

IN TANDEM

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The President's Note

- Jan 2023



Dear Fairfield Family,

I bring greetings to you on behalf of **The Fairfield Methodist Schools Alumni Association (TFMSAA)**. A happy and blessed 2023 to you and everyone at home and I hope you have had a fruitful holiday during the Nov/Dec period in 2022.

We were delighted to host our 134th Founder's Day Dinner on 4th Aug 2022 over at Sheraton Towers after a hiatus of 2 years, attended by some 400 members of the Fairfield community as well as other guests. The theme for that night was Talent Time and everyone at the dinner was treated to a wonderful performance by Sing! China Alumnus Joanna Dong as well as renditions from 6 finalists (individuals and groups) as they compete for attractive prizes during the singing competition. There was also the photo booth setup, and many took the opportunity to take shots with their classmates, colleagues, and friends during the course of the dinner. Of course, the celebrations wouldn't be complete without singing with our school song and hymn along with the birthday cake and song. It was truly a night worth toasting to our rich school history and heritage.

On 25th October 2022, we celebrated the end of Primary Six Leaving Examinations with our Primary 6 students with a Hotdog Day event. All the graduating students and their teachers were treated to a warm hotdog bun with an array of sauces proudly catered by the Alumni Association. This is our way of showing that we are always there with the staff and students throughout their

Fairfield journey as well as to encourage our students to choose Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary) as their school of choice when they embark on their next phase of education.

2023 will be a special year for the Fairfield family as we celebrate the 135th year of our founding in 1888. Everyone can look forward to a slew of activities organised by our Alumni Association as well as our Primary and Secondary Schools.

We will be kicking off in 2023 with a Welcome Tea Reception for our new Alumni members on Sat 18th Feb 2023. This will be followed by our Annual General Meeting in the afternoon.

Come celebrate with us when the Fairfield Carnival takes place in April. This year, the Carnival will be organised by Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary), and there will be many games and food stalls. Whether you are a staff, student, parent, or an alumnus of Fairfield, let us come together to meet and support our beloved school. This event only happens once every 5 years so purchase your tickets early and let's have fun in April. Should you wish to help out at the Carnival or wish to sponsor food or prizes for the event happening on Sat April 29, 2023, please feel free to get in touch with us too.

On July 28th and July 29th this year, the Fairfield Methodist School (Primary) (FMSP) will be staging a musical over at Victoria Theatre. The stage performance is directed by Mr Dwayne Lau, with music helmed by Fairfield alumnus, Ms Elaine Chan and will showcase the talents of our Fairsians. This musical will

also, in the words of Mdm Law Li Mei (Principal, FMS(P)), share 'a powerful message of courage, resilience and hope as we showcase the artistic young talents that God has placed in Fairfield.' Do mark your calendars and book your tickets early before they are sold out!

Finally, we will have a combined School Founder's Day service in the morning on Friday 4th Aug 2023 before our highly anticipated 135th Founder's Day Dinner to be held at Orchard Hotel.

Our Alumni Association will also be launching the Alumni Education Award for a deserving alumnus who continue his or her university education. We look forward to presenting our inaugural Alumni Education Award to the recipient during our Founder's Day Dinner in Aug 2023.

Finally, we want to give thanks to God for 2022 even as we welcome an exciting 2023 for all of us here at Fairfield.

We look forward to your support and participation through the many activities both our Alumni Association as well as our 2 Schools have planned for 2023 for our 135th celebrations this year.

Here's wishing you and family a fulfilling and fruitful 2023 ahead.

LOVE AND BLESSINGS,
Kelvin Ong



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The Fairfield Methodist Schools
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

The Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the FAIRFIELD METHODIST SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ("Alumni Association") will be held in person at the following date, time and venue:

Date: 18th February 2023 (Saturday)

Time: 1.30pm

Venue: Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary) Sunshine room – 102 Dover Road Singapore 139649

All members are cordially invited to attend. If you would like to attend the AGM please register your interest by 8th February 2023 via this link <https://tinyurl.com/FairfieldAGM2023> or through the QR code above.

