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相信不少同學都知道慈幼中學於去年三月下旬成立了校園電台。但是，同學對我校的校園電台的運作又清楚嗎？今年，校報十分榮幸邀請到今屆校園電台台長 F.6B 的莊江華同學接受我們的訪問。

校園電台

記：校報記者

莊：校園電台台長莊江華

記：莊同學你好！首先多謝你接受我們的訪問！請問你可否講述校園電台的背景？

莊：沒有問題。慈幼中學校園電台是在去年三月下旬開始籌辦，並於五月七日開台，成為全港第五十九間設有校園電台的中學，首屆台長是現在就讀 F.5E 的鄭俊豪同學，而我就是第二屆的台長。

記：原來如此。那麼電台的架構是怎樣的？

莊：電台一共有四個部門——行政部、廣播部、製作部、宣傳部。各部門都有他們自己的工作，例如宣傳部負責電台成員招募計劃等。

記：電台一共有多少名成員？

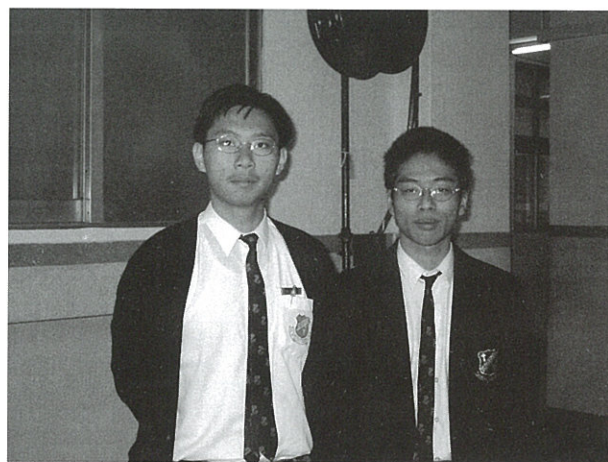
莊：三十多人。

記：果然是個大機構。可不可以大概介紹一下本年度電台的重點節目？

莊：今年電台重點節目包括：「趣 Book Book」、「不同的天空」、「會考心得」、「新老師訪問」、「中英搞邊科」、「校園點唱站」、「科學小百科」、「環遊世界」及「廣播劇連載」等。

記：節目很豐富啊！那麼電台的收聽率如何？

莊：我們由上年十月十六日開台以來，收聽率節節上升。根據最新一次的問卷調



查，我們的收聽率已經升至45%，有接近一半的同學收聽我們的節目！

記：收聽的同學就是電台的支柱。其實校園電台有甚麼器材？

莊：在廣播室內，有混音器、咪高峰四支、MD 機、錄音筆、VCD 機等。

記：果然是「麻雀雖小、五臟俱全」。電台的節目會在星期幾廣播？

莊：現時電台逢星期二、四廣播。星期二為正規節目，星期四則是校園點唱站。時間由中午十二時三十分至下午一時十五分。

記：最後，你對校園電台有甚麼期望？

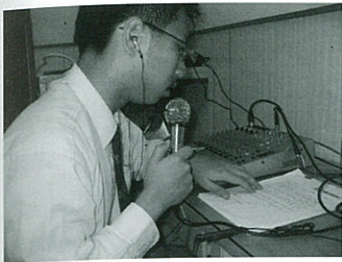
莊：當然是希望收聽率節節上升和節目質素一次比一次好。

記：多謝台長接受我們的訪問。

莊：不用客氣。

電台節目製作程序：

1. 召開製作部會議：商討正規節目時間表、內容安排、人手分配、委任節目總監及安排時間回校錄音。



2. 回校錄音：台長、副台長、節目總監及主持等人會收到已經整理的稿件，以MD機錄音。每次錄音前製作部將制訂出錄音當日的時間表。

3. 製作部主管、技術支援會將製作完成的節目，利用錄音時間表來分類。後期製作則有加入特別效果和隔除噪音等。



4. 製作部主管或技術支援將完成後期製作之節目燒錄成光碟，透過宣傳部將光碟交給關振球老師試聽。若沒有問題，關老師會將光碟放在 507A 的特定位置。

5. 廣播部主管會於節目播放當日播放光碟，並透過學校的廣播系統播出。當日節目完成後，主管會將光碟放回 507A 的架上，以作存檔。



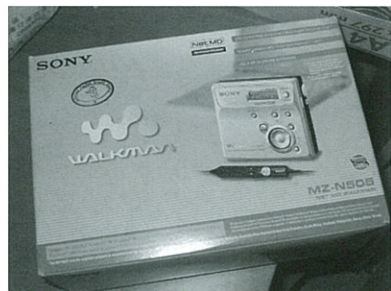
廣播室器材：



已經錄製完成節目的CD



方便工作人員通訊的對講機



用來錄製節目的MD機



用來錄製節目的錄音筆



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校園大搜查

各位同學，你知不知道校務處的工作，除了收通告、印製成績表以外，還有甚麼工作呢？你又是否熟知校務處的運作呢？如果你對以上問題的答案是否定的話，那麼你就一定不能錯過校報的**校園大搜查——校務處篇**。

原來校務處的工作，主要包括宣佈事務、組織和統籌全年校務及學務工作。校務工作包括考試、收取和製作通告、安排和回覆外來文件，包括考試及評核局、書商、教育署等。學務工作則包括探討各科目之發展、安排測驗、檢查學生的習作和教學語言的使用等。

說起收回條，看似簡單，但各位同學又是否知道當中的過程呢？過程其實是在收回條當天，由班長向同學收取，然後點齊人數交回校務處，校務處的職員會把回條分成兩批：初中和高中，然後職員會再一次數回條的數目。如果發現有問題，例如回條上沒有簽名、有學生欠交等就會再跟進。另外，校務處在處理一些須要收費的回條時會特別謹慎。除了回條，校務處亦會為同學收取車船津貼、地鐵乘車証、學費減免等申請表，然後再轉介至有關部門。

