



What is happening?



Bonnie Tan

Chairman's Message

Dear Parents,

It has been a while since I last wrote to you. Time really flies and we are preparing for the 2nd newsletter and also the last issue for this school term. In this issue, I would like to share with you a few things that PTA has been working on during this period.

St Paul's College 155th Anniversary Cup – Archery Competition

On 5th May, St Paul's College 155th Anniversary Cup Archery Competition took place at the Wan Chai Sports Ground. As the Chairlady of the PTA, I was honourably invited by Mr. Wong Wai Hou (teacher-in-charge of the Archery Competition) as the guest of honour to present the prizes. This was one of the programs SPC hosted to mark its 155th Anniversary this year. More than 20 schools with over 200 archers from different levels competed their skills throughout the day. This was indeed the first time I attended an archery event and was astonished to see a lot of competitors scoring the bull's eye. To my surprise, the female competitors who looked so young and small were full of confidence when they had their arches in their hands. There was neither fear nor hesitation in their eyes and on their faces. What really admired me were the determination and calmness each competitor possessed. SPC won the third in the end. I shared with Mr. Wong and Dr. Kennard the pleasure of hosting this event. The SPC boys worked tremendous hard to help make the event a success under the supervision of Mr. Wong. They shared the work amongst the team, from being the MC, the score takers, the time keepers and the event organisers. The competition finally ended with the team singing the school song. Above all, SPC is the pioneer in Hong Kong to introduce Archery in school.



The PTA's Voluntary Services to St. James' Settlement Scenic Resort (Nursing Home) – 23 June 2007

Over 40 parents and SPC students visited the St. James' Settlement Scenic Resort Nursing Home on 23 June 2007. It was not the first time we had ever organised this type of social service. The objective was to give the parents and boys an opportunity to serve the community together. What makes it different this year is that we involved all participants to take part in the planning and organising of a half-day event for the seniors. The participants were divided into 4 teams with one team responsible for preparing some nice snacks, one team responsible for organising the program, one team planning the thoughtful gifts and giveaways for the seniors and the last team responsible for video and photo taking. More information will be provided by our members who had participated in the event in this newsletter.

Microsoft Vista Training – March 2007

A training offered by the Microsoft earlier this year was organised to give an introduction to the new MS software, Vista and its new functionality. More details will be covered in this newsletter by Daniel Chui, one of our committee members who co-ordinated this event.

The Joint School PTA Workshop - 14 Jul 2007

The most exciting event up coming will be the Joint School PTA Workshop with King's College. Early this year, I was invited by the PTA of King's College to participate in a parental workshop they are planning to do this year. Without any hesitation, we have accepted the invitation. I believe this will be a great networking opportunity for parents of both schools. I am very pleased to let you know that the preparation for this workshop is underway. A team of 5-6 committee members from each school has been formed. Numerous meetings have already taken place to plan for the day. We are very proud that the workshop will be held at the SPC School Hall. It is a full-day event with two parental workshops being scheduled during the day and a buffet lunch at the school gymnasium for all the participants. The response from our parents is overwhelming and exceeded far beyond the original number we can take. We are doing our best to accommodate as many as we could so as not to let our parents down. The two speakers we have invited namely Dr. Sandra Tsang Kit Man and Mr. Joseph Lam are both qualified and experienced professionals who have ample experience to share with the parents how to educate our children. I promise this is going to be a day of education, interactivity and fun for parents. I have a fruitful experience working with the PTA of King's College, a team of very enthusiastic and motivated parents who devoted much of their time to cater for the needs of the school and the parents. I have certainly learnt a lot working with them. I look forward to introducing the King's College PTA team to all the participants at the workshop and of course seeing you all on the day.

Chairman's Message

Other thoughts in mind

Much as what we have done so far this year, I still hope that we can do more in the coming months when the new school term starts in September.

We have already started preparing a PTA familiarization day for all new Form 1 parents.

I still have a strong wish that we should hold an informal meeting with parents of different forms when the school term starts.

We managed to engage Mrs. Norma Leben of Morning Glory Treatment Center for Children from the USA to visit our parents in early November and to run a workshop for us. Mrs. Leben is a very popular speaker in Hong Kong for educational seminars and workshops and is always unavailable as her schedule is always full. For details, please refer to the upcoming notices. Make sure that you don't miss this valuable chance.