Should you have any queries, you may contact our Alumni Secretariat, Ms PK Lau at (info@fairfieldalumni.org.sg).

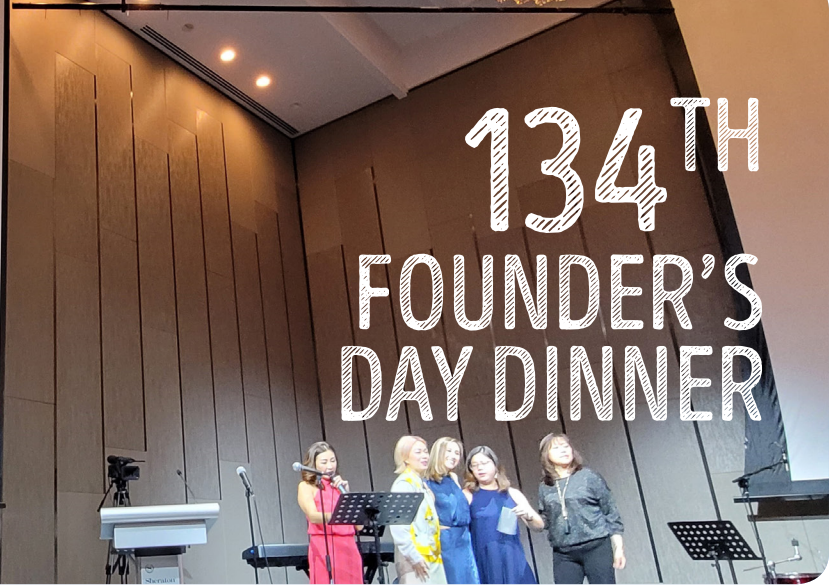
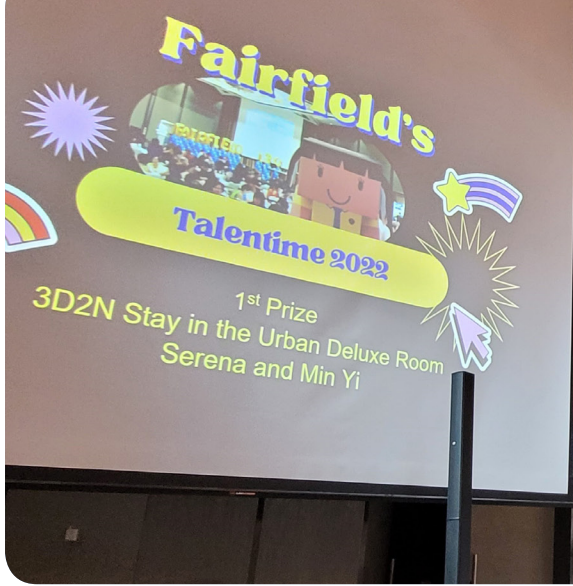
AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

- 1 To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 26th February 2022.
- 2 To receive the President's Report.
- 3 To receive the reports from the Principals of Fairfield Methodist Schools (Primary & Secondary).
- 4 To receive and, if approved, adopt the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th November 2022.
- 5 To elect the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association for 2023 comprising:-
 - i. The President
 - ii. 2 Vice Presidents
 - iii. The Honorary Secretary
 - iv. The Assistant Honorary Secretary
 - v. The Honorary Treasurer
 - vi. The Assistant Honorary Treasurer
 - vii. 7 Committee Members
- 6 To appoint an Honorary Auditor to hold office for one year only.
- 7 To transact any other business of which notice shall have been duly given.

By Order of the Executive Committee

Gracie Eng
Honorary Secretary

c/o Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary) 102 Dover Road, Singapore 139649



After a hiatus of 2 years due to the COVID19 pandemic, the Fairfield Methodist Schools Alumni Association was finally able to hold Founder's Day Dinner this year on 4th August 2022 at Sheraton Towers Singapore. The reception kicked off with a photobooth that everyone really enjoyed – we could finally take photos without social distancing measures! Everyone was excited to see all their friends face-to-face again!