相信各位同學較感興趣的是印製成績單和報考公開考試的過程。印製成績單是由學校的電腦部門負責，主要負責人是何繼倫老師。當同學的考試成績有了結果之後，分數就會交去校務處，由職員輸入資料，然後就會將這些數據交給何老師，何老師會將這些數據輸入至 SAMS (School Administration Management System) 中，由電腦計算出學生

的名次、列印等。

報考公開考試是由學校的資訊科技部門負責，主要負責人是楊家漢老師。在每年九月，考評局會用電腦通知學校報考各科之費用，然後學校將為所有中五及中七的學生註冊，接著學校將傳送檔案至考評局，知會當局考各科的考試人數，學生資料等。在十二月，考評局就會把准考證的雛形——students checklist——送來學校，經校務處轉交至學生手中，讓學生核對資料，如果沒有問題，將在三月送來准考證。程序告一段落。

原來校務處的職員在我們的長假期和暑假都是要上班的，他們只按勞工假期放假。暑假的辦公時間是短一些，工作量也少一點。不過仍要應付大量工作，包括中一收生、中五中七放榜、新生輔導日、聯絡書局、編製各班的時間表、校曆表、印製學生手冊及製作學生証等。

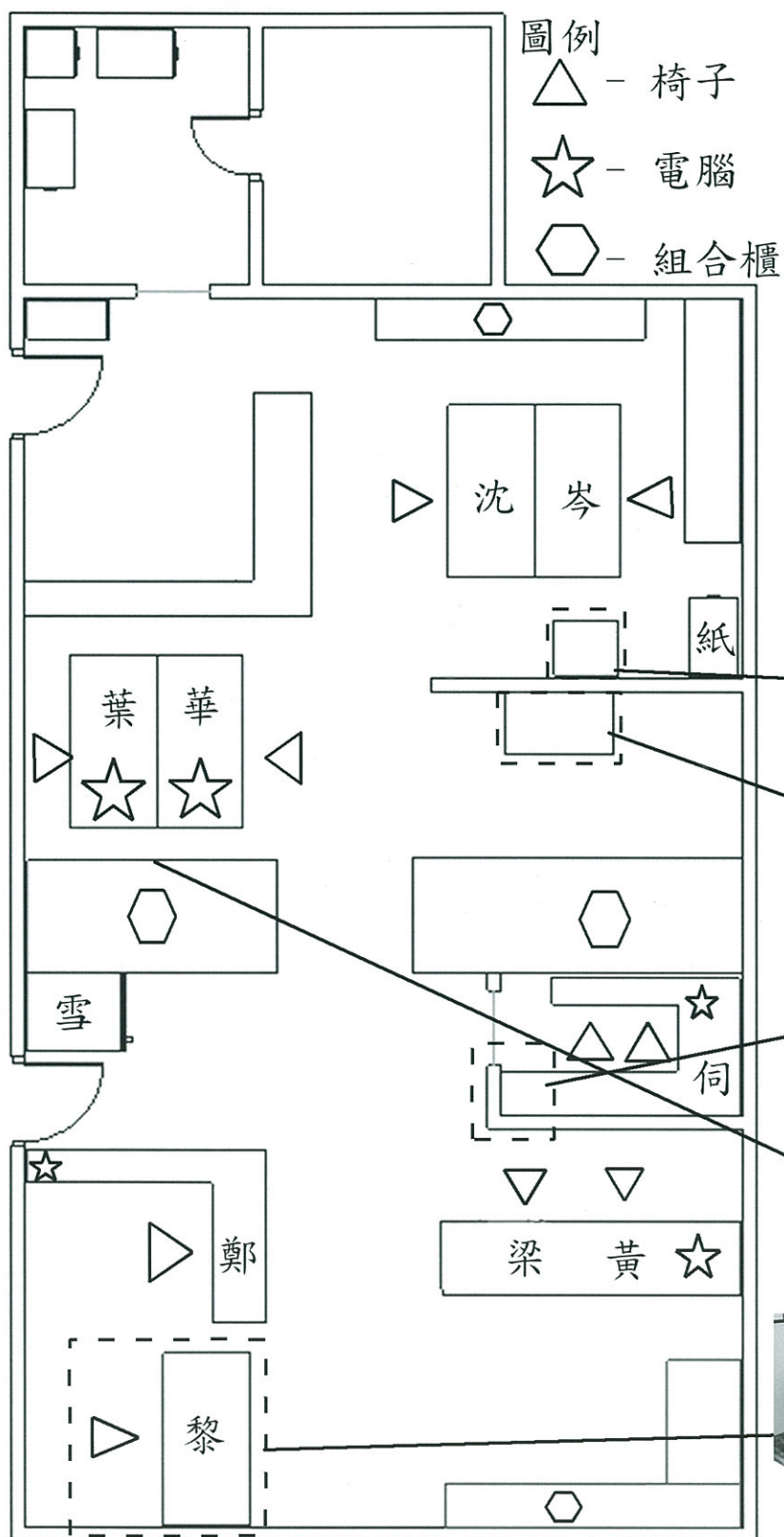
考考你，校務處有多少台電腦？

校長室內有一部，校務處的職員每人一部，總共四部；另外長時間在校務處工作的老師：黎國榮老師、梁炳棋老師、黃釗明老師、鄭嘉適老師都每人有一部。伺服器室有兩台，總共十一台。

