




School Anthem


From the mountains and the islands,
From the cities and the towns,
Different families, different races,
No two people quite the same,
Our difference is our richness,
For there's still one thing we share,
In Genting and across thje world,
We'll always be Highlanders

Chorus:

Highlanders,
We will explore, enrich,
Excel together strive for honour,
Seek for truth and go forth,
To serve our nation and the world,
Give our best in all we do,
As together we go forward,
Highlanders!

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NEGARAKU

Negaraku

Tanah tumpahnya darahku,

Rakyat hidup

bersatu dan maju,

Rahmat bahagia

Tuhan kurniakan,

Raja kita

selamat bertakhta,

Rahmat bahagia

Tuhan kurniakan,

Raja kita selamat bertakhta

The Yorkshire Post

Welcome to the latest edition of the Highlander Review.

It was a great honour to be selected as the new Principal back in January and I have tried to settle down as quickly as possible into the role. It is a departure from the posts I have held in my previous schools but I am striving to bring all the knowledge I have picked up over the last 27 years of teaching to my new position. After a few years of disruption due to Covid the school is starting to get back to normal. We have new and updated sporting facilities in constant use, with our ECA programme back in full force.

Student numbers are starting to increase once more and new students from all over the ASEAN region are joining each month. Currently we have Malaysia, China, Korea and Brunei represented in classes. This term is a very busy time for students. The Year 9 class has finished their Checkpoint examinations, after a great deal of hard work and focused revision. The Year 11 class, as well as a number of Year 10 students, are in the middle of their IGCSE examinations at the moment and are due to finish at the beginning of June. We even have our A Level students taking more advanced exams, with their focus being on moving onto university courses in the near future.



To all our students taking examinations, we wish them lots of luck and eagerly await their results in August.

**Dr Richard Clarkson
Principal**

Parent – Teacher Association Annual General Meeting (PTA AGM)

The event was conducted by the school on 25th February 2023, Saturday at sharp 12.00pm. This is an event that will be conducted annually where parents and teachers gather to discuss the school's improvement. At the same time, parents and teachers suggested their opinions in order to improve the school as well as the student's learning. The event was initiated with a speech from the Principal and Vice-Principal where they introduced themselves to the parents. They also thanked the parents and teachers for their continuous support. Next, last year's meeting minutes were proposed and seconded by the parents and teachers. The meeting was more focused on the proposal that was requested by the school teachers and parents in order to improve the school's condition. A series of proposals such as updating books in the school library, improving the school Wi-Fi and buying new projectors for all the classes were suggested by the teachers. Finally, new members of the PTA were elected during the meeting together with two new auditors appointed by the school. The meeting ended with a photo session with the newly elected members of the PTA.



Prepared by,
Sivaranjani Jagaveeran
Secretary of PTA



CHALK
TALK



Graduation Ceremony Student Rep Speech

I am Lim Yong Xiang, currently the head prefect of HIBS. It's an honour for me on behalf of my fellow classmates to be given this opportunity to say a few words. Today April 15th, marks a great milestone for us year 11 to be in the graduation ceremony. It has been a five years journey for three of us, Jin Y ong, Man Siao and include me as well, and two years for Marcus who came to join us in 2021. Our journey at HIBS set the foundation for us to more on to our future undertaking. Three of us came in 2019 and started year 7. When we are still young, having to be away from home and new to boarding life. Jin Yong is the only roommate of mine, and Man Siao is the first student I've ever met. Miss Kim is our English teacher, as well as class teacher. When we are still new and young, she's been really taking care of us. And she is one of our favorite teacher. 2019 is the best year we ever experience, we have experience lots of outdoor activities and school trips. Come to 2020 where the pandemic started, we still have class where the school teachers went online. We continue our studies from home. 2020 is the most challenging year I've ever experienced, majority of students have left the school and we are forced to attend online classes in the comfort of our home to study. We did not miss any subjects. The school continued to have exams which are conducted online. When the MCO was lifted, it was a joy to come back to school to study. At that time, we advanced to Year 9 at the end of 2020. Checkpoint examination is the only target of ours and we spent lots of effort just to get excellent result. We decided to join year 10 arts, as we wanted to study about financial subjects. Fast forward to year 10 and year 11, we get into serious stuff, studying Cambridge IGCSE subjects. In year 10 we are exposed to these new subjects and before long we are preparing to sit for the Cambridge exam. It has been a journey for us getting new knowledge and participating in activities that not only shape our mind, but also our character. To each and everyone from the teachers and boarding staffs. To the kitchen, to the maintenance, and to the cleaners for taking care of us when we are here at HIBS. My classmates and I year 11, and stand proud to be acknowledged in the graduation ceremony. Thank you.

