

# CPASS EAST NEWSLETTER

Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore School (East)

2025/Term 3



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Key Tenets of the School

#### School Vision

A school that empowers students to be active learners in the community.

#### School Values

Confidence  
Integrity  
Respect  
Resilience

#### School Mission

To equip our students with a holistic education to  
Live Meaningfully,  
Learn Continuously,  
Work Productively.

#### School Culture

To Build a Culture of Care and Empowerment

#### School Beliefs

Everyone...  
can Learn  
can Serve  
is Special

Dear Parents,

Term 3 was a cornucopia of vibrant events, celebrations, and proud moments that showcased the achievements of all our students at School @ East. The term brimmed with high-energy activities, so much so that it seemed to fly by in a joyful blur. Each event felt less like work and more like meaningful, engaging learning experiences that our students enjoyed tremendously. Excitement grew from one highlight to the next, each major event flowing seamlessly into the following one.

Our teachers, aides, and therapists worked tirelessly and wholeheartedly to infuse joy into every student's learning journey. It was their passion for the students and the community that powered each project and event. Every activity was multi-dimensional and multi-sensory, crafted with the joy of learning in mind. These efforts created rich learning threads interwoven with the themes of the term. The creativity and innovation displayed by our teachers were truly inspiring.

The many layered events also provided platforms for students to showcase their remarkable abilities when given the right tools and guidance. The happiness and pride radiating from our artists, performers, and athletes as they received their accolades were a source of immense joy and satisfaction for the teachers who supported them along the way.

While each of our students faces unique challenges, their common drive to achieve meaningful outcomes commands deep respect and admiration. The affirmations they receive on stage are not the end goal but a celebration of their growth and determination — the very essence of what SPED stands for. Our teachers nurture every student's unique strength and talent, guiding them toward purposeful accomplishment.

It is this admiration for our children at CPASS that continues to inspire our teachers and staff. Because of them, we persevere in giving our very best to the entire school community. Our volunteers and supporting partners from schools, the community, and corporate organisations share this same spirit of dedication to our students' success. And of course, we extend heartfelt appreciation to our parents and caregivers, whose love and commitment make all the difference.

To every single one of you who is part of this shared journey — thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr. Boo Hian Kok  
Principal, CPASS East

## Special Arts CCA Joins Artbrellah Project Launch

Written by *Ms. Nurul Asyiqin Abdullah, Teacher*

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025, Project Art-brellah, a meaningful initiative combining art, accessibility, and social responsibility, was launched at Toa Payoh Interchange. We are proud to share that CPASS East Special Arts CCA was invited to the launch because CCA member, Joanne Ngoh Pei Sing's artwork, Tree of Love, was selected to be printed on umbrellas as part of this project.

Project Art-brellah is a low-cost umbrella-sharing initiative by SBS Transit and Sharelah SG that features umbrellas designed by beneficiaries from MINDS, SPD and Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore. These designs are transformed into canvases of art to promote inclusivity and care. Commuters can borrow these umbrellas at rental kiosks or purchased via the ShareLah SG app. Proceeds would be channelled to support Community Chest's social service programmes.

The launch was graced by Guest-of-Honour (GOH) Mr Chee Hong Tat, Minister for National Development and Adviser to Bishan-Toa Payoh Grassroots Organisations. Joanne gave a heartfelt speech of her artwork and shared that the Tree of Love symbolized growth through mutual support, similar to how the sky, grass, and soil help a tree flourish. SBS Transit gifted Joanne with an umbrella featuring her design as well as goodie bags. It was a proud moment for Special Art CCA and a celebration of art with purpose.

Artists from MINDS, SPD and CPAS posed with the umbrellas featuring their designs.



Special Arts CCA student, Joanne Ngoh (right) and Teacher, Ms Asyiqin (left) with GOH, Mr Chee Hong Tat (third from left), SBS Transit and ShareLa SG.

## Special Arts CCA Showcased at SYF 2025 Exhibition

Written by *Ms. Nurul Asyiqin Abdullah, Teacher*

**Singapore in Motion**



In July 2025, CPASS East Special Arts CCA participated in the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Art Exhibition, themed "Tiny Wonders, Big Ideas."