另外，校務處近年購買了一部速印機、一部碎紙機，又翻新了影印機。

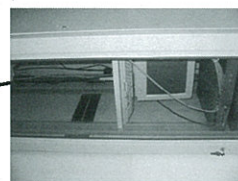
學校的行政之所以能順利推行，除了要感謝上文所提及的四位老師以外，還有賴一群在背後默默耕耘、勞苦功高的校務處職員。他們是沈恆俊先生、岑麗卿小姐、梁漢華先生及葉瑞芳小姐。筆者謹代表校報以及全體學生向他們表示深切的謝意。

校務處內部平面圖



沈 - 沈恆俊先生
岑 - 岑麗卿小姐
葉 - 葉瑞芳小姐
華 - 梁漢華先生
鄭 - 鄭嘉適老師
梁 - 梁炳棋老師
黃 - 黃釗明老師
黎 - 黃黎國榮老師

紙 - 碎紙機
雪 - 雪櫃及微波爐
伺 - 伺服器室



日月如梭，一位在慈幼任教三十六年的吳文業老師已經離開慈幼半年。相信認識他的同學都希望知道他退休後的生活。校報就特別為他做了一個專訪，主題為退休後的生活。

《離別以後》

（記＝記者、吳＝吳文業老師）

記：你退休已接近半年，相信你現在有很多空閒時間，之前你曾提及有舊生邀請你到外國旅行，那麼你有沒有應邀赴會？

吳：有位年約四、五十歲的舊生邀請我，我到過美國的三藩市、拉斯維加斯，加拿大及澳洲。

記：眾所周知，你喜歡化學和教書，退休後你會不會覺得可惜？

吳：沒有可惜，因為我應該退休。退休後有很多時間，可以做一些我想做的事。而且我的興趣是旅遊，退休後有更多時間旅遊。

記：你在空餘時還會做甚麼？

吳：我在空餘時沒有特別事要做，通常會照顧孫兒。

記：你有多少兒女？

吳：我有子女各二，他們全部已經大學畢業。

記：你已離開了慈幼，你最懷念慈幼甚麼？

吳：我最懷念慈幼的體育。特別是足球，因為我最喜愛足球。其實可以透過踢足球去教育學生。有些學生在上課時不聽話，可以在球場上教訓他。

記：慈幼足球最光輝時的成就如何？

吳：最好的成就是甲乙丙組都得到學界第一組的冠軍。在七十年代，更有香港的甲組球隊和我校比賽。當時的神父很喜歡



足球，一個球場上會有六、七隊同時比賽，滿天都是足球，場面壯觀。

記：慈幼初期的學生與現在的分別？

吳：以前的學生會用功讀書，但現在的學生就會受到外來的誘惑，多玩耍，例如打機，玩電腦，不會像以前的學生那麼專心。

最大的分別是以前的學生受的壓力比較大，以前成績差的學生要留班，所以學生會用心讀書；現在的成績差的學生都可以直升。

記：你有甚麼訓勉給現在的慈幼仔？

吳：要有恆心、要用功、要吃得苦，還要專心上課。現時慈幼仔欠缺毅力。

記：你教書的心得是甚麼？

吳：學生有錯就要教訓，但我一離開課室就忘記學生的不是，但我就不知道學生會不會忘記我的訓勉。

老師睇真D

嚴志恆老師

英文名：Jacky 生日：7月7日

星座：巨蟹座

信仰：基督教

大學：中大中國語言及文學系

資歷：5年

偶像：李天命、梁朝偉

現在的夢想：有個五星級的家

另一理想職業：創作人

座右銘：忘記背後，努力面前，向著基督的
標杆直跑

最喜愛的：

花：菊花

動物：海豚

運動：游泳、健身

顏色：黑色

卡通人物：叮噹

作家：金庸、蘇軾

書：幾米《向左走，向右走》

歌：Louis Armstrong - What a wonderful world

不喜歡做的事：等人

假日活動：看書、四圍閒逛



問：你加入了訓育組之後，看到甚麼？

答：學生的紀律有進步，比前幾年好。不過有些地方還要改善，例如應該對師長要尊重和有禮貌。

問：令你最難忘的學生。

答：曾經有一位學生經常頂撞我，表現頑劣。但到後來學業有進步，還送生日禮物給我，這是我在中學任教收到的第一份禮物。

杜玉燕老師

英文名：Josephine

生日：11月10日

星座：天蠍

小時的夢想：護士

信仰：天主教

居住區域：鰂魚涌

嗜好：看、做話劇

最喜愛的——食物：魚生、壽司

飲品：綠茶

歌：流星雨

科目：中史

最討厭的——

科目：體育

動物：狗

假日活動：看電視、
去聖堂

最喜愛的金句：「含淚播種的，必含笑收穫」。可能做事的時候很辛苦，但自己看到收穫時，就會覺得自己的努力是沒有白費的。



問：你的求學時代的學生和現在的有什麼分別？

答：當時的學生會主動學習，例如去圖書館或向老師請教，現在的學生欠缺讀書計畫；現在的學生應要爭取時間，要有計畫，定下作息時間表，然後一步一步實行。

劉顯富老師

生肖：虎

生日：12月6日

居住區域：旺角

資歷：77年加入慈幼

婚姻狀況：已婚，子女各一

第一份工作：教師

小時候的夢想：國際球証

小學：協同小學

中學：協同中學（九龍）

大學：國立台灣師範大學

最喜愛的——科目：音樂

動物：所有

食物：辣的食物

飲品：中國茶

運動：籃球

歌：The exdous

歌手：羅文

顏色：紫色

不喜歡做的事：不應該做的事

假日活動：釣魚

最難忘的事：大學第一次考試在聖誕節，游800米。游完之後全身乏力，跌入泳池也無力游上水面，要由同學救起。



我們的圖書館

今年圖書館出現大革新，除了添置了大量新書外，還有多位新導師的加入，幫助處理日常工作和事務。

黎永明修士



相信大家對他都不會陌生。其實他是第一年負責圖書館的職務，因此對他來說，一切都很陌生，也是很大的挑戰。除了一般工作外，圖書館電腦化，也帶來大量整理圖書資料的工夫。然而，黎修士就是這樣經常埋頭苦幹，廢寢忘食，為同學服務，連時間過去也不知道。幸好有陳國忠先生的幫忙，減少了黎修士的負擔。與黎修士交談中，得知他已經習慣了圖書館的工作，「雖然辛苦，但很開心」，黎修士敬業樂業的精神實教人敬佩。

