



SRI SEDAYA NEWS

March/April 2003

Dear Parents/Guardians and Friends,

Warm greetings from the staff of Sekolah Sri Sedaya. The previous newsletter was written and distributed in February 2003. Since then, there have been a lot of developments made for the progress of our students. It is our pleasure to brief you on some of the events in the school.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The school held a PTA meeting on 22 February 2003. The response from the parents was very encouraging. During the meeting, several issues were brought up and resolved amicably. These issues were related to security, discipline and homework. We thank the parents for their support and understanding.

The following parents and teachers were elected to form the PTA committee.

PTA Committee 2003

Chairman: Mrs Veronica Shepherdson
Vice-Chairman: Encik Shaikh Omar
Secretary: Mrs Lee Foong Pek Wan
Asst. Secretary: Mr Mohd Putera Hamzah
Members: Mr Ricky Lye
Mr Lawrence Antonio
Mrs Premila Mohanan
Mrs Ran Lee Choo
Ms Mumthaz Maidin
Mrs Sharon Leong
Mrs Sally Tan
Mr K Shasi
Puan Nurul Huda
Auditors: Mrs Tan See Miin
Mr Alvin Chua



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Parents who wish to contact the committee members are welcomed to do so.

The PTA committee held their first meeting on 14 March 2003 and the second meeting is scheduled for 10 May 2003.

A Letter from the PTA Chairman

Dear Parents,

Hello! As this is my first letter as chairman I would like to say that I am honoured to have been elected for this post and I hope to do my best to meet up with the obligations pertaining to this post.

I am sending out this letter so as to make you aware of matters discussed during PTA meetings. In the last meeting held on the 14th of March in Sekolah Sri Sedaya many matters were brought up. I will briefly fill you in on this:

1. With regards to homework so that students are not overloaded teachers would list the day's homework on the board so that the next teacher would know the extent of work given for the day.

2. A great concern for the standard of education in the school was also brought up and teachers and heads are working on meeting the required standards.

3. Regarding security more teachers would be positioned at various parts of the school to ensure the safety of the students.

4.1 personally felt the dismissal and assembly time has been much improved, students are moving in a more orderly manner. Good work teachers!

5. The school will have further improvements as the school field will be turfed for a soccer field, basketball field and an obstacle course. I'm sure this is something we all look forward to.

Finally I would like to send out 'a call of assistance' to all mothers out there who feel that they would like to volunteer in any way in the smooth running of the school. For example 'canteen mum', 'bus mum', 'tell a story mum'. Whatever you think you would enjoy doing with the children please do let us know.

In the next PTA meeting the school will let us know the areas in which they most need assistance.

I will end my letter with once again thanking all the parents out there for your support in helping us with the running of a smooth PTA. If at any time there is a need to discuss school matters you may call me at :0126908076

(Mrs Veronica Shepherdson)

I wish you pleasant day.

Thankyou.

Yours sincerely,

Veronica Shepherdson.

(Chairman)

SCHOOL PREFECTS 2003



Prefects Installation 2003

The following students were appointed school Prefects on 24 March 2003:-

Primary Division

Primary 6	Andy Tan (Head) Cheryl Saw (Asst Head)
Primary 5	Jason Foo Nurul Nadia Lye Hwei Myn Frieda Choong Michelle Ng Elisha Leong Nur Jasmin Ding Poh Ming
Primary 4	Khor Wern Cher Rachael Choi Webster Lim Tharane

Secondary Division

Form 5	Norimee Aliya Wong Seng Wee
Form 4	Low Aileen Giam Osheenn Ho Hsin Yang
Form 2	Joshua Liew Alvin Tan Akil Hassan Lau Yi Ling
Form 1 Beta	Tan Kah Chun Mohammad Adrie Wang Wei Haen Neil Winter
Form 1 Alpha	Shayrol Chua Jasmin Yeap Eunice Quah Lim Zhi Jun Kenneth Yong Jackie Loo Keily Wong

In a simple yet dignified ceremony, the prefects were handed their badges of office. The occasion was witnessed by the principals, teachers, parents and students. The principal Mr Peter Tan advised the prefects to carry out their duties and responsibilities with commitment and integrity.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEK APRIL 2003

English Language Week was held from 7-11 April 2003 with the theme "Speak English". At the official launching, the students from the Speech and Drama class acted in a sketch about the irregularities of the English Grammar while the Form Two students gave a "Dikir Barat" style of presentation entitled "Commitment". Ms Akisi, our exchange teacher from the Fiji Islands, led the Form Four class in a sketch "The English Speaking machine" and a lively rapping session.