How about an evening with the Principal sharing with parents his advice on pursuing overseas studies for your children?

I am sure you all remember the delicious snacks you enjoyed during the tea break in the school PTA events prepared by the team of voluntary parents. How about having a gathering with the famous parent chefs to learn the cooking skills for the delicious specialities?

Whatever we can do to bring the parents closer together will be of interest to us. I welcome any suggestions you might have in mind. Please drop me an email at pta@spc.edu.hk if you have anything you would like to share with the PTA. I am glad that more and more parents are using this email and find it useful to them.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer holiday!

Bonnie Tan
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財政報告 Income & Expenses Statement 1/9/06 to 31/5/07

Income HK(\$)

Parent membership	HK\$32,410.00
Interest income (till March)	HK\$519.54
EMB grant	HK\$12,840.00
Carnival	HK\$3,117.00
Seminar	HK\$1,800.00
Total	HK\$50,686.54

Expenses HK(\$)

Newsletter	HK\$4,200.00
Carnival	HK\$4,201.60
Seminar	HK\$7,613.60
AGM	HK\$2,265.20
Total	HK\$18,280.40
Surplus	HK\$32,406.14

Current a/c	HK\$47,935.60
Savings a/c	HK\$38,628.99
Cash at hand - school	HK\$2,815.60
Cash at hand - parent	HK\$2,723.40

編輯小組

徐耀雄先生
楊瑞儂女士
陳慧敏女士
屠慧玲女士
羅美珊女士
張祺忠先生

委員會 (家長成員)

主席：陳蓮治女士
副主席：張偉堅先生
文書：盧劉敏儀女士
司庫：梁建昌先生
委員：徐耀雄先生
：梁鄭麗香女士
：朱清女士
：張祺忠先生

顧問老師

馬寧芳老師 鄭秀芝老師
馮慧珠老師 陳奕珊老師

遊學？補習？做義工？ 這個暑假真精彩！



緊張的考試過後，
家長們便要為了幫子女選擇暑期活動而煩惱。相信每位家長都希望可以讓子女度過一個既多姿多采，又充實的暑假。今期的會訊便刊載了幾位家長的文章，分享一下他們如何為子女選擇暑期活動，並期望子女可以從活動中有甚麼得著。

怎樣度過炎炎長夏？

今年暑假，小兒將一如以往幾年，乘火車到北京度過一年中最喜愛的一個半月。因為他祖母是北京人，他將會與祖父母住在一個小社區，附近有很多同齡的玩伴。他們的玩意多著呢——踢球、下棋、槍戰等等真是玩得不亦樂乎！作為家長，除了玩，當然希望兒子能學些甚麼的！

小兒去年在北京時，他一星期有三天時間會到圍棋學院學習圍棋，與當地小朋友一起下棋、進膳；小兒曾經參加一次當地的比賽，他致電告訴我八場比賽中輸了六局但贏了兩局。心想那裏高手林立，七、八歲的小孩隨時是兩、三段高手，贏了兩局已是不錯的成績。但他隨即告訴我因為對方沒有出現，因此有兩局自動當贏。我心裏戚戚然，因為小兒在香港參加了不少圍棋比賽，亦有不少獎狀。自己是接受不了他全部敗北的戰績！想不到小兒對我說：「雖然輸了，但好開心，好刺激！學了很多技巧！」想不到兒子的心態比我正確！原來需要學習的是我——輸贏原來並不重要，能向高手學習、能下一盤好棋，這個過程已是一個至高無上的享受！

今年暑假，我又會發現——或學到些甚麼呢？

圍棋比賽

「雖然輸了，
但好開心！」

1B家長 黎楊瑞儀



給孩子一片成長的天空

2C家長 屠慧玲

我經常以孩子在家為由拒絕一些社交活動，有些朋友告誡我：「孩子長大了不要管太多，應該給孩子空間，要做孩子的朋友，不要整天盯著孩子，給他們壓力。」可是……如果問他們當孩子遇到困難會找誰商量時，這些朋友都說：「孩子們當然是會去找他們的朋友，而不會找身為父母的自己。」我回頭問我的女兒這個問題，女兒說：「當然找媽媽啦，同學會給啥好主意？！」又問了問兒子，靦腆的兒子小心翼翼地說：「會先回來問妳囉！可是妳不可以跟別人說！」我怎麼覺得我比較像是孩子的朋友？

