



Messages from...



The Supervisor

Rev. Bro. Patrick Tierney

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Just imagine. It has been 38 years since the last edition of the Lasallite Junior. The Principal at the time, Brother Henry Pang, has passed to his reward. Yours truly had just begun his teaching career in St. Joseph's College Hong Kong.

It is surely a great act of faith and zeal on the part of the Principal and staff to once again brighten our lives with this publication. Pupils, parents and staff will treasure this magazine and in years to come it will revive fond memories.

As you know, La Salle Primary has recently embarked on a new phase in its distinguished history with the erection of a brand new school building and associated facilities. We all look forward eagerly to the completion of Phase II when we will have our playground, swimming pool and parking lot. The Redevelopment Committee, chaired by Michael Chan, deserves great credit for its work to date.

Let us not forget the hard work and dedication of past Principals, Vice Principals, and staff, old boys and parents. It is largely because of them that La Salle Primary is what it is today.

Let us also not forget to thank all those who helped us to get through the SARS crisis. Their selflessness set a good example for all of us.

My personal wish is to see staff, pupils and parents in love with the school and above all to see every pupil happy there.

A big thank you to the Editor-in-Chief, Mrs. Emily Leung, and to all her co-workers for bravely taking on this task and for doing it so well. Your work will bring pleasure to many.

St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us.
Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!





Mrs. Elizabeth Pau

2002-2003 has been a special year for La Salle Primary School. Upon the timely completion of the first phase of the redevelopment project, the AM and PM school sessions have been merged into a whole day school as of September 2002.

As the Principal of La Salle Primary School in its new era, I was proud to follow the footsteps of the principals before me. It was an overwhelming experience when I stood on the stage of the magnificent school hall for the first time. I realised suddenly how lucky each one of us was to be part of the Lasallian family.

This school year has been a year full of remarkable events. The school had its Orientation Day on the second last day of August, its Blessing Ceremony officiated by Bishop Zen in September 2002, its Opening Ceremony by Brother Alvaro Rodriguez, our Superior General from Rome in January 2003 and then, the Opening Concert that took place on the same weekend. All these happy occasions brought home many old boys. Seeing their smiling faces brought back many joyous memories.

In late March 2003, class was suspended as the SARS outbreak hit Hong Kong. It was a once in a lifetime experience for the pupils and teachers. Nevertheless, our spirit was never dampened. With the help of modern information technology, all the teachers and pupils were teaching and learning respectively, making the most of the newly launched intranet of the school.

The new school upholds the traditions of La Salle by encouraging pupils to participate in different competitions all through the year in the region. As a result, numerous prizes have been won in various academic, cultural and sports events. In order to keep the record of all the events and achievements, the school has decided to publish an annual school magazine from this year on so that pupils can keep track of their school days in the years to come.

For this, I would like to thank the editorial group of teachers, Mrs. Emily Leung in particular, who has worked on this magazine since the beginning of this year. I hope each one of you would enjoy reading it. May God bless La Salle and let it be always something more!





The Vice Principal

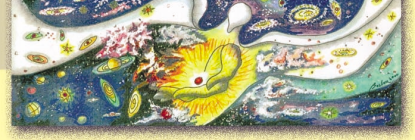
Mrs. Magdalene Wang

Suegana Hiroshi (末川博), a well-known Japanese philosopher, believes that an ideal life should be in three stages. The first twenty odd years on the receiving side prepares oneself for adulthood and career; the next twenty odd years on the productive side fulfils one's duties to the family and society and finally at the age of fifty-five, retires for the pursuance of one's own pleasure. Now, on the threshold of retirement and looking back from the module suggested by Hiroshi, I realise that I may have lingered a little too long in my working life. Nevertheless, with the span of human life much lengthened today, I may, with God's blessing, still have time for a long journey of self exploration trying my wings in new avenues and ventures. It would be quite different from my working life I imagine. Isn't it quite exciting?