當值時間: 全天候

譚德光先生



對於譚先生，大家可能比較陌生，其實他是慈幼的舊生，我們的師兄。跟黎修士一樣，譚先生也是圖書館工作的新手，所以大家可不要欺負他啊！對譚先生來說，全面了解圖書館的工作，需要一定的時間。但他卻認為這是自我增值的一個好機會，既可以增加管理經驗，又可以多和同學溝通，這一切都使他樂在其中。

此外，譚先生也樂於協助同學，解決功課上的疑難，盡顯大師兄的風範。所以大家在功課上有甚麼疑難，實不妨向他請教。

當值時間: 星期一至五 4:00pm~ 7:00pm

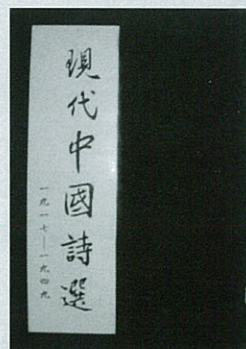
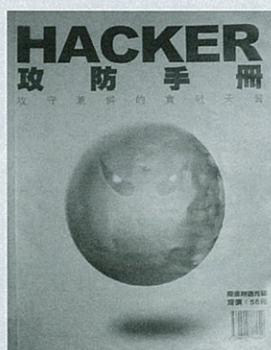
星期六 8:30am~12:00pm

後記：

從交談過程中，筆者知道黎修士、譚先生都希望同學能多利用圖書館的設施。其實，圖書館除了林林總總的藏書、辭書、參考資料外，亦有多部電腦供同學瀏覽各類資料。還有最重要的，是有多位熱心的老師為同學服務。作為圖書館的管理員，同學們能愉快地學習讀書，就是對他們最大的回報。

無論晴天雨天，圖書館的大門都為你開至晚上七時。

新書巡禮：



圖書館內聯網：<http://www.ccnetlibrary.net/central/ss>

自由講場

「人不為己，天誅地滅。」試談談你對這話的看法 5E 鄺俊豪

常言道：「人不為己，天誅地滅。」在處處講求成功、講求競爭的商業社會裡彷彿成為至理名言。可是，我絕不同意。

首先，無可否認，我們從幼稚園到大學、從家庭到工作，都面對著形形色色、大大小小的不同的競爭，獲得勝利並擊倒對手彷彿是終極目標。而進一步來說，他們這樣爭先恐後，不惜付出任何代價來換取自己的利益，是基於怕「蝕底」的心態。假如社會上人人都怕蝕底的話，這個社會又會變成怎樣？例如：媽媽說：「我不應花自己寶貴的時間和金錢來照顧孩子。」然後她把孩子拋棄。又或者義工說：「我不值得『浪費』自己的光陰，來為那些老弱傷殘的人士服務。」及後不參與義工服務。試假設您是當中的孩子和弱勢社群，心情會怎樣？大概會難過傷心吧！

再者，「物競天擇，適者生存。」是動物進化過程中的階段，也是人類社會眼中的進步的指標。的確，不但動植物求變來換取和提高生存的權利和價值，人類亦然。但我想求變、求勝利的過程中，是否只是自身的事，跟別人毫不相干呢？又有否考慮過「弱者」的感受呢？為己求取成功又是否真正的成功呢？我認為，無私的施予和愛心才是真正的成功，好像德蘭修女到窮鄉僻壤為人服務。其次，考慮並關懷弱者的感受才是真正的強者。另外，「人不為己」，天真的會「誅」；地真的會「滅」嗎？而《聖經》上說：「人若賺了全世界，卻賠上了自己的靈魂，為他又有甚麼益處呢？」難道為他人設想而放下爭勝心是如斯困難麼？難道雙贏不是比獨贏來得更令人興奮麼？

最後，無疑良性的競爭確實能使社會進步，但我更同意的是，良性的競爭中能考慮對方的感受和情況，才是建設和諧社會的基石。故此，「人不為己，天誅地滅。」如此不思進取和迂腐的思想，早應被淘汰！

童年點滴

5E 伍峻葦

難得星期天有空，我便獨個兒走到街上閒逛，看見對面的小朋友牽著母親的手嚷著要買櫥窗的玩具：回望自己的童年，自己向母親撒嬌的機會實在不多……

母親在我三歲的時候已經離開我，是父親身兼母職，含辛茹苦的養育我；而母親在我心目中的形象十分模糊，我只隱若記得母親的輪廓。我並不像其他天真的小朋友一樣可以整天躲在母親的懷裡撒嬌。也許，當時我實在年幼無知，還未懂得甚麼是生離死別，未能把握和母親一起的時間，唯一記得的一段回憶是：有一次我跟父親到醫院探母親，只見父親和醫生都面帶難色，看著卧病在床、日漸消瘦的母親，而天真的我還嚷著要母親和我玩耍，我握著母親的那雙冰冷的手，懇切的央求母親和我去玩耍，只可以換來母親的一聲無力的慨嘆，之後只留下一段空白的回憶。每當我想起這段回憶，那雙冰冷的手、那聲無力的慨嘆，我都不禁啜泣起來。我的童年，我對母親的追溯，和這個嚴冬的寒風相比起來，看來還要冷得多。

