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## Principal's Message

Lock Tao Secondary School is celebrating her 55th Anniversary. I am honoured to be the Principal of Lock Tao Secondary School as we have gone through many significant events together. It is grateful to see our boys and girls developing their own characters and talents. They have reached the milestones when they practiced the "can-do, will-try" attitude at school. If a picture is worth a thousand words, Lock Tao Secondary School should have thousands of stories to tell. This year not only have we passed through a lot of great events to celebrate the 55 years of success with our students and parents, but also we have invited our dearest alumni across the globe to join us, which created another wonderful picture of a big family.

Locktaonians, you have got your whole future ahead of you, which means there are

many more milestones ahead! Your teachers and I would continue to foster your personal development as well as your academic achievement. To help you explore your potentials, we would implement the latest technology and teaching methodology in our curriculum. On top of all the great things mentioned above, we would guide you to be global citizens through a wide range of exchange programmes in collaboration with other secondary schools and universities in different parts of the world.

Life is a union of many individual happenings. When you move forward in your life, every single second of your life has equal significance. Wish you all reach milestones in your own lives.



*Principal Choi Hong Nin, Richard*

## A Message from the Editor

I am honoured and delighted to present to you the third issue of LTSS Newsline. In this issue you can know more about our English activities and be touched by the strong bond among teachers, students and alumni.

How would you describe "school"? If you are asked to use figurative language to describe it, what comes to your mind? From my experience in Lock Tao, I would say home, shelter and nursery bed. By reading our newsletter, I hope you would have a glimpse into the school life of Lock Tao and see how these words become metaphors of Lock Tao.

As educator, we always want to explore the true meaning of education. An inspirational quote from An American writer, William A. Ward says "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." It is not the contents nor chapters that teachers have covered that matter since they are likely to be forgotten in the course of time. In fact, it is the change in the learners as well as the values, the passion and inspiration from teachers that linger on for the rest of the life. It is this change that remains, even after one forgets about the details of what one learned since the knowledge and skills acquired have become part of the person one is. So, teachers in Lock Tao work hard to achieve the ultimate goal of inspiring our students and preparing them with challenges they haven't even faced.

It is therefore the pride and joy of teachers to see the growth of our students and the change they have made. When I was preparing for this issue, I was moved and touched by the flashbacks and photos of the Alumni Dinner and the Speech Day. I have written a poem dedicated to all the graduates and alumni in the section on Speech Day. I hope that all students, graduates and alumni would live up to the qualities of "Locktaonians".

With love,

*Ms. Celine Chan*





# Read Me Like A Book

*"Tell me and I will forget. Show me and I will remember. Involve me and I will understand. Step back and I will act."*



international delegates questions to quench their curiosity and their desire to explore the world. Speaking English has never been so natural as students have the intent to communicate with these foreign delegates to dig in for more information that interest them. In the process, students have demonstrated good communication skills and confidence in interacting with foreigners and more importantly, in a second language that they may not be so proficient at. Yet, from their smiling faces, the eagerness to ask questions and the laughter that filled the hall, it was obvious that students could master English and use it in meaningful and authentic communicative situations.

There are a few idioms about books; two common ones are: "be an open book" and "read someone like a book". These two idioms bear good interpretations with the first one referring to a person who is honest and easy to understand and the latter describing how you thoroughly understand a person. But have you ever imagined how it would be like to really "read a person like a book"? Can human beings be books? Definitely! There were human books available for loan in Lock Tao Secondary School.

On 8th March 2018, the English Department organized an activity called "Human Library", in which students could learn about interesting facts and culture of different countries through "human books" from overseas. These "books" are delegates from Germany, Sri Lanka, Italy and Taiwan. They shared their life experiences, interesting stories and culture of their countries to our students. Students were thrilled by their stories and found these books being the most interesting and interactive books they have ever read.

During the activity, students were keen to ask the

Human Library offers a platform for students to communicate with others purposefully and to demonstrate both language skills and interpersonal skills. In fact, the ultimate goal of learning a language is to communicate. So, involving students in communicative tasks is a good way to enhance students' English proficiency. As the Chinese proverb goes: "Tell me and I will forget. Show me and I will remember. Involve me and I will understand. Step back and I will act."