"Dikir Barat" presentation by Form Two students

The week was filled with activities for both Primary and Secondary students. The Form Four and Five held an interclass debate entitled "Sex Education should be allowed in Schools". The highlight of the week was a Forum on Teens. The speakers on the panel

included the Principal, Mr Peter Tan and the teachers, Mrs Lee, Mr Shasi and Ms Anusha. The panel speakers answered questions on emotional problems and growing up problems.



Sarah Lim of Form 4 won the best speaker for Inter-Class Debate

The English Language Week ended with the prize-giving ceremony. The following is a list of the prize-winners:-

Poetry Recital	Pri 1-2	Melissa Antonio (1 st) Kenny Teh (2 nd)
	Pri 3-4	Shannon Chan (1 st) Tiffany Chua (2 nd)
Story Telling	Pri 4-6	Anthanan (1 st) Cheryl Saw (2 nd)
Story Telling	Fm 1-3	Akil Hassan (1 st) Chua Shayrol (2 nd)
Spelling Bee	Pri 1-2	Sabrina Chan (1 st) Natalia Fernandez (2 nd)
	Pri 3-4	Benjamin Yeong (1 st) Zulaika Mohd Reduan (2 nd)
	Pri 5-6	Muhammad Ashraff (1 st) Khor Wern Cher (2 nd)
Inter-Class Debate	Champion Team	Form 4 Jody Wong Sarah Lim Ho Hsin Yang
	Best Speaker	Sarah Lim
Essay Writing Competition	First Prize	
	Pri 4-6	Michelle Ng (P4) A Pleasant Dream
	Form 1-3	Joshua Liew (F2) A Road Accident
	Form 4-5	Norimee Aliya (F5) My Ambition

FIJIAN NITE

A Fijian cultural event was organised by Sri Sedaya School in collaboration with the Fiji Embassy. Fijian Nite was held in conjunction with the fund raising that Sri Sedaya School parents and teachers organised to purchase computers for the students of Nabua Secondary School. At the same time, it was to showcase and present the Fijian culture.

The event was held at Sri Sedaya School Hall on 11 April 2003.

The Fiji High Commissioner in Malaysia, Her Excellency Adi Samanunu Cakobau and CEO of Sedaya International Group, Dato' Peter Ng were the guests of honour for that evening.

The evening started with a welcome speech by the principal of Sri Sedaya School, Mr Peter Tan and an address by HE Adi Samanunu.

Then, dinner was served from the *Lovo*, the traditional way of cooking in Fiji. It refers to placing of meat, poultry, root crops and vegetables on white-hot river stones which have been fired up for more than 2 hours. Only salt and subtle amounts of ginger, garlic and light soya sauce are added. Not a drop of oil is used. The food items are then covered with layers of banana leaves and a light layer of soil and allowed to cook in their natural juices.

A photo of Ms Akisi Kolinisau before she left for the airport



The Fijian Community preparing the Kava

As part of the evening's programme, the representative of Parent-Teacher Association of Sri Sedaya School, Mrs Ran Lee Choo presented the computers to the Principal of Nabua Secondary School of Fiji. Unfortunately, the Principal of Nabua Secondary School could not make it. Instead HE Adi Samanunu received the computers on behalf of Nabua Secondary School.

Even though the traditional Fiji welcome ceremony was not performed at the start of the evening, everyone was offered the *Kava*, a non-alcoholic drink made from the crushed roots of pepper plant. The *Kava* is served in a *bilo* (coconut cup) and drunk to ritual clapping – once before drinking and thrice after swallowing.

Ms Akisi Kolinisau who was part of the school's staff exchange programme performed a traditional Fijian dance before she left for the airport.

Video clips on the Fiji Islands were presented during dinner. A fashion show by Fijian girls featured traditional Fijian costumes.

Fijian Nite certainly provided an enriching experience for everyone to get to know the Fiji Islands and its people.



The Fijian girls showcasing their cultural costumes