Five hundred artwork submissions from all the schools in Singapore, one hundred and twelve artworks were selected for display at the National Gallery Singapore, and the artwork from CPASS East, "Singapore in Motion," was amongst them. Our artwork featured landmarks like the Esplanade, Marina Bay Sands, and the Singapore Flyer, and celebrated Singapore's blend of innovation and culture. A reflection of our nation's ambition and limitless potential, as shared in our artist statement, *"Singapore, a small island with big dreams, blends innovation and culture in every corner."*

The exhibition's opening ceremony graced by Senior Minister of State for Education, Mr David Neo, and was held for two weeks. Students, Joanne Ngoh Pei Sing and Celine Hooi Ji Woo represented CPASS East Special Arts CCA, and was chaperoned by CCA teacher, Ms Nurul Asyiqin Abdullah and Vice-Principal, Ms Suzana Ahmed. It was a proud moment to present our work to the Guest-of-Honor.

We also had the privilege of meeting the Director of the MOE Special Needs Education Branch, Mr Ang Teck Siang, who expressed great pride in our students' creativity and participation. Displaying our artwork at the National Gallery was a meaningful achievement and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our students' talents.



Director of the MOE Special Needs Education Branch, Mr Ang Teck Siang, chatting with Special Arts students, Celine Hooi Ji Woo (centre) and Joanne Ngoh Pei Sing (right).



A proud moment for CCA teacher, Ms Nurul Asyiqin Abdullah and Vice-Principal, Ms Suzana Ahmed, with students Joanne Ngoh Pei Sing and Celine Hooi Ji Woo.



## Haw Par National Youth Para Swimming Championship 2025

Written by *Ms. Hafidah Binte Mohamed Yacob, Teacher*

Another year, another exciting chapter in our school's sporting journey! On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025, CPASS East Swimming CCA participated in the annual Haw Par National Youth Para Swimming Championship.

This year we are thrilled to welcome a new face to the competition team - Joel Wong from Eagle 23A. Through consistent hard work and sheer determination, Joel has built up his stamina and swimming stroke skills. He has shown his potential over the years, and his readiness to dive into competition. Finally, this year Joel made a spectacular debut. He competed in the 50-meter breaststroke in his category and went for the gold! A huge congratulations to Joel for this incredible win. What an achievement, and for making the CPASS East family proud!



Additionally, two of our dedicated and experienced athletes, Siti Nur Iman and Mohamad Shan Rusyaiddi, competed in the championship. Shan delivered a fantastic performance in the 50-meter freestyle, securing another gold medal for CPASS East! Well done, Shan! Although Iman faced a setback due to a false start and was disqualified, we commend her for the sportsmanship she displayed. The courage and perseverance in completing the 50-meter swim, her spirit and sportsmanship are truly commendable.

Congratulations to all our athletes for their hard work, dedication, and for representing our school with pride!



## Racial Harmony Day 2025

Written by *Ms. Nur Raudhah Binte Jamaludin, Teacher*

For Racial Harmony Day 2025, our costume theme came to life through a grand wedding celebration, showcasing the rich attire and traditions of Singapore's multicultural society. Weddings are joyous occasions where costumes, customs, and accessories shine, making them the perfect way to explore our nation's diverse heritage.

The event was proudly sponsored by Loomis Sayles Investments Asia, whose support enabled us to bring in exciting performances and activities. We were also delighted to have 'By Definition' entertain our students with a captivating cultural performance that added to the festive atmosphere. A highlight of the day was the cultural runway, where volunteers and staff modeled wedding costumes from different communities. We are grateful to the volunteers for their enthusiasm in both the runway and the activity booths.

The programme reflected Singapore's multicultural blend: a lively Indian dance, Malay kompang and silat, a playful Chinese gate-crash, and Eurasian flower girls, with students joyfully scattering petals.

Students also explored three engaging booths: a henna booth with intricate body art, a costume booth showcasing traditional attire, and a photo booth mimicking wedding reception. To make the experience extra special, each student received a thoughtful door gift as they entered the hall. The celebration ended on a sweet note, with everyone enjoying a delightful spread of traditional assorted kuehs for Snack Time.