Student Rep
Lim Yong Xiang
15 April 2023



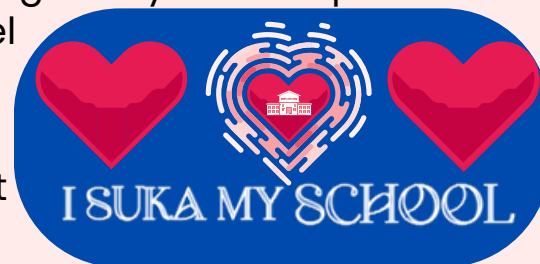
2023 FOUNDER'S DAY

Dr. Thio Chan Bee

EDUCATIONIST,
POLITICIAN
1904-1978



On 3rd April 2023, the school celebrated this year's Founder's Day in an informative and educational approach. The article on our Founder was distributed to all the classes one week before the celebration for the students to read and study his legacy. The Deputy Principal presented the biography in PPT on Dr. Thio Chan Bee (1904-1978), the founder of the school during the assembly. The challenges of his childhood days, his excellent academic performance in the Cambridge Examinations, his dedication in his career as a teacher, Vice Principal and later as the first Asian Principal of the Anglo Chinese School in Singapore were highlighted in the presentation. He was also teaching in Sunday School and actively involved in Church activities. As a fully committed Christian whose life decisions were guided by God, holding himself to high moral standards. His teaching encompassed the values of hard work, cooperation, encouragement and Christian principles. He strongly believed in aspiration, inspiration, perspiration and perseverance can only lead to success in life. In 1968, he founded the Association for the Promotion of Higher Education in Malaysia (APHEM) with several distinguished personalities to promote Dr. Thio's vision of using education as a medium to foster interracial and interreligious understanding, goodwill and cooperation among young Malaysian. Despite several obstacles that arose, APHEM continued to excel and eventually established Kolej Genting Highlands into Sekolah Menengah Highlands and later went through an expansion to incorporate Highlands International Boarding School. In commemoration of Dr. Thio's efforts, dedication and vision, the school celebrates his birthday every year as Founder's Day to remind all Highlanders to always explore their talents, enrich themselves by facing and drawing strength from all obstacles and excel in whatever they do for the betterment of their own lives, families, the society, the nation and the world. The highlight of the celebration was where the students and teachers were engaged in a quiz on the Founder via google forms. For the follow up activity, several literature on Dr. Thio were recommended for further reading for both the teachers and students of HIBS.



Swimming Carnival

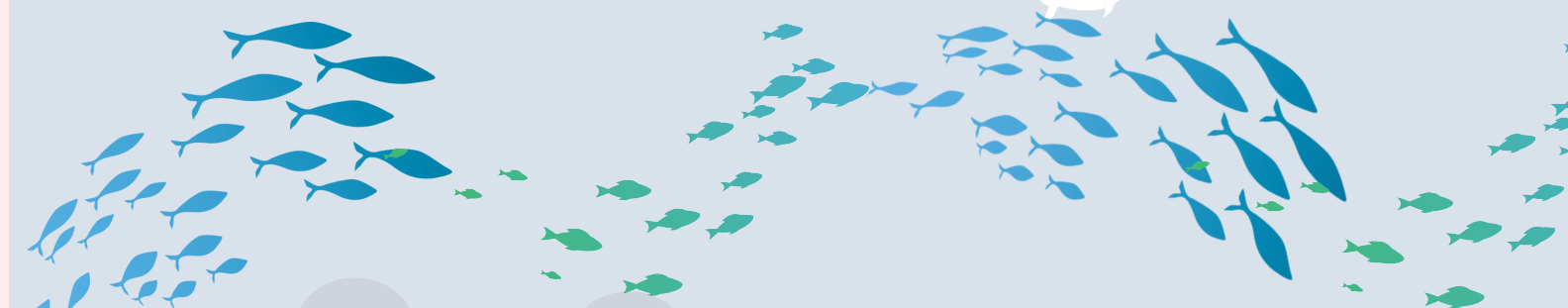


On 25th February 2023, the school Annual Swimming Carnival was conducted successfully. Preparations started three weeks before the event took place. Committee members were well prepared, and students practice sessions were divided into activities which were swimming, and march past. As students were very eager and excited of the event, preparations and practice sessions went very smoothly with very good attendance presented by the students and teachers.