因為母親早逝的緣故，我明白父親要照顧我同時又要兼顧工作是十分辛苦的，所以我從不敢向父親要求甚麼，別說像其他小朋友可以嚷著要買東西，我根本連要求父親星期天帶我上街也不敢，亦養成了我內向的性格。平日我只喜歡呆在家裡看書，從而養成我自幼喜歡閱讀的習慣，我亦十分珍惜父親送給我的每一本圖書，尤其是童年的每一本童話集和寓言，今天還放在我房間的書櫃裡。隨手翻開其中一本，也不難找到我小時候的塗鴉，回頭細看，這少許的傑作也許代表了我心靈上的一點安慰和滿足。童年的我也許可以為了父親送的一本圖書而笑足一整天，物質享樂對我來說不重要，父親一份關懷和愛護來得更加真切。

我想，很久沒有牽過父親的手，孩子長大後都想離開父母，代表自己成熟和長大了，我卻只渴望再牽一牽父親的手。

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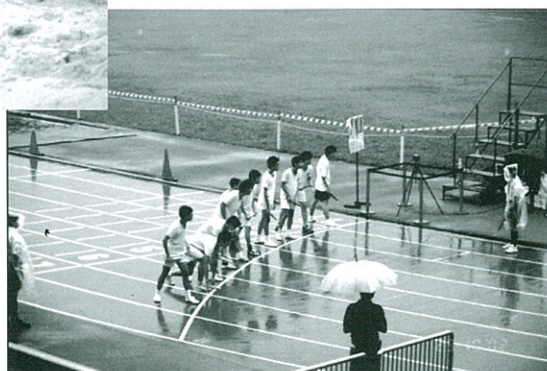
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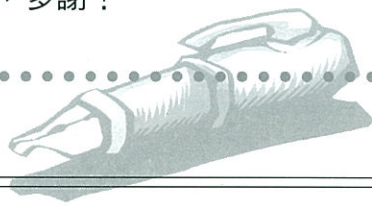


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編者的話

校長、各位老師、各位同學，大家好！我是今年校報總編輯趙楓。首先，我們要向所有曾經為《進言》出過力的老師和同學致以深切謝意。今年的《進言》除了保留廣受歡迎的環節——「老師睇真D」外，還加入了「校園大搜查」，為同學詳細介紹校務處的工作，相信大家都很有興趣知道報考公開試和印製成績表的過程吧！此外，我們訪問了已退休的吳文業老師，請他和大家分享一下他的退休生活。希望今期的校報能增加大家對校園的認識。我們誠邀大家一起欣賞，多謝！



本年度校報得以順行完成，實在有賴以下人士的熱心參與和協助，在此謹代表校報編輯組向他們致謝：（排名不分先後）

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Interview with Our New Teachers

Part I

1. What did you do before you came to Salesian School?

I was a NET (Native English Teacher) teacher in another school for four years. Beforehand, I was a university lecturer in Australia.

2. Why do you choose to become a teacher?

I think I understand how people learn. As I taught myself to learn, I thought I could teach other people to be successful.

3. What impressed you most when you first came to our school?

It is the good relationship between the staff and the administration. The students were also very friendly towards me and willing to respond to me.

4. Did you face any problems in your work here?

Yes. The biggest problem is getting the English Corner set up because when I came, it was moved and it was a mess. I needed to spend a lot of hours getting things fixed and in good order.

5. What should our students do to improve themselves?

They have to prepare for oral lessons because you can only speak about something you have thought about. If they are prepared, they will be confident of using the right words to express their ideas.

6. How can students improve their English standard?

Well, they have to be aware of what their standard is, and what their major problems are. Generally speaking, they can improve their writing, speaking and reading by having more opportunities to practise. To provide these opportunities, the English Corner has a reading group at lunchtime. It has a book reading section and a section showing English movies. I think they can join the groups. Identify your problems and participate in the activities that the school provides. Prepare, participate and believe in yourself!



Ms Maureen Bushell

The 21st Larynx ■

1. What impressed you most when you first came to our school?

The school has lots of good facilities, which provide a nice and warm environment for students.

2. What do you think about Salesian School boys?

They are polite, well-behaved and participate actively in extracurricular activities.

3. Which subjects do you teach?

I teach Mathematics in F.2 and F.3, Integrated Science in F.2 and Computer in F.1 and F.2.

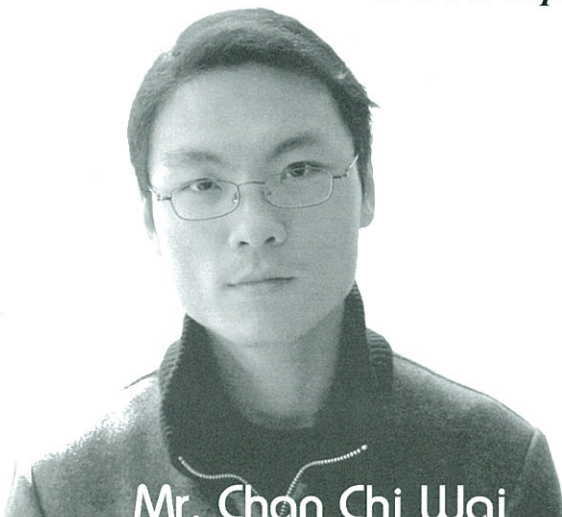
4. Why do you become a teacher?

I like to share my knowledge with students and communicate with them.

5. Are you in charge of any extracurricular activity?

Would you mind telling us something about that?

