



Academic Excellence



Numbers is their game

Siblings Marcus from Lower Elements (Year 5) and Meredith from Lower Prep (Year 3) and their friend, Aiden Ng also from Lower Elements (Year 5) have made Stonyhurst proud yet again. Collectively, they won six awards in the recently concluded Abacus and Mental Arithmetic National Open Competition Grading Examination 2023.

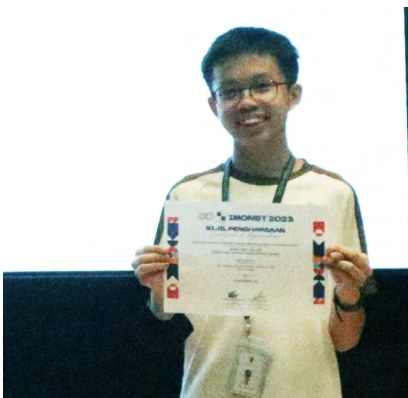
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Persevere and you will succeed

Jason Sun may only be in Lower Elements (Year 5) but he certainly has big dreams. Taking his passion for robotics to new heights, Jason, who is a member of the Assassins Robotics Learning Centre, participated in the Assassins Robotics Festival, a competition for its students, and won the gold medal for his category.



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All the best, Isaac!

We are pleased to announce that Isaac Ong from Rudiments (Year 8) finished 6th overall in the country in the International Maths Olympiad, National Selection Test. This success means that Isaac will be able to progress to the second round of the competition and that he has qualified for the selection camp, with the final test in February. This is an amazing achievement, and we would like to congratulate Isaac on his success.

'My favourite Chinese Food'

We are delighted to share the remarkable achievement of Towako Nakayama from Upper Prep (Year 4), who has dedicated herself to learning Mandarin through online lessons for the past two years. Recently, her efforts were recognised on an international platform when the online school in Japan organised a speech contest. Despite the competition being predominantly adults, Towako's exceptional skills and confidence earned her a well-deserved 3rd place at the age of 8. This significant accomplishment not only highlights Towako's linguistic prowess but also serves as a motivating factor for her to continue excelling in Mandarin studies in the future. We commend Towako for her dedication and success, paving the way for a bright linguistic future.





Our talented Judokas

We're thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our talented judokas at the Penang Judo Invitational Championship 2023! Upper Prep (Year 4) pupil, Tom Hambling's remarkable dedication and skill secured him a well-deserved Bronze Medal, contributing to the vibrant spirit of our school community.

Additionally, twins, Katherine and Karoline, Lower Prep (Year 3) showcased exceptional prowess at the same event. In the 'Girl under 10 years old, weight below 24kg' category, Katherine clinched the gold medal, while Karoline exhibited remarkable skill, earning herself the bronze medal in the same category.

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Perspective and Horizons

A special visitor

We would like to express our gratitude to Daniel Berdichevsky, founder of the World Scholar's Cup, who came and spoke to our Upper Elements (Year 6), Rudiments (Year 8), Lower Grammar (Year 9) and Grammar (Year 10) pupils in a special assembly on Dec 7th. Despite being delayed by Penang's infamous traffic, he raced onto the stage and delivered a presentation that wowed his audience. He included an impressive amount of information about the World Scholar's Cup in his speech whilst managing to make the students laugh raucously! He even gifted the school a new alpaca named 'Jerry'. He has taken pride of place next to his smaller friend, also named 'Jerry', in Miss Burbridge's classroom!



Mock debate



Stonyhurst and St. Xavier's faced off over an excellent Mock debate on Dec 7th. It wasn't just about ideas – it was a party of different arguments and perspectives, preparing our students for the World Scholars Cup! At Stonyhurst, we don't just shape academic minds; we're creating thinkers who are quick, expressive, and ready to take on the world. Our team's arguments, laced with Jesuit inspiration, wasn't just aimed at winning; it was a lively and respectful discourse where all parties were able to express their points of view and make their case.

Field trip to Penang War Museum

The first shots fired in the Pacific War occurred an hour before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, in Kota Bharu, Kelantan. 82 years ago this month, as World War II raged across western Europe, the state of Penang fell to the Imperial Japanese Army. At the time, British propaganda had led people to believe the British Army was ready to hold off the advancing Japanese forces. However, the British evacuated Penang, leaving the local people to their fate.

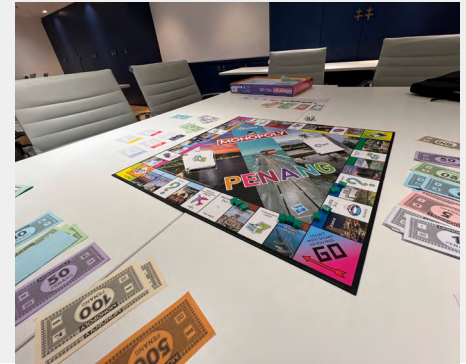
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The results are in!

Stonyhurst Interline Monopoly Tournament has concluded! In the Seniors competition, the team that held the most expensive properties, along with a few sneaky houses, came up trumps, with **Campion** taking the top slot, quite comfortably ahead of the trailing pack, with **Shireburn** mostly unchallenged in second place.

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Faith that does Justice



Let's include everyone

Part of the role of Service Learning Officers (SLO) at Stonyhurst is to identify awareness days and months which they think are important to commemorate and celebrate at school. Their focus for December is on Disability Awareness Day which we celebrated as a school on Dec 4th. The SLOs were inspired by the UN's International Day of Persons with Disabilities which is celebrated on Dec 3rd every year.

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Walking in their metaphorical shoes

When you're young and able, it's difficult to perceive the challenges and difficulties the older generations experience. Which is why, the Lower Grammar's (Year 9) service learning focus for this year is 'Challenges experienced by the older generation.'

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