Our emcee for the night was Ms Magdelene See, whose energy hyped us up the entire night. The dinner opened with a welcome speech by the president of the Alumni Association, Mr Kelvin Ong. The gorgeous birthday cake was then rolled out and everyone sang a birthday song to Fairfield before key guests cut the cake. This was then followed by the school Song. *It's Fairfield, oh Fairfield! Where all the world is bright!* Rev Dr Lynnette Sathiasingam then lead us in prayer and thanksgiving before all the delicious food was served.



Ms Cho Pei Lin receiving the Long Service Award (5 years) from Ministry of Education presented by Mrs Joni Ong, Chairperson of Fairfield's Board of Management

The theme for the night was Talent Time, which brought back memories for alumni who attended or participated in Talent Time contests while in Fairfield. It was a night of fun and music, with guest performer-cum-judge Ms Joanna Dong gracing the stage together with the band from High Notes Music Solution. The talented finalists showcased a variety of group as well as solo performances to the enthusiastic support of their fans in the ballroom. Fairfield got talent! Finally, it was time to award the prizes to the winners for the Talent Time. Teachers/alumni Ms Serena Chew and Ms Yee Min Yi won the first prize, which was a 3D2N stay in the Urban Deluxe Room in Sheraton Towers Singapore. We ended the night with the School Hymn and closed with the Benediction. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the program and the fellowship, and we're all looking forward to 135th Founder's Day Dinner!





The Melody of Fairfield

by Delaine Tan (Sec 2E), Lauren Soh (Sec 2E), Daniel Gan (Sec 3A), Kayla Ng (Sec 3B) and Sarah Chan (Sec 3B) (classes of 2022)



As many may know, singing is one of Fairfield's many traditions - one that brings joy to the school. From singing praises to the Lord to famous pop tunes, the Fairfield Choir demonstrates great passion for all kinds of music and continues to nurture this in our students. This was evident in their concert titled 'Iridescence' which was held on 26 August 2022 at the School Of The Arts (SOTA) Concert Hall.

The Choir members chatted amongst themselves as they stood backstage. They were waiting to go on stage. While every other member of the Choir had butterflies in their stomachs, a particular girl simply could not wait for the concert to begin. She could not help but think that all the hard work that they had put in was coming to fruition! Finally, everyone could soon perform the songs that they had been preparing for months in front of their loved ones. The doors swung open. The Choir members confidently walked out onto the stage, ready to sing their hearts out.

The audience's attention was immediately captured as the choir began their

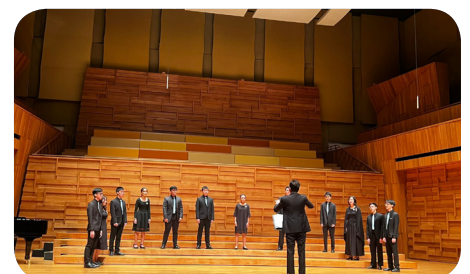
performance with an uplifting song titled 'Why We Sing'. Numerous amazing songs such as 'Hikari Ga (The Light)' and 'Just A Single Voice' were not only beautifully sung but were actually conducted by Fairfield Choir's very own student conductors, Nathaniel and Kayden.

After a brief intermission, Fairfield Choir came back with even more exciting and wonderful performances. Each level prepared a spectacular rendition of their own, singing songs like 'Everlasting Melody' and 'For Good' from the famous musical 'Wicked'. Up next was the last segment 'Disney Dazzle'. Each choir member donned colourful outfits as they sang popular Disney songs like 'Tale As Old As Time' from the well-known movie 'Beauty And The Beast' and 'Arabian nights' from the movie 'Aladdin'. With fun actions and an amazing dance break by student conductor Jayden, this mashup became an immediate crowd favourite.