I am in charge of IT club and some computer courses for members and their parents. We have organized a joint-scheme with our primary school, which offers some courses to the parents of our primary students.



Mr. Chan Chi Wai

Interview with Our New Teachers

Part II

1. As you are a former student of Salesian School, would you tell us something about Salesian School in the past?

The campus was much better, cleaner and more organized. Students were well taken care of in better and more comprehensive ways.

2. How do you feel about the Salesian boys of the past and your 'younger brothers'?

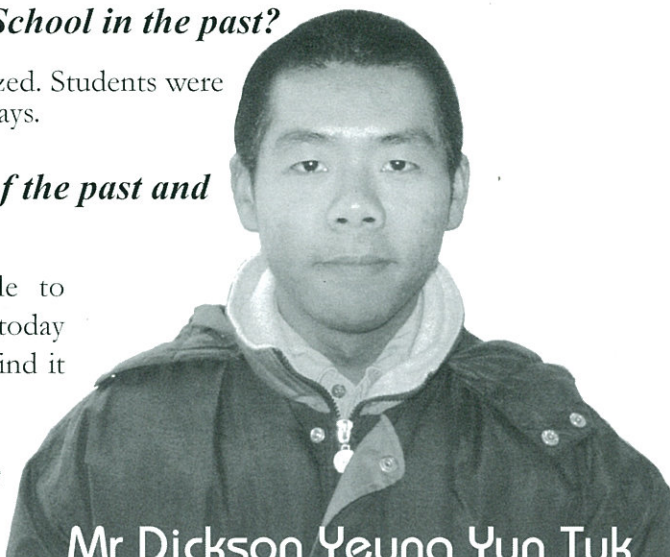
The past ones were more diligent and were able to concentrate on studies more easily, whereas the boys today are facing a variety of temptations from outside and find it hard to focus on academic studies.

3. Did you come across anything memorable over the years when you were studying?

Yes, I once played with the dead body of a white mouse after a dissection lesson in my F.6 studies. Ms Lee, my Biology teacher, let me know how serious my mistake was. She was so kind and gave me very little punishment. She's one of my most beloved and respectful teachers in my heart.

4. Would you give our students some advice?

Take your time to play, take your time to study. Play hard and study hard at the right time. Stick tightly to a well-planned working timetable.



Mr. Dickson Yeung Yun Tuk

The 21st Larynx

1. Would you mind telling us something about your mother school?

In fact, my mother school is in Canada. And there are helpful teachers, especially English teachers. They are nice and always encourage students to read English books.

Moreover, the learning atmosphere is good. The students are cooperative with the teachers. They are hard-working, and they have developed strong team spirit. They tried to speak English even if they are not so good at English and I think Salesian students should try to do so.

2. Would you suggest some ways to help our students improve their English?

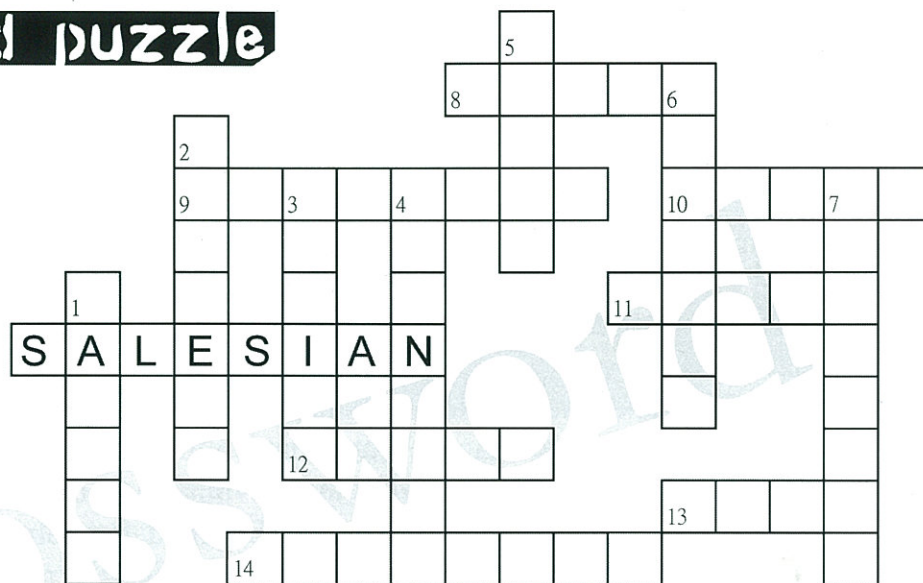
They should try to talk to each other in English. And they can find some difficult vocabulary from books or dictionary to test their friends. They can also read English books during the Morning Reading Session or join the English Corner or English Society. To improve spoken English, students can talk to English teachers in English, especially with Ms Bushell, our NET teacher.



Ms. Tsang Wing Hang

Games

crossword puzzle



Down:

1. (n) The name of this magazine.
2. (n) A place where people may buy and eat food, drinks, sweets, etc.
3. (n) There is a long _____ at the entrance of our school.
4. (v) To continue to have, do; to keep in good condition.
5. (adj/n) Similar meaning to "all".
6. (n) The state of being very poor.
7. (adj) Dependent on; unable to stop having, taking

Across:

8. (adj) The same meaning as "inexpensive".
9. (n) We have morning _____ every day at our school.
10. (adj) Very necessary; of the greatest importance.
11. (adj) Thinking too well of yourself.
12. (v/n) Frighten; to become afraid.
13. (n/adj) Something copied as a trick.
14. (n) A young person between the ages of 13 and 19.