My basic duty as a primary teacher is educating the young, to bring out the best of what they are, to prepare them for a happy life and to reconcile with God. Every young heart that I work with fills me with inspiration and courage. Without you, all my efforts would be meaningless. There is one thing I need to tell you and want you to remember always. You must realise how fortunate you are being a pupil of LSPS where you really enjoy an all round education, a quality admired by so many and yet achieved by so few. Active participation in various inter-school activities is one of the many facets that characterise LSPS. It is through the process of these multifarious activities that strengthens your mind, that teaches you caring and sharing, that brings you bosom friends. It is through these competitions that you learn how to make decisions, how to respond to challenges, how to manage crisis and how to plan strategies. All these are essential qualities if you wish to be successful in life. Let me wish you all a bright future. You are my pride and my accomplishment.

Serving in the field of teaching has provided me with many treasured moments and this is hardly possible without the help of colleagues. I believe in team work and that education is a continuous process. LSPS is a school clustered with talented and dedicated teachers and they have always been true and sincere in helping me to discharge my duties as well as to realise my goals. Thank you dear colleagues for your kindness, support, understanding and cooperation. A special word of thanks must go to Mr. Francis Fung and Mrs. Elizabeth Pau for their advice, trust and patience.

That parental help surrounds LSPS is a fact that nobody can deny. We have wonderful parents encouraging us to do things big, do things right and do things with style. Their involvement is enormous. I have always counted on their heroic service whenever I need assistance, in plays, choral speaking groups, picnics and camps, reading corner, cheering teams etc... Often I am simply shocked by their overwhelming enthusiasm. Thank you parents for your generosity, stimulation and endorsement.



If reminiscence is what we cherish in life, allow me to take this opportunity to make a few words of thanks to persons who have given me enlightenment, encouragement and a viable channel to navigate as a Lasallian teacher. I must first of all mention Rev. Bro. Henry Pang, the first Headmaster of the Primary, a true educator with ideal, vision and compassion. What LSPS enjoys today is largely a culture ingrained by Bro. Henry. It was he who enlightened me that the essence of educating children should be one of joy and happiness. It was he who always gave me room for enhancement and development. Rev. Bro. Raphael was a Supervisor with foresight, wisdom and determination. I still remember when the communicative approach for the teaching of English was introduced, schools were not advised to teach formal grammar. As Rev. Bro. Raphael and I both shared the opinion that grammar is essential in teaching English as a second language, he instructed me to stand firm and tell the subject inspectors that we would decide what we teach, not the Education Department. Time proves he is right. Today we are advised to tailor our own curriculum and grammar remains as an important part of our English syllabus. I am also much indebted to Rev. Bro. Patrick, our current Supervisor, for his guidance and advice, particularly for his effort to introduce the true identity of the school - the Lasallian family spirit. I must also pay tribute to Rev. Bro. Thomas for his accomplishment in fostering a closer bond between the College and the Primary. His genuine appreciation of our work in the Primary has given me great incentive.

No one, not in my situation, can feel how much I shall miss you. In this place, where I have worked for 33 years, where my sons were educated, where I have passed from a youth to a senior, I owe everything. I sincerely pray that God will be with me in my retiring days and remain with you for your future endeavours. I bid you all an affectionate farewell.





Full Regeneration



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School Badge

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Star of Faith

This five-pointed, radiant star is the worldwide logo of the La Salle Brothers, *SIGNUM FIDEI* the sign of Faith. It reminds them of the spirit of their institute, the spirit of **FAITH**. This spirit of faith will lead us to Christ just as the star of Bethlehem led the Wise Men of the East to Christ.

The Lamp and the Open Book

The lamp and the book often appear on badges of Lasallian establishments. Together they symbolize study, or the continuous process of learning.

The Chinese phrase : 克己復禮 is unique to La Salle College. It is a Confucian motto which means “To subdue one’s self and return to propriety”.

Chevrons

These form part of the coat of arms of the La Salle family of Rheims, France. There are three bent bars of inverted V shapes. They indicate that we should have **ZEAL** in carrying out our tasks and the courage never to give up.

School motto

FIDES ET OPERA at the bottom mean literally Faith and Works. This moves us to think of the need to prove our religious beliefs by our good works and reminds us of the saying of St. James: “Faith without good works is dead.”