Let's hope for one day that teachers can sit back and relax while students do the rest!



# PASS IT ON

*"It only takes a spark to get the fire going, and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing."*



Hosanna! With blessings and guidance from Our Almighty God, Lock Tao Secondary School is celebrating the 55th Anniversary. A series of celebration activities were held to mark this joyful moment. There was the Anniversary Service cum English Musical and the Alumni Banquet, just to name a few.

The Alumni Banquet of the 55th Anniversary Celebration was different from the previous

Anniversary Celebration Banquet where we gathered at the school hall to have traditional "Poon Choi". "Poon Choi" is a typical Chinese culture that represents the importance of family in Chinese tradition. The ideology of having the whole family or even the whole clan to gather together to have dinner shows the strong family ties of Chinese and their strong sense of belongingness to a clan. Such ideology perfectly applies

to our school, teacher, students and alumni. We treasure our relationship as a family and our students as well as alumni have a strong sense of belongingness to Lock Tao.

Without those grand but commercial decorations in restaurants, only colourful flowers and balloons decorated in homey style together with the warm welcomes by our teachers, the hall was turned into an enchanting venue that no fine dining restaurants could be compared to. The warmth, the love and the sweet memories of good old days that filled the atmosphere could never been found elsewhere. On top of this, there was a feeling of returning home for a nice dinner after a hard day's work.

The atmosphere was further brought to a climax by a "Candle-lighting Event". As the

Christian Hymn *Pass It On* goes "It only takes a spark to get the fire going, and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing.", we would like to pass on God's Love and the school spirit to our alumni. Our Honorary Supervisor, Dr. Samson Sun, M.B.E., JP, started lighting up the candle and passed it on to our Supervisor, Mr. Tsang Kin Woo, who then passed it on to our Principal, Mr. Choi Hong Nin. Then the vice principals, Parent Manager and President of Alumni spread the light to the different tables. In a while, the dimmed hall was lit up. With the candle held up, everyone joyfully proclaimed "I am a Locktaonian". It was overwhelmingly touching!





# ENGLISH ACTIVITIES IN SNAPS

August - December:  
Public performance by LTSS English Band

September – January:  
Drama workshop and 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Musical Performance



November: Exchange visit by a Singaporean secondary school

January  
Exchange visit by a group of student teachers from University  
of Illinois and Education University of Hong Kong



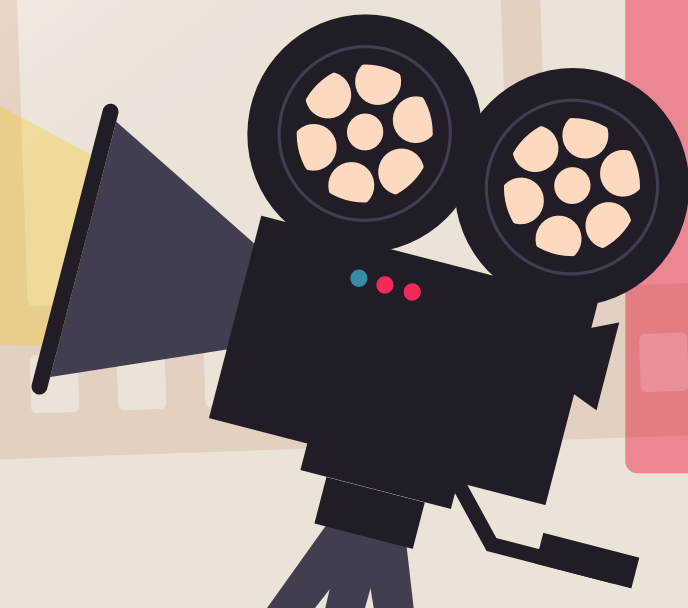
March: Human Library

April: Writing workshop

May: Mother's Day: Express our love to Mom



May: English Kitchen







Presentation of Certificates to S.6 Graduates

# Congratulations Graduates!

## Fare Thee Well

We are honoured to have invited the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene, Ms. Vivian Lau, JP, to be our Guest of Honour in our 54th Speech Day. In her inspiring speech, Ms. Lau, JP enlightened us with a new phenomenon, two thought-provoking stories and three key people. The Director encouraged the graduates to strive for excellence and be perseverant in the course of pursuing dreams.