Although the concert was slowly coming to an end, the audience was not ready to leave just yet! With our Principal Mr Wee taking the

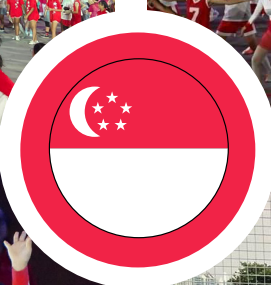
lead, the audience shouted for an encore at the top of their voices, with many of them clapping passionately. Met with resounding cheers, Fairfield Choir was touched by the enthusiasm from their family and friends. It was a delightful surprise, when emcee Liesl took the stage and conducted one last song 'When You Believe' to end the concert. Thunderous applause filled the concert hall as the Fairfield Choir members took their final bows before exiting the stage.

Indeed, 'Iridescence' was one of the inspiring highlights of this year for Fairfield! Not only did it fuel the Choir's love for music, but it also allowed them to showcase their talents. Well done, Fairfield Choir for mesmerising us with your melodious voices and showing that we can indeed flourish as one Fairfield!



FLOURISHING AT THE 2022 NATIONAL DAY PARADE

by Wynstelle Olga (Sec 2E), Kerin Chua (Sec 2C), Kayla Ng (Sec 3B), Sarah Chan (Sec 3B) and Daniel Gan (Sec 3A) (classes of 2022)



They were due to perform soon. The waiting room was filled with students who were dressed in red and white costumes of various designs. While some of them were tense with butterflies fluttering away in their stomachs, others were brimming with excitement. The Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary) students who had signed up to take part in the 2022 National Day Parade, engaged in one last round of practice. They were determined to ensure that their final performance for Chapter 5 would be flawless.

Fairfield was given the golden opportunity to perform in the mass dance segment 'Stronger Together, Majulah!' at the 2022 National Day Parade, alongside participants from other schools. Fairfield snapped up the chance to do so, knowing that it would be a good way to nurture and inspire her students to greater heights. The school called for students to sign up in January and more than a hundred students eagerly signed up for it, knowing that it would be an experience of a lifetime.

Indeed, they put their heart and soul into learning the energetic dance steps from their choreographers within seven months. They devoted all their Wednesdays and Saturdays to the dance practices. As it drew nearer to the actual day, they continued to demonstrate great resilience and unity rehearsing under the hot sun at The Float @ Marina Bay.

Finally, the moment everyone had been waiting for had come. All the Fairfians involved calmed themselves down and inspired each other to do their best. Cheers erupted from the audience as they entered the stage. As they performed, fireworks resembling the shape of a phoenix decorated the sky! The audience waved their glowing lightsticks energetically and joined in the singing. Hearing their voices and seeing their enthusiasm, our Fairfians, invigorated by the show of support, carried on with their choreography to the tune of rousing cheers. At home, many of their schoolmates and teachers tuned in eagerly to catch a glimpse of their friends and students respectively. Fairfield was immensely proud of their performance!

Towards the end of the show, everyone sang the national anthem and recited the pledge loudly, demonstrating the pride that they felt as Singaporeans. Two of our Fairfians also met and shook hands with President Halimah Yacob. As the students left the stage, many of them burst into tears knowing that this chapter of their lives had finally come to an end. Throughout the seven months of training leading up to the actual parade, they had learnt the importance of teamwork and resilience. They knew that they had gained precious memories flourishing as One Fairfield on the national stage, and the ties they had forged would continue to remain strong.



Hoops, Fairfield Did it Again!

by Lee Rae-en Amelia (Sec 2B) and Sarah Chan Xuan Ern (Sec 3B) (classes of 2022)

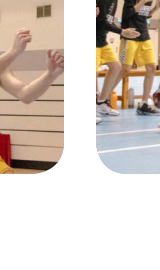
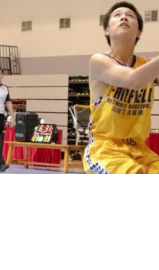


Fairfield's basketball team displayed grit and tenacity to advance to the finals of the South Zone 'C' Division Basketball Championships against National Junior College (NJC). Throughout this competition season, our C division boys showed great teamwork on the court.