多年前曾聽到一專家說：「做孩子的朋友，要先降低自己的高度，和孩子用同一角度看事情，就會有相同的看法。」說得容易，如果是這樣，比孩子多活二、三十年，不是白活嗎？經過時間歷練的心，看事情的角度再也不會像年輕人那樣單純。如此的生活智慧不拿來開導後輩，豈不浪費而且不負責任？

每一個孩子的特性不同，但是沒有人知道一個孩子適合什麼樣的天空，我曾經扼殺大女兒的繪畫天份。當她小學四年級時，我出席母姊會，坐在她的位子上，看到她的抽屜裏有幾幅畫得不錯的娃娃。回家以

緊張的考試過後，大家都可以輕鬆一陣子，等待悠長的暑假來臨。但怎樣好好利用這假期來充實自己，相信是每個學生要計劃的事情，而家長又會從旁協助揀選適合子女的活動來度過暑假。

每個家長或學生的取向均不同，有些希望投放多些時間在學術方面，便會選擇參加不同科目的補習班；有些則以輕鬆為主，便會參加各類非學科的活動，如領袖訓練、體育活動訓練……等；有些則希望參加多元化的課程，集學術、語言、遊歷於一身，故此英、美、加、澳、紐，以至中國及其他亞洲國家的遊學團都極受家長及學生歡迎。

我的子女今年亦參加了由一個文化機構舉辦的「領袖鍛煉營」，地點是中國肇慶，為期七天。這個鍛煉營並非學術性的，而是鍛煉他們的意志力、思考能力、培養學習動機、與人溝通的技巧及體能訓練等。我和外子覺得學業固然重要，但如果沒有正確的方向動力，學習上會事倍功半；我們反而覺得培育他們的個人修養更重要，正所謂是教他們「學做人」——學做一個懂得關心別人、正直、有責任感、肯承擔、有良好品格的人。尤其是中學生正值青春期，無論在生理和心理上都有很大的變化，又容易受朋輩影響，有時在思想和行為上會變得很偏激和反叛，所以這個時期需要耐心的引導他們，故此我選擇這類暑期活動給子女，希望可以啟發他們，培養良好的品格。其餘時間他們會如常參加平日的課外活動；亦會編排時間做一些學科的習作，保持學習狀態迎接新學年，以期開學後盡快重上軌道；還有儘可能全家人到外地旅遊，既可增廣見聞，又可舒展身心。



領袖鍛煉營

參加

最後，我認為安排暑期活動給子女時不必太多，否則比上學時還忙碌，便不能享受假期的樂趣。只要選擇得宜，安排恰當，既輕鬆，又充實，才可真正享受暑假的樂趣，以最佳狀態迎接新學年的來臨。在此祝願各同學能夠過一個多姿多采又充實的暑假。

朝遊學五式

學生暑期出外遊學，已成香港風尚。遠去美加，近往中山，各適其適。余有心得，野人獻曝。遊學五式，由高小至高中，循序漸進。

一、高小年幼，旨在離開家庭溫室，嘗試集體生活，不在學術。必選經驗豐富，照顧良好，集體住宿，學員導師比例不可多於一比十。地點可擇英語國家，大陸安全指數較低，須小心（忘不了數年前北京旅館火災）。主題以語文學習、遊樂為主。



二、再度參加，須以特色遊學吸引，視乎孩子喜好，如參觀美國太空營，追隨哈利波特的足跡，學習少林武術等等。

三、孩子漸長，可住宿於當地家庭（Home stay），親身體驗外國生活文化，更可要「十指不沾陽春水」的小皇帝照料自己，做家務。

四、力有所逮，回饋本土，留港做義工，照顧老人、兒童及弱勢社群。另方面亦可繼續依個人志趣參加特色遊學。

五、前往大陸窮鄉僻壤，義助貧困，勞心勞力，才算是成人之洗禮也！

輔助孩子成長，資質各異，家庭人生價值不一，盡心而已，共勉之。

後，我並沒有讚美她畫得好，而是以媽媽的姿態要她不可以在上課時畫畫。乖巧的老大從此以後就不再提筆畫畫。有了這次的警惕，當老二喜歡上漫畫時，我放任她買漫畫書、畫漫畫的工具，玩Cosplay，鼓勵她投稿、比賽。但至今她從未參加過任何比賽，甚至選科時都沒選擇美術科。至於我的兒子，當他拿到全班第三名的成績時，我問他最想得到什麼？他想了半天都想不出來，才警覺到我一直都很忽視他，造成他沒有慾望。無慾的人不但無剛，更無所求，這樣的人是沒有成長動力的。孩子生下來並沒有附上說明書，我並不知道要該怎麼對待才可以使他們的人生圓滿。摸