Word Fun

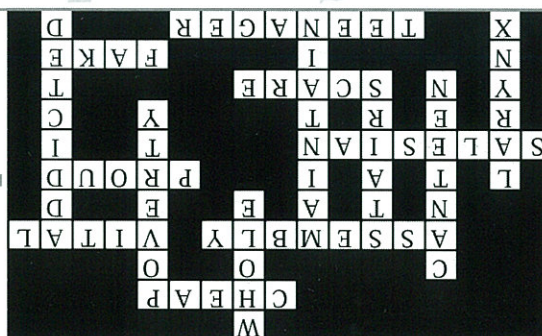
Mrs Chan is going to the supermarket with this puzzling list.
Change one letter in each word to spell the food items she needs to buy.

1. Park 2. Mean 3. Cord 4. Canny 5. Beach 6. Jolly

Answer of Crossword puzzle

Answer of Word Fun

1. Pork 2. Bean 3. Corn
4. Candy 5. Peach 6. Jelly



Students' Gallery

When the Typhoon Signal no.8 was Hoisted

'Boom!'

'What's that noise?' I murmured.

It was the early morning. I was trying hard to fight against my strong eagerness for sleeping. Eventually, I won the battle and went to the washroom. I was so tired that I didn't want to find out what the sound was.

It would be the same exhausting day, I thought. After breakfast, I had to go to school. When that thought came across my mind, I couldn't avoid yawning for it.

After washing my face, I turned on the television purposelessly. Although I was still a little bit dreamy, I immediately discovered there was a typhoon signal number eight on the screen.

I raised my eyebrow. That was unbelievable! I rushed to the window and looked out into the street.

The scene was so familiar to me. It was raining dogs and cats. The wind blew wildly at the pedestrians. It was difficult for them to move an inch in the streets, which had now become the graveyard of the broken umbrellas. The bright lightning seemed to tear off the ground.

But all those weren't my business. It was impossible for me not to scream triumphantly: I needn't go to school! My emotion was as high as a prisoner who was just released after years of imprisonment.

But the exciting feeling didn't last long. Turning around, I could see the terrible view on the TV screen. I was petrified and could not believe my eyes. Some people were buried in the soil due to the landslide. They yelled for help desperately. Many villages in the New Territories were flooded. Some were even swallowed by the massive wave.

I was shocked. My happiness was just the tragedy of others. When we were grateful for the holiday due to the typhoon, other suffered a lot from it. We now became heartless by knowing too many tragic news and we gradually showed no sympathy to the victims. Were we too self-centered? Did we care too much about ourselves?

When staring at the TV again, I recalled some lines in a poem of Shakespeare:

Blow, blow, thou winter wind,

Thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude.

My favourite Sport By Wong Pui Wai F.4B

My favourite sport is swimming. It is a good exercise. It is beneficial to me and other people, especially for our health.

For personal health, we can move every part of our body when we swim, so it can strengthen our body. And it is also good for our mental health. When we swim, we will forget all the bad things which always make us feel unhappy and annoyed.

Moreover, swimming is very useful to us. If we know how to swim, we can save the others in the water and reduce the danger of drowning. So when we are boating or doing something about water-sport, we will be safe and relieved.

And the cost of the sport is also one of the reasons why I like swimming. First, we don't need special equipment. We only need a swimsuit when we are swimming. Second, it is the cheap entrance fee that attracts me. It is low for swimming pools and the public beaches are free of charge. So swimming is an inexpensive fun.

In conclusion, swimming is not only beneficial to ourselves in physical health and mental health, it is also an inexpensive sport. So I like swimming very much.

By Cheung Ka Ki F.4B



Is It Worthy?

There has been much controversy about the legalisation of football gambling. Some believe that the spread of the gambling atmosphere will be detrimental to the society, while others believe the proposed policy will be suitable for dealing with the budget deficit of the Hong Kong Government.

Dr Ho Chi-ping, the Secretary for Home Affairs, claimed that the legalisation of football gambling is the best method to stop illegal soccer betting, and it can even reduce the cost of fighting against illegal bookmakers. Besides, the Government can also get tax revenue from the gambling of football matches. Furthermore, the Hong Kong Jockey Club, which is going to have a five-year licence of managing soccer betting, is a non-profit-making charity organisation. The money it gets from gambling will pour into charity organisations and welfare projects, so the gamblers can help others and they can also have fun. It really sounds great!

But those who support the legalisation of football gambling may have neglected the seriousness of the consequences. After soccer betting has become legal, more and more people may be tempted to try it. Soon, they may become addicted or pathological gamblers. These addicted or pathological gamblers may develop bad temper, which will directly affect their relationship with family or friends.

Other than the above personal problems, the legalisation of football gambling will also cause social problems. Firstly, the gambling atmosphere will pollute people's minds, and this may lead to the misunderstanding that one can gain easily without paying anything. Our traditional value system will be undermined, because from the past to the present, it has been universally accepted that one should work very hard in order to get their rewards. If the legalisation is passed, will it go the opposite way and weaken our moral standard? Secondly, football matches should be fair competitions, but with the intervention of gambling activities, corruption among players and bookmakers may become rampant. If the Hong Kong Government pass the legislation, this will certainly cause many Hong Kong people to neglect the spirit of football matches.

Considering the issue of legalising football gambling, although the Government may get extra revenue to deal with the financial deficit and they may be able to minimize illegal soccer betting, the personal and social problems that may arise from the legalisation are much more important than the financial deficit. So, in my opinion, the legalisation of football gambling should be postponed until the Government is able to settle all the problems which may be caused by the legalisation.