On the day itself, students took their breakfast as per normal, which is at 7:00 am. Preparations took place afterwards and the event started at 8:45 am. The event was blessed with clear weather afterwards. Event started with march past by the students and continued with flag raising ceremony, the Malaysia national anthem, Pahang state anthem, and school song were sung. The event followed by a sports pledge recital led by Lim Yong Xiang from Year 11. Appointment of the pledge reader was based on his position as the Head Prefect of the school. Dr. Richard John Clarkson gave the welcoming speech and also an opening speech.



Before the main event began, preparations of swimmers took place, including warm up and motivational talk by house captains. Committee members were all set up by the time the event started, and students were well prepared. Swimming event started at 8.45 am with 25m Freestyle for Girls and ended with a prize giving ceremony for the overall champion for the 20th Swimming Carnival. A total of 6 swimming events took place this year, with many new talents found.





Christmas, New Year and CNY dinner

Highlands International Boarding School (HIBS) in Malaysia held a grand 3-in-1 celebration encompassing Christmas, New Year, and the Chinese New Year on February 11, 2023. The HIBS community was joined by twenty-two Korean students and their accompanying staff. The event began with a Lion Dance at the foyer, symbolising the arrival of good fortune for the upcoming year. Following the performance, Mr. K. Haridas, Chairman Council of Management, APHEM, and Dr. Richard Clarkson, the Principal, addressed the gathering.

The celebration venue was festively adorned with Christmas trees, Chinese lanterns, and various ornaments. A sumptuous feast of various tasty dishes, desserts, and Christmas cakes were served. Each attendee was also presented with a door gift. The evening was filled with laughter, conversation, and a vibrant array of performances, including a yo-yo display, dances, and songs by HIBS students and visiting Korean guests. Mr. Haridas introduced the Guest of Honour, Mr. Ang Chee Meng, Deputy Principal/Guru Basar. The evening continued with lucky draws, more performances, and certificate distribution, culminating with the Principal presenting a token of appreciation to Mr. Meng. The event concluded with a group photo session, marking a time for the HIBS family to celebrate their diverse cultural heritage and welcome the new year. The celebration ended at 10 pm, leaving behind memories of a joyful and inclusive gathering.

**Prepared by
Bobby Sam**



Ethics in Education

The 'Ethics in Education' training programme was held on 31 March 2023 in Highlands International Boarding School (HIBS) in line with its ethics programme. The school invited two speakers – Dr Nagiah Ramasamy, Associate Prof of HRM/IR, Sunway University (Retired) and Prof Datuk Denison Jayasooria, Society for Promotion of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Dr Nagiah, an ethics practitioner and educator with 27 years of administrative and teaching experience, started the session by defining 'What is Ethics'. He stated that ethics refers to the moral value of human conduct and moral principles that control or influence a person's behavior. Ethics deals with standards set by organisations or professional bodies to regulate members' behavior in the profession.

Dr Nagiah's posed four questions that one should consider when determining if one's action is ethical and they are:

1. Child on your shoulder: Are you OK for doing the action, even if your children are watching?
2. Front paper story: Would you feel OK if the action/behaviour become the front-page story in your local newspaper?
3. Golden rule: Are you comfortable for being on the receiving end of this action or decisions?
4. Rule of universality: Would you be OK if everyone in the world would behave or act that way?

Dr Nagiah went on to highlight acts of unethical behaviour in educational institutions that must be avoided. He then went on to state that teaching is a noble profession that is held in the highest esteem, and teachers are seen as role models by all stakeholders. Unethical conduct destroys trust and respect among other teachers, students, parents, and most importantly the institutions they represent. Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria, President of Society for Promotion of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) started his talk saying he wanted us to do some reflection on ethics in present day context. The ethical challenges globally are reflected in the rising level of corruption and abuse of power globally. He said, in this day and age there is parental difficulties and crisis in parenting. This puts pressure on teachers in school. The teaching profession today is not only to produce academic student, but to mould and instil in students ethical and moral characters and develop them as leaders in community. The way the teacher act is the lesson to both students and community as well as how they should live. Dr Denison draw on some universal thoughts and highlighted the saying from Dada Bhagwan that states: "In this world, it is not possible to forget about obligation of three people: father, mother and guru; the one who has made us walk on the correct path." He went on to say that the teaching profession plays a great contributing role in shaping and igniting young minds and be models where students can be reminded of the right approaches to ethical and moral conduct that impacts the future. After the talk, the printed HIBS Code of Conduct was distributed to all present by the human resource department.

**Report by: Ms. Maureen Keasbery
15 April 2023**

NOOKS

BETWEEN