"Beep!" The whistle signalled the start of the match as both teams eagerly jumped into the air to grab the ball. When the NJC players had the ball, our boys quickly got into their defence positions, while staying alert and focused on regaining possession. Our Fairfield basketballers' hunger to win enabled them to get the ball back and score their first basket! The crowd erupted in cheers as the basketball seniors proudly waved the Fairfield flag high in the air.

As the game continued, a few of our basketball boys sustained some injuries while battling for the ball during the match. However, they displayed great teamwork to fend off their opponents' relentless attacks. Their display of unity and resilience captured the hearts and minds of the audience, which included Fairfield Methodist School (Primary)'s basketball team members and their teachers. They had gathered to support and cheer the boys on as One Fairfield.

With just a minute left on the clock, Coach Marc substituted in a fresh group of players. During the crucial final moments of the match, silence filled the sports hall as everyone who was on the edge of their seats watched the basketball circle the rim of the hoop before finally falling through with a 'swish' sound. The sea of spectators erupted into jubilant cheers and clapped enthusiastically as the boys emerged victorious as the South Zone Basketball Champions! Their excellence is testament to the nurturing environment in Fairfield where every student is given opportunities to discover and cultivate their interest beyond the classroom.



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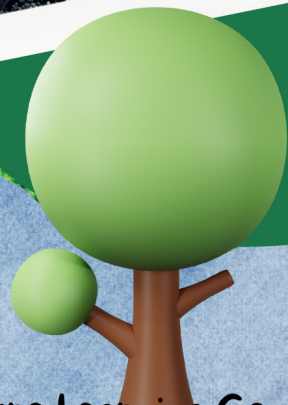


P5 CAMP

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2022



*OALC: Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre



P5 Camp Reflections

The P5 Camp was a very fun way to learn.

We learnt how to help one another and to be

independent as we were away from our parents. It was my

first time away from my family. Initially, I felt a bit scared and missed my parents but after participating in the camp activities,

I realised that I was having a lot of fun! The class got to know one another better through the different activities planned. We got to witness one another's strengths and weaknesses and learnt that teamwork was important. One of the activities required the students to climb over a short wall and in order to achieve that, we had to work in a group of three. Two students would clasp their hands together so that the third one could use that as a step. Then, as a team, the two students would assist in pushing the third student over the wall. If one of the two students chose not to do his or her part, the third student would fail to get over. My buddy was always there to help me. As we helped one another, I felt really grateful that we always had each other's backs. I never felt alone.

What an exhilarating feeling of success when teamwork was evident. There were many other fun activities that required teamwork and we all learnt through play. I was very grateful that we could finally participate physically in the P5 Camp. Due to the pandemic in the last couple of years, many activities and programmes had to be conducted online. Finally, more and more activities are returning to face-to-face sessions. I feel that this is important as we are allowed to interact and mingle face-to-face with one another and experience tasks and activities that cannot be substituted by an online platform.

Written by

Lim Ying Hao Adolphus

Primary 5E



P5 camp Reflections

The P5 Camp 2022

was very eventful and memorable, especially since that was the first three-day-two-night camp since Covid-19 struck. The most memorable part was during the Campfire when all the different classes got to perform. We had been given time during the camp to prepare for a class item. My class performed a dance to the song, 'Bazooka Bubble Gum'. I think the best part of the P5 Camp was when Primary 5C went up onto the stage and started 'Rick Rolling'. We all had a really fun time during that performance. I wish we were able to attempt the 'High Elements Course' during the camp. However, even though we were not able to, I was extremely grateful for the precious opportunity to be able to attend a camp in person and to be able to stay over at the camp site with my classmates and teachers. Many of such activities and school programmes had to be put on hold due to the Pandemic so I had learnt to treasure such opportunities while I could and to make the best memories!

