

MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS LIM CHIN CHOY, SJ,
Principal of St Joseph's Private Secondary School, Kuching.

"Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that a son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a nation." – Nelson Mandela.

Education is very important for any society. Education creates the stars of tomorrow. Therefore, education should be for all, regardless of skin colour, profession of creed, gender or economic background. The stars of tomorrow must be formed from all levels of society.

What Mandela, the former first black President of South Africa, said is very true. It is through education that people of diverse backgrounds are given the opportunity to grow and become people of success and people of benefit to society.

Yayasan Lasallian Kuching (YLK) has been doing a great job in providing the necessary help in education to the underprivileged and those who do not stand a chance in our current competitive society to grow more. A window opportunity opens up with YLK's initiative for these students who are from various backgrounds.

I congratulate YLK for its great effort and ask for God's blessings upon all its endeavour. Keep up the good work.

For the greater glory of God.



OPENING CEREMONY IN THE NEW LA SALLE CENTRE, SINJOK



Mr. Peter Yap, Chairman (top left), officially declared open the new centre at Kampung Sinjok on 29.8.2015.

Datuk Christopher Sim (top middle), the Advisor, stressed that the centre would educate the students on learning how to learn.

The Senior Assistant, the Chairperson of PTA, the voluntary teacher and the parents of SK St. Elizabeth thanked YLK for opening a centre to assist the needy students in the villages.

A student mentioned that the tuition lessons given to him has greatly improved his studies. The ceremony ended with sharing of a communal meal (right top).

For year-end 2015, the overall UPSR results of the school has improved from 60% to 68%. Congratulations to the hardworking teaching staff and students. Photo (right bottom) shows the jubilant students on the day when the result was announced.

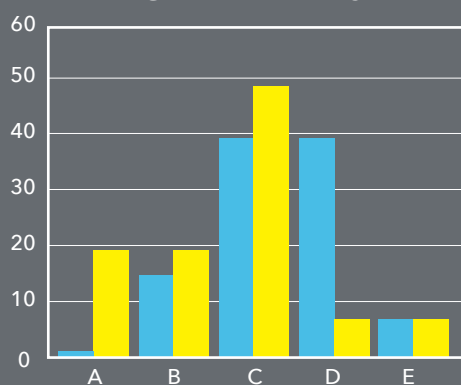


COMPARISON OF INITIAL RESULTS WITH UPSR 2015 RESULTS OF YLK STUDENTS

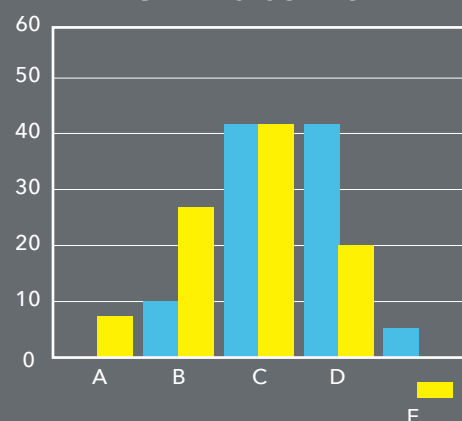
GRAPH 1: ENGLISH



GRAPH 2: MATHS



GRAPH 3: SCIENCE



Initial Results UPSR Results

In 2015, two of our centres did not conduct English tuition classes due to shortage of voluntary English teachers. The red bars in graph 1 show that the results shifted from lower Grade D/E (fail) to higher grade A/B/C (pass). Some students managed to score Grade A.

All of the 7 tuition centres provided Mathematics lessons. The overall UPSR result is excellent. The percentage of Grade A students increased from 1% to 19% as shown in graph 2 above.

We have five centres providing Science tuition classes. The teachers have helped 9% of the students to score Grade A in Science as shown in graph 3 above.

The teachers have greatly assisted the students who initially failed in the school examination and they managed to pass in the UPSR 2015 (refer to Table 1). Table 2 shows individual improvement in Grade.

Table 1

		Eng	Maths	Science
No. of Students fail (Grade D/E)	School Assessment	38	46	38
	UPSR	19	14	18
No. of these Students passed with at least Grade C in UPSR		19	32	20
Improvement		50%	70%	53%

No	La Salle Centre	Supervisor/Coordinator	No. of Students	No. of Teachers	Subject Taught
1	Sibuluh	Supervisor	34	2	Pr. 5 & 6: English & Maths
2	Singai	Supervisor	44	8	Pr. 5 & 6: English, Maths & Science Learning Programme: Pr. 1 - Pr. 4: BM, English, Maths, Art & Social
3	Stass	Supervisor	49	5	Pr. 5 & 6: English & Maths Learning Programme: Pr. 1 - Pr. 4: BM, English, Maths, Art & Social
4	Sibuluh	Supervisor	35	2	Pr. 5 & 6: Maths & Science

Table 2

Individual Improvement in Grade		Subject		
School Assessment	UPSR Results	Eng	Maths	Science
E	D	1		1
E	C		3	
E	B		1	
D	C	15	23	13
D	B	3	4	5
C	B	4	11	12
C	A	5	7	3
B	A	1	12	3
Total No. of Students Improved in Grade		29	61	39
Total No. of Students Who Sat for UPSR		61	101	79
Percentage of Improvement		47.5%	60.4%	49.4%

11 students with different learning ability, who have attended our learning programme, sat for UPSR 2015. The facilitators have coaxed them step by step with patience and love for 3 to 4 consecutive years. Some of them managed to pass in some of the subjects. The percentage of passes for BM (KF), BM (T), English and Mathematics are 63%, 45%, 36% and 55% respectively.