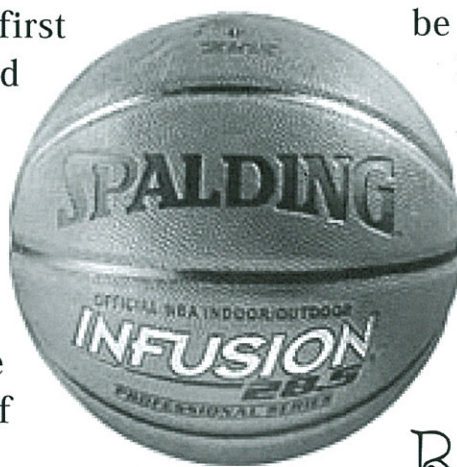
By Johnny Yip F.6M

Basketball

is a game played between two teams of five players. The objective is to score points by throwing the ball into the opponent's basket and to prevent the other side from securing the ball or scoring. The origin of the game of basketball dates back to 1891 in America. The game was first played in the Y.M.C.A College of Physical Education, Springfield, U.S.A and the first Rule Book of the game was published by James Naismith in

1895. The game was first practiced on suspended peach baskets and these baskets brought the game its name and later peach baskets were replaced by hoops fixed on a pole or board 10 feet above the ground. The game of basketball was first included in the

Olympics in 1936, which was held in Berlin.



Backboards

Each of the two backboards is made of hard wood, and their dimensions are 1.80m horizontally and 1.20m vertically. Borders of the backboards shall be marked with a line 5cm wide. The backboards are set at the right angle to the floor, and parallel to the end lines. Their lower edges are 2.75m above the floor. Their centers shall lie in the perpendiculars erected at the points in the court 1.20m from the mid-points of the end lines.

Playing Court

The playing court is a rectangular hard surface free from obstructions and it has 26m in length and 14m in width, measured from the inside edge of the boundary line. There is a circle at the center of the court which has a radius of 1.80m.

Baskets

The basket used in basketball includes two parts, the ring and the net. The ring is constructed of solid iron of 0.45m inside diameter. The basket should

be rigidly attached to the backboards and lie in a horizontal plane 3.05m above the floor. The nets of the white cord are suspended from the rings and made in such a way that they check the ball momentarily as it passes through the basket. The

length of the net is 0.40m.

The ball used for playing is

spherical and made of a rubber bladder covered with leather, rubber or synthetic material.

The circumference of the ball is between 75cm and 78cm and the weight is between 600g and 650g.

Idioms of Fruit

Apple

The apple of someone's eye

A person who is the dearest one to the person specified. (Apple in this phrase originally means the pupil of eye. The phrase is used to refer to someone who is as important to a person as his/her own eye.)

The big banana

An important and influential person.

Cherry

At the cherry

Two attempts or chances to do something. If one makes a mistake or fails to do something, one is not given another chance. For example, one is not often given two bites at the cherry in the world of business.

Grapes

Sour grapes

Feeling of bitterness caused by failure to get what one wants (used to describe the behavior of a person who pretends that something is of no use or value because he cannot get what he wants.)

[referring to a story by Aesop, in which a fox cannot reach the fruit that it wants to eat, and therefore decides that the fruit is not ripe.]

What is idiom?

An idiom is a phrase which means something different from the meanings of its separate words.

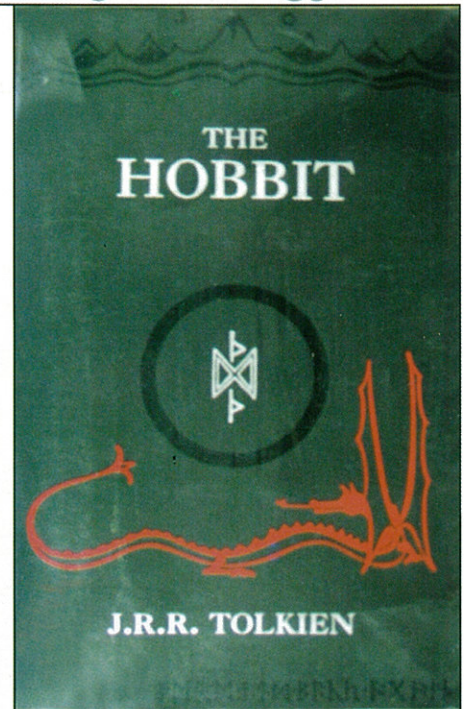
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<http://www.comenius.com/>

The Hobbit - Prelude to the Lord of the Rings Trilogy

Goblins, Dragons, Dwarves, Elves and Wizards originate from JRR Tolkien's famous book, 'The Hobbit'. Readers embark on a journey with Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit living comfortably in his hole in The Shire, accompanied by 13 Dwarves to kill a great dragon living in the once mountain kingdom of the Dwarves. Guided by Gandalf the Grey, the 15 adventurers encountered Giant Spiders, Elven Kings, Goblin armies, Dragons, and so much more, with the story ending in a dramatic battle for the control of the Dragon's treasures. This will be a journey of a lifetime for those who have not heard JRR Tolkien, and for those who have. It will be equally as fun and provoking as his other works. The Hobbit enchants readers through its lighthearted narrative (all seen through the eyes of Bilbo Baggins) and vivid descriptions of the landscape. The book showed us the importance of friendship, courage and self-discipline. The adventurers were tempted by the enormous amount of treasure and fame, especially the Dwarves who were on the journey to retake their long lost kingdom, which utterly led to the great battle at the end of the story. The Hobbit is an exciting epic of travel and magical adventure, which none should miss.



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Brave New World

In the year AF632 in the New World, people are born and brought up by scientific method. The world is stable and peaceful, everyone is happy. They are always happy because they can take a piece of "soma" to relieve themselves of their worries when they are sad. There is no marriage and people can have sex easily.

However, John, who comes from a forsaken place, called Savage Reservation, cannot accept these arrangements. What will he meet in this New World? If you are interested in the story, go to the library and borrow the book.

Wong Pui Wai (34) F4B