Written by
Charisse Yeo
Primary 5E 2022



On the first day of P5 camp, the whole class was buzzing with excitement. 3 days and 2 nights away from home. It was my first time staying away from my family, so I was extremely nervous. The venue was smaller than I expected, and the weather was very hot. Our class was split into two groups and each group was assigned a mentor to guide us. During camp, we did numerous activities, like outdoor cooking, where we cooked delicious instant noodles with our partner, and bouldering, which is like rock-climbing, but sideways. It was challenging but fun, because we did as one class together. Hiking was amazing too! We spotted many animals such as woodpeckers and mudskippers, and even visited an old military bunker! Sleeping was tough, because we had to sleep on the hard floor, but at least we had our sleeping bags, or else we would never have been able to sleep at all! Campfire was the best event of all. We sang along to our favorite pop songs, performed in front of the campfire, and had dance competitions! We screamed our hearts out cheering for our friends. But the best part of camp was that it brought our class closer together. 5E spirit!

Written by
Naomi Tie
Primary 5E 2022



8 QUESTIONS WITH FAVIAN EE



1. Your full name, year of graduation and class:

Ee Fei-Wen, Favian; 1994; 4B.

2. What were your CCAs in school? (ps: CCA is the modern name for ECA!)

NCC Land and Fairsian Times.

3. What were your best memories of Fairfield?

Publishing my first comic book! Also playing the angel-mortal game, and having my essays published in the school magazine. The history trip to Malacca in Sec. 3 was the first time I travelled overseas without family. I enjoyed it tremendously.

4. Who were some of your most memorable teachers?

My upper secondary form teacher Mr. Marcus Khoo, who was also my NCC Land teacher, left a deep impression on me. The late Mrs. Soon, my Sec. 1 form teacher, encouraged my art by helping laminate some bookmarks I drew. Two of the teachers who passed away in the SilkAir crash also taught me. Mrs. Tan was my upper secondary art teacher, and Ms. Yee taught me literature in lower secondary. I was serving my National Service and came back for the memorial service. It was a time of deep mourning for Fairfield.

5. When/How did you first start drawing? Where do you draw inspiration for your illustrations?

I've been drawing since young and gravitated to creating comics very early on. It was only much later that I realised most of my drawing has been done in service of some kind of story, and that I'm a storyteller at heart. I enjoy writing too, so the comics medium suits me well as it combines writing with drawing.

My inspiration comes from many places - books I read, stories I create, things I see (especially when doing urban sketching and drawing outdoors), and my Christian faith.

6. Other than your recent book "John Wesley: The World, My Parish", what are some other memorable commissions or projects that you have done?

The Fairfield Comic 2 was my first ever published comic. Mrs. Laura Leong helped bring my drawings to print in 1995, the year after I graduated, and the books were sold at the funfair for fund raising. I also used to produce Christian cartoon stationery under the brand Wen's World Christian Comics, some of which were sold at the Fairfield Secondary bookshop in the late 2000s. More recently I was commissioned by the People's Association and Senior Minister Tharman during the pandemic to do an illustration to accompany his Chinese calligraphy. The drawing of a multiracial group of people on a boat in the storm was laser-etched on wood and installed next to his calligraphy (which says "风雨同舟") at Taman Jurong CC.

John Wesley: The World, My Parish is a 100-page full color graphic novel on the life of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. It was a commission by The Methodist Church in Singapore and took almost two years to complete. For someone like myself who loves drawing comics and reading biographies, and who takes his faith seriously, it was a dream project to work on.



7. Do you have a favourite type of topic (e.g nature, people, places) that you like to draw?

Not really. I used to draw cartoons mostly when I was younger, but now I do urban sketching more when I'm not drawing for work. I don't even stick to the same style or media all the time. I draw and use whatever media suits my mood and the subject at the time. It's good to try out different things and that helps you grow as an artist.

8. Any words of wisdom for your junior Fairsians?

Remember that before you are an artist, engineer, lawyer, doctor, or any profession at all, you are God's. Your identity is not in what you do, but whose you are. Steward your gifts well. Not all gifts need to be your profession in order to have value. God made you with unique interests and skills, and these are to be used to bless your fellow man. Surrender them to him and let him guide you in using them for his purposes. Let his Word be first in your lives. There is no greater wisdom than that which we find in his Word.



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