The on going donations in cash or in kind and the generous contributions of the voluntary teaching staff and supervisors have provided an opportunity for our marginalised children to learn in a conducive environment.

(Left) Mr. Henry Chuo, Chairman of Sacred Heart School Alumni, handing over a donation to Peter Yap. (Right top) Sarawak Club's members and staff contributed school bags as Christmas gifts. (right bottom) School uniform donated by generous individuals.



ST. JOSEPH'S PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP



Starting from 2016, St. Joseph's Private School will offer two scholarships for deserving students from Yayasan Lasallian Kuching to study in its school annually.

The annual provision of the Scholarship includes:

1. School fee from Form One to Form Five
2. Two pairs of school uniform
3. Monthly pocket money of RM200
4. Text books on loan



Committee members of YLK would like to thank the Board of Management of St. Joseph's Private School for its generosity and readiness to help the poor.

The Scholarship Committee of YLK has selected Genevie Evelyn ak Ariffin (right), a student of La Salle Centre, Stutong to attend Form one class in 2016. Congratulation!

In the meantime, YLK is also looking into the opportunities provided by Montfort Youth Training Centre, Assunta Scholarship, leadership training course and ECM Libra Foundation to help our students to further their studies.

GOOD NEWS - TAX EXEMPTION

After a long wait, finally Inland Revenue Board has approved our application for tax exemption with effect from 1.5.2015. Donors who intend to claim the tax exempt are requested to provide us the following information for the purpose of issuing official receipt.

Full name of the donor or company
Identity card number or registered company number
Cheque number, IBG number (if credited through banking facility)

Donation can be made to:

Name of Bank: Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad

Name of Account : YAYASAN LASALLIAN KUCHING

Account Number : 420 1566 25375

OR

Name of Bank : Maybank Berhad

Name of Account : YAYASAN LASALLIAN KUCHING

Account Number: 511234112258

DVD - A TRIBUTE TO THE LAST IRISH BROTHER IN SARAWAK - BR ALBINUS, FSC

Finally, this DVD (bottom left) was successfully produced and launched in conjunction with the 2nd Anniversary Mass (second bottom) on 4.8.2015 at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Young Lasallians (left bottom) helped in the sale of DVD. On that evening, a buffet dinner was organised at the Grand Hall of ACCPC.

The response from the donors, the Alumni Sacred Heart School and St. Joseph's were encouraging. Datuk Christopher (right bottom) addressed the participants during the dinner. The DVD is available at RM50 each from YLK office.





Br. Mark passed away peacefully at 11am on 5.8.2015, at Castletown.

The following message is from YLK advisor to Brother Columba, Castletown, Republic of Ireland.

Dear Br. Columba,
We are saddened to hear of the passing of Bro. Mark. He taught me scripture while I was in Form Five in 1960. He was a frequent court side supporter during our inter school basketball

games. I remember meeting him a couple of times in the Brothers' Quarters, when he took leave from Hong Kong to visit you.

We wish to let you know that many of us here in Kuching are praying in solidarity with all the Brothers in Castletown for the repose of his soul.

On behalf of Kuching LaSallian Foundation we wish to convey our condolences to Bro. Mark's family. Kindly let them know that our prayers and thoughts are with them.

With best wishes,

Chris Sim



Datuk Br. Charles Michael O'Leary, age 87, was called by the Lord on 24.12.2015 at Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. He set foot in Borneo in 1951. He taught in St. Joseph's School Kuching and in 1957 moved to Kota Kinabalu where he remained until his demise. He was supportive of YLK service for the poor. He was the last surviving member of the pioneer group of Irish La Salle Brothers in Borneo.

3RD LASALLIAN ANNUAL FAMILY DAY

On 28.10.2015, one hundred and fifty participants comprising village head, students, parents, voluntary facilitators, teachers and YLK Committee members gathered at Kampung Sibuluh Community Hall, 30km away from Kuching, to celebrate the annual Lasallian Family Day. The day started with the National Anthem and followed by prayer and speeches as shown above.



This year, English Essay Writing and Spelling Bee Competitions were organised to arouse the students' interest in learning English (right top). Music, dance and lucky draws brightened the day for the families too (right bottom). Lively interaction amongst the students, supervisors, parents, facilitators and teachers from various centres and YLK Committee members was one of the highlights of the gathering (bottom left). As in every Family Day lunch was prepared by the villagers on gotong royong (bottom centre). The day ended with the Family Feast (bottom right) and this marked the end of another fruitful year for La Salle Centres.



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