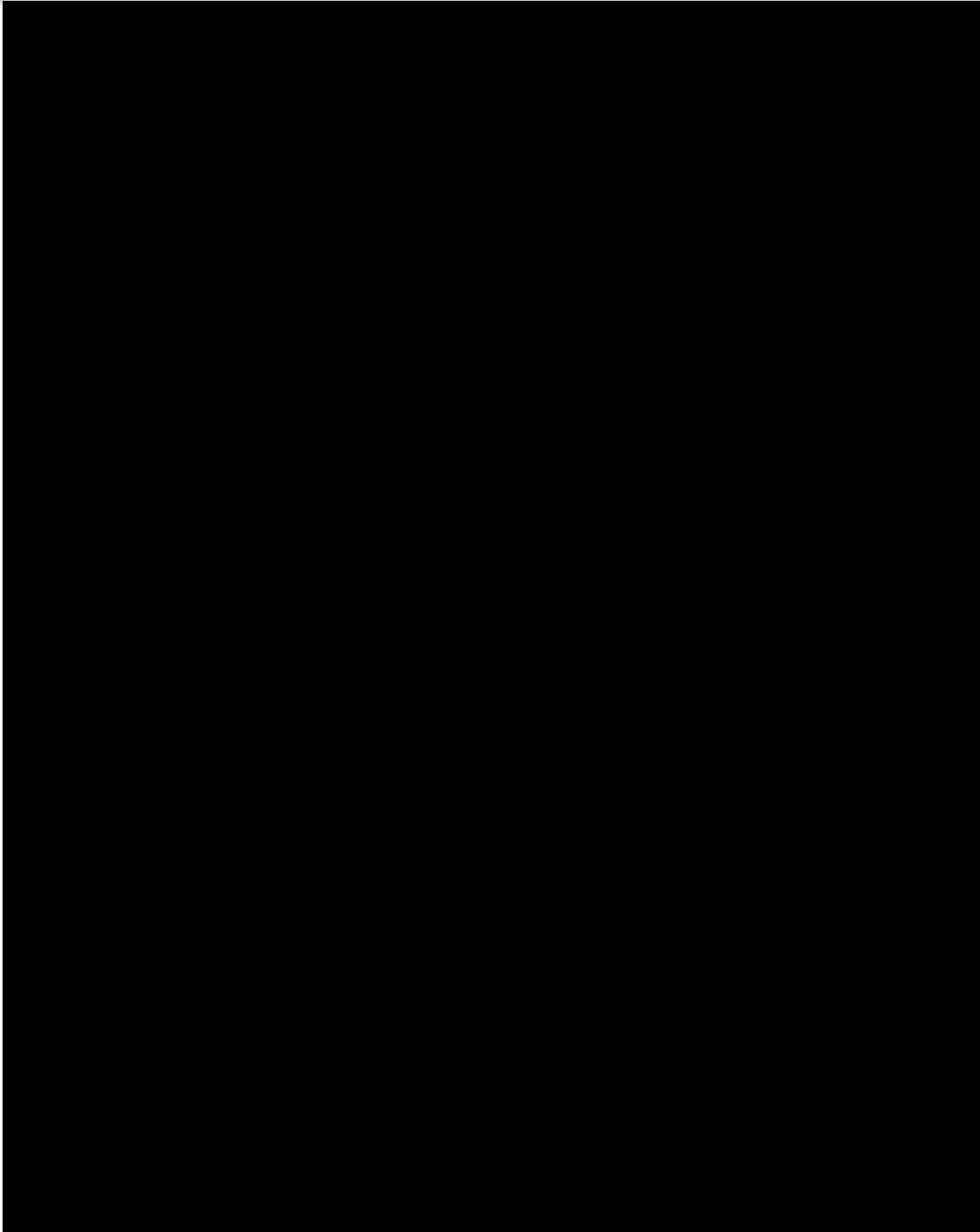
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Eco Enzyme Workshop
Grade 5, 9 and 10

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Congratulations to our January Ambitious Readers
Well done to the entire Primary School students
for their dedication in reading.

Highlights of our Swimming Competition
SMMIS vs International French School

A festive purple poster for Purim 2023. At the top, 'Purim 2023' is written in large, bubbly orange and yellow letters. Below it, a purple banner reads 'Sign-up by February 15th'. The main text is on a white scroll held by two wooden pegs. The scroll contains information about the festival, the SMMIS tradition of giving mishloach manot, and participation details. At the bottom of the scroll, there's a red box with contact information. The poster is decorated with confetti, a green party hat, a bottle of wine, a glass of wine, and three hamantaschen (triangular pastries) at the very bottom. Logos for SMMIS PTA and Sir Manasseh Meyer International School are in the bottom corners.

Purim 2023

Sign-up by February 15th

Purim is a joyous Jewish festival commemorating the survival of the Jews from persecution in the ancient Persian Empire. Mishloach Manot—Sending food gifts to friends and family—is one of the four mitzvot performed on Purim. It is a heartfelt way to emphasise the Jewish unity that lies at the core of the Purim holiday, and to create meaningful connections within our own community at the same time.

This is an annual SMMIS tradition of both the mitzvah of giving mishloach manot and charity, which comes from the funds raised gifting Purim baskets. We encourage your participation in the giving and receiving of a curated gift basket within our school community for Purim while fundraising for a cause. The gift baskets are delivered to EVERY SMMIS family via the students on Purim Day (March 7th 2023). The funds raised this year will go to MyIsrael (<https://myisraelcharity.org>).

Here's how YOU participate:

- ~ \$100 donation per family
- and
- ~ \$72 additional donation if you wish to purchase an extra basket (only 20 basket available. First come first served)

PayLah/Now to Chris @ 9877 7424

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Birthdays of the Week

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Samuel Liang

Rafael Wajnberg

Jonathan Feiner

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Deborah Novozhilova

Yehuda Kohelet

Noah Chan

Tristan Laffan

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 \$30 per cake. To order a cake, please click [here](#).



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