索了許多年，最後我終於明白，父母無法讓孩子的一生順遂，能做的只是鼓勵孩子們多方面的嘗試，儘量提供無障礙的學習環境和支持他們的夢想。孩子已屆青少年，不出五年他們就要陸續成年，成為社會菁英，他們就要成為臺柱，我們將要成為支柱。

每個人的一生際遇都不同，有了天空並不意味著就會有所成就，而是有更愉快和諧的人生，而孩子的天空未必就不能有父母的參與，只是為人父母的我們，在孩子羽翼漸豐時，要懂得退居孩子的身後，用更豁達的心去尊重與包容發生在他們周遭的事與物。

The end of the School Year

As the school year comes to a close, I congratulate all students on another fine year of academic endeavour, sporting achievements and community service. We are blessed that life at St. Paul's College is so rich and varied, with many programmes, activities and opportunities. Our boys have taken the initiative and worked hard both in and beyond the classroom. I look forward to a continuation of these efforts next year.

Mr. John Kennard



The Comprehensive Review

St. Paul's College is completing its fifth year as a Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) school and is now required to undergo a Comprehensive Review of all programmes and operations. An independent review panel, under the Chairmanship of Professor Kwong Lee Dow at the University of Melbourne, will visit the College in March 2008. The views of parents, students and teachers will be an integral part of the review process with a final Report from the Review Panel to be released next June.

The International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate is an internationally recognised programme studied at three levels: the Primary Years, the Middle Years and the Diploma, the latter being undertaken by students in the final two years of secondary schooling. I am often asked whether the College will be introducing the International Baccalaureate. Indeed, you may be aware that some other leading local schools in Hong Kong have already announced that they will be introducing the IB Diploma in a few years time.

The College is currently undertaking a Feasibility Study of the IB Diploma. The focus of this study is the viability of the IB Diploma as an alternative pathway to the New Senior Secondary (NSS) system that will be introduced in 2009/10 across all local schools in Hong Kong. If the IB Diploma is offered in Forms 5 and 6, however, it is expected that the majority of boys would continue to follow the local curriculum and graduate with the new Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education.

The College is keen to expand and broaden the curriculum offerings for our boys in the NSS. The introduction of an IB class would take that choice to another level. I will keep parents informed of developments as the Feasibility Study progresses and will be seeking your input and feedback in the near future.

Singing at SPC

We were fortunate to have a special guest at the Easter Service, Mr. Peter Lacey, the Headmaster of the King's School in Gloucester. Mr. Lacey is also Chairman of the Choir Schools' Association that represents the 44 schools attached to England's Cathedrals. After the Service, Mr. Lacey commented on the extremely high standard of singing by the Treble and Intermediate Choirs, a fact borne out at the recent Hong Kong Schools' Music Festival. However, what really

impressed Mr. Lacey was the quality and volume of the singing from all the boys at the Service, not just those in the choirs. It is a credit to our Music Department that the St. Paul's College tradition of 'vocal excellence' is being upheld.

Artist-in-Residence

The College is delighted to announce a new programme to commence next term. The Artist-in-Residence programme will see leading figures in Music, Art, Drama and Literature coming to the College to work alongside our teachers and boys. The first Artist-in-Residence will be Dr. Stephen Ng, the Assistant Professor of Voice at Stetson University in Florida. Dr. Ng, an alumnus, is a tenor soloist with many international festivals and professional engagements in his list of credits. We look forward to the Artist-in-Residence programme bringing many exciting artistes to the College in the years ahead.

Providing Upgraded Facilities

The College will commence some general renovation and refurbishment work over the summer holidays. The Wong Ming Him Hall will be completely renovated. The external character of the building will be retained whilst the internal spaces will be modernized to create additional meeting rooms and activity spaces. The ground floor will provide an indoor-outdoor setting and blend into the existing garden areas. The result will be an attractive and 'softer' face to the College along Bonham Road, one that integrates the Wong Ming Him Hall and the swimming pool.