This meaningful event blended learning and fun, leaving students with lasting memories of Singapore's rich wedding costumes and traditions!

Indian Dance



Silat and kompang



Costume Station



Volunteers from Bank of America receiving token from Principal, Mr Boo



## Teacher's Day Celebrations 2025

Written by *Ms. Irene Ho, Transition Planning Coordinator*

It was a day of fun at CPASS East, Pasir Ris, on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The celebrations were organized by Vice-Principal, Ms. Suzana Bte Ahmed, supported by the School Management Team (SMT), for all Teachers, Allied Professionals (APs), school staff, and students.

The day started with morning assembly and a Teacher's Day address from MOE, read by Principal, Mr. Boo Hian Kok. Next, the celebration ensued by the Teacher's Day Concert. Performances were put up by students, APs, caregivers, SMT, and parents. The star of the concert most certainly was the performance items by the parents from Parents@CPAS (P@C). Their performance was fantastic! The music ensemble was led by Mr. Dolph Oh, who played the violin. The best part of the music performance was when the whole hall was darkened when all the lights were switched off, only to be lighted by the light sticks held by the parents and students performing. The glow sent out rays of love to everyone present. The next item, a song sung by parents for all the teachers and staff at CPASS, was composed by Mr. Dolph.

After the concert, teachers, staff and students were treated to activity booths in the hall and Minimart. There were snacks and drinks booths: "Sweet Tooth Station" - giving out ice creams and Vitagen drinks, "One in a Melon Station" – giving out melon juice, photo booth, "Say Cheese, Teachers!"; booth by P@C, "Made with Love for Teachers" – interactive card making for teachers and students; and game booths, "Match & Toss", similar to game stalls at Pasar Malam – matching the photograph of staff to the correct cone, and "Pop the balloons" – interactive virtual game created by students from Beatty Secondary School.

The day ended with everyone going home with a happy and grateful heart – happy to spend time together playing games and enjoying snacks, and grateful for the love and camaraderie shared by all.

Thank you and have a very Happy Teachers' Day!



Preparing the props for photo booth



P@C preparing Teachers' Day!

Interactive card making for teachers and students by P@C



Photo booth, "Say Cheese, Teachers!"





Performance by Parents@CPAS (P@C) was led by Mr. Dolph Oh, who played on the violin.



"One in a Melon Station" - melon juice for you?

"Match & Toss", like game stalls at Pasar Malam – matching the photograph of staff to the correct cone.



"Pop the balloons" – interactive virtual game created by students from Beatty Secondary School.



"Sweet Tooth Station" - Vitagen drinks for everyone!



## 2025 Inclusive Hackaton

Written by *Ms. Suzana Ahmed, Vice-principal*

On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025, in collaboration with Singtel and lionsforge, CPASS East proudly hosted the inaugural Inclusive Hackathon 2025. Graced by Guest of Honour, Mr Shawn Huang, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Finance and Manpower, as part of efforts to empower youths to creatively use their skills to develop thoughtful, accessible solutions for underserved communities - especially those with special needs.

This year's focus was on designing inclusive solutions for children with cerebral palsy. Finalist teams from 14 schools across Singapore—including NUS High School, ITE College East, and APSN Chaoyang School—presented innovative and meaningful ideas, as their submissions for the competition. Over 135 students participated, showing strong passion and commitment to inclusion and accessibility.

Congratulations to the top 3 winning teams:

- 1 Gold – ITE College East
- 2 Silver – NUS High School
- 3 Bronze – Tampines Secondary School (Team XEA).



The winning game, designed by champion team from ITE College East, would be featured at the upcoming 2025 Singtel Carnival in October. All SPED students would have the opportunity to play and enjoy the game. A heartfelt thank you to all participants, educators, and partners who made this impactful event a success.



Congratulations to ITE college East for winning Gold!





# MOE Teachers' Conference and ExCEL Fest (TCEF) 2025

Written by *Ms. Suzana Ahmed, Vice Principal*

This year marked a significant milestone with Special Education (SPED) schools participating in the MOE Teachers' Conference and ExCEL Fest (TCEF) for the very first time.