Another area that will experience change is the Upper Playground. New tables, seats and large umbrellas, set amongst potted trees and flowers, will provide an attractive setting for the boys to enjoy their recess and lunch times. There is no doubt in my mind that an aesthetically pleasing environment leads to happier boys and a more conducive learning environment.

In conclusion

I would like to thank Ms. Bonnie Tan and her team on their efforts this past year. The parent-school relationship is extremely important for the development of each boy and for the growth of the College. Your sons face many challenges and hurdles. It is incumbent on us as adults to provide them with unconditional support, assistance, guidance wherever possible.

Is modern technology a credit or debit to our children?

1B Parent Daniel Chui

The World is moving fast and modern technology also develops rapidly. Today, we can get almost as much information as we can manage from making a quick search from the Internet when thousands of answers will come up in a few seconds. We can never apply the same skills, knowledge or technologies to our daily work, nor using the same old computer as to catch

up with today's technology. Because of these reasons, the St. Paul's College Parent Teacher Association invited Microsoft for a seminar on Saturday 24 March 2007 in which computer experts talked on "How to use information to enhance children's learning" to our parents.

It was raining heavily on the day of the seminar but it couldn't stop 70 parents showing up for the sharing of computer skills and knowledge. The seminar started at 3 pm. following the registration of the attenders. Daniel Chui, a committee member of the Parent Teacher Association, acted as the MC of the seminar and made a quick introduction before handing the audience to Microsoft experts. The following, which were recognised as serious issues to our children were covered:

1. Illegal downloading and software copyright infringement
2. How to ensure safe internet surfing and prevent computer addiction, and
3. e-learning in the 21st century

At the end of the seminar, a number of parents expressed the view that they understood more about the laws of copyright and were eager to know more about how to prevent computer addiction through today's technologies such as the setting up of a timetable and the blocking of certain questionable internet addresses etc. The seminar ended at about 5 pm., although there were still a number of participants who had further questions for the professionals.



Parents were concerned about the habits of their children using the Internet.

活動花絮



【親子敬老同樂日】 長者服務活動

2B家長 梁鄭麗香
家長教師會義工服務召集人

六月二十三日，在這晴朗的一天，20個家庭，一共

50人憑著一顆愛心，參加了家長教師會舉辦的「親子義工服務」活動，為聖雅各福群會雅明灣畔護養院的長者服務。

在往年組織義工探訪長者的活動中，主要以才藝表演帶給長者們一些歡樂。今年，當我與司徒太太一起計劃服務時，我們都希望能突破往年的模式，以更多元化的活動去傳達愛心，一方面增加義工與長者接觸和交談的機會，另一方面藉此加強孩子對家庭、社會的責任感和認知，把「保羅之愛心」徹底地散發出來。



義工扶持不良於行的長者步向活動區。

於是這次義工親子活動包括由「有名有實」的「愛心組」把禮物如餅乾、西梅乾果及西梅果汁等親手送到不便於行的長者手中。當長者接過禮物時，臉上綻放出璀璨的笑容，大家都樂透了。此外，「康樂組」的角色也是不可或缺的。義工與長者玩彩虹傘、音樂傳球、橋牌、甚至麻雀耍樂，開心極了！



大家圍坐互相認識。

老人家歡樂的笑聲不絕於耳。「美食組」為長者們準備番薯、蛋撻、布丁，又和長者一起包餃子。茶聚時，大家聚首一堂，一邊傾談，一邊細嘗美點，洋溢著一片溫馨和歡樂的氣氛。「攝影組」把長者、家長、孩子們的嬉笑閒談之片段一一攝入鏡頭中，經剪輯後的精彩的照片將送贈給院舍留念。在服務分享會時，家教會更捐贈一部DVD機給院舍，待長者在閒時可以欣賞影片、唱唱粵劇等等，使他們可以愉快地度過每一天。

歡樂的時光過得特別快，家長和孩子們都希望延長活動時間，但我們只能使用這場地半天，只好依依不捨地和老人家告別。我希望在往後的日子裡，能不停地與親子義工們並肩推動愛心服務、關懷共融社會，把「保羅精神」發揮得更光更亮。



大家齊來包餃子。