## ★ TCEF Learning Journey at CPAS School East

CPAS School (East) was honoured to be selected as a host school for the TCEF Learning Journey, welcoming a group of 20 educators from various educational institutions on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025, from 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. The objective of the Learning Journey was to provide participants with a deeper understanding of the unique challenges and strengths of students with multiple disabilities.

During the visit, participants had firsthand exposure to the school's tailored educational approaches, supportive learning environments, and the positive impact of specialised teaching methods. They were also introduced to assistive technologies that support student engagement, participation, and academic performance. Experiencing these tools in action enabled participants to better understand their usability and effectiveness, and how practical accessibility solutions can significantly enhance learning outcomes. The Learning Journey was a resounding success. Participants described their experience as fruitful and enriching and expressed deep appreciation for the opportunity to interact with both staff and students.

## ★ Concurrent Sessions: Sharing of Best Practices

As part of the TCEF Concurrent Sessions on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025, CPAS School East and West were also selected to share their best practices.

Their presentation, titled "Fostering Holistic Development Through the Use of Holo Tracker at CPASS," showed how both schools use the Holo Tracker to recognise students who show school values in different settings.

The session was presented by Ms Faezah, CPAS School (East) and Ms Noredah, CPAS School (West). It drew strong interest, with high sign-up and attendance, and was well-received by the audience.

## ★ Acknowledgement from MOE

Mr Danial Ang, Director of the Special Education Branch, extended his appreciation to CPAS Schools for their meaningful contributions, which helped to enrich the professional learning journey of fellow educators across the fraternity.

## ★ Looking Ahead

CPAS Schools hope that this meaningful participation will inspire both General Education and SPED educators to continue advocating for inclusive practices and stronger support systems, paving the way for a more equitable and supportive education landscape for all learners.

TCEF learning journey



## CPAS School East Celebrates National Day 2025

Written by *Ms Nur Aqilah, Teacher*

CPAS School East marked Singapore's 60<sup>th</sup> National Day with a joyful and meaningful celebration on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The event brought together 2 schools, staff and students from CPASS East as well as student volunteers from Tampines Meridian Junior College (TMJC), in a spirited display of national and communal pride.

The celebration was kicked off by three very confident CPASS East student emcees, who led the school through the National Day Observance Ceremony and an uplifting sing-along session. Their energy and clear voices set the tone for the rest of the event, as everyone joined in to honour Singapore's journey over the past six decades. A key highlight for the day must surely be when the celebration continued at TMJC where the exciting array of interactive booths set up by TMJC student volunteers and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF). The booths offered fun activities, promoting engagement between staff and students from the two schools.

The grounds of TMJC was filled with smiles, laughter, and a strong sense of unity. It was heartwarming to see students from different backgrounds come together in the spirit of friendship, respect, and national pride. As the students return home to continue the national celebration with their families, we feel a sense of pride to be called Singaporeans, proud to have celebrated this special occasion as one CPAS family.

Our 3 brave student emcees  
From left: Phoebe (Eagle 21A), Keyan (Eagle 24A) & Desireena (Eagle 21A)



Phoebe trying the SAR21



Student, Luqman (Dove 11B) and teacher, Ms Raudhah learning about how the equipment is used.





# Contact Tracing and Important Dates

## Important Dates in 2025 Term 4 (15<sup>th</sup> Sep 2025 to 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2025)

### Note on Contact Tracing

Parents, please take  
note.

In case of emergency  
and effective  
communication,  
please update class  
teacher for  
any change  
to the following:

- ✚ Mobile number
- ✚ Home number
- ✚ Home Address
- ✚ Email Address

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| Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2025                                                                                                            | Children's Day           |
| Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2025                                                                                                           | Deepavali                |
| Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2025 to<br>Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025                                                                   | Progress Report Meetings |
| *Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2025                                                                                                          | Graduation Ceremony      |
| Saturday, 22 <sup>th</sup> Nov to<br>Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2025                                                                      | School Holidays          |
| <p>* No school session on Graduation Ceremony Day.</p>  |                          |