Followed by the Principal's report, Ms. Lau, JP presented certificates to our graduates. This was an amazing moment for both the graduates and the parents of the graduates. Simply words can never describe their feelings. Memories of their childhood were still clear in parents' minds and looked as if they were not long ago but now the babies in their cradles have become charming gentlemen and ladies in their graduation gowns. It's unbelievable and touching!

After the solemn ceremony of certificate presentation, there came the warmest moment when we showed the audience the growth of our graduates in these six years in photo slides. The photos were not just records of students' school life and the change of their appearance, but more importantly, they showed how our school has trained and equipped students to become mature as well as independent individuals. Then the graduate representative delivered her graduation speech, which touched the hearts of the audience. She expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Principal and teachers for the care and guidance and encouraged all graduates to be brave when facing challenges and hold tight to our dreams.

May our graduates be in God's grace and have a bright future! Hope that they can live up to the motto of their alma mater.

*The Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene,  
Ms. Vivian Lau, JP, giving an inspirational speech*



## Forget Not Yet

Ms. Celine Chan

Forget not yet thy sweetness  
Of so much charm as I have witnessed  
The wondrous time with thee gladly spent  
Forget not yet!

Forget not yet the good old days  
When in the hall the school anthem plays  
Or in sports day the team relays  
Forget not yet

Forget not yet the love hath thee so long  
The embrace from school that thou belong  
Sheltering from storms and hardships hath thee beset  
Forget not yet

Forget not then thine alma mater name  
May the passion and spirit be eternal flame  
Guide thee through the path with blessings and acclaim  
Forget not these!



*The graduate representative giving her touching graduation speech*

Dear honorable guests, school board directors, principal, teachers, graduation classes of 2018 and fellow schoolmates.

I am truly honored to be here to represent all the graduates to make the speech. Graduation is a time when we move on, from school to university, or out to the society. Therefore, graduation is not only an end to a period, but also a commencement of a new period.

As I'm standing here now, my feelings are mixed and I'm sure all graduates share the same feelings as me. In these six years, we have countless sweet memories. At times we're lost but we're finally found. We laughed and cried; we had conflicts and compromise. We experienced failure and success. When we look back now, everything is wonderful and should not be forgotten. Those amazing moments will be forever engraved in our memories.

Time passes quickly and it waits for no one. No matter how unwilling, we still have to move on. After graduation, all of us have our own goals and new ventures. Although we may face setbacks, we must insist on the things we pursue. Thomas Edison once said, "Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration". So, dare to dream and go for your goals. Never give up!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Principal and teachers. Thank you for their unconditional love, guidance and support. To me, school not only is a place to let us acquire knowledge and proper values but also provides a shelter for us to set our minds at rest. Our school not only focuses on our academic performance, it also let us have an all-rounded development in order to explore our potentials and to mould us to be well-rounded individuals. There are different learning opportunities such as, field trips, study tours, overseas competitions, leadership training, campus TV, you name it. All these experiences have shaped us who we are now and have equipped us to face the challenges ahead of us.

Besides, I am proud to be in this cohort since we can witness the milestones of our school. We can witness the golden jubilee and the 55th-anniversary celebration. We can spend these treasurable moments with our Principal, teachers and parents.

It's time to meet and bid farewell to the sail and set off. We really don't want to leave, yet everything has its course. And, graduation also means another new voyage. The struggles we are facing, the chances we are taking may sometimes knock us down. But we have to be tough and keep holding on. It's crucial to bear in mind that we have to live up to our school motto, Honesty, Faith, Goodness and Diligence.

At last, I wish, our mother school, our beloved principal, teachers and all the graduates have a bright and successful future.

Before I bid farewell to all of you, let me proclaim with my deepest pride and gratitude, "We are Locktaonians"!

Thank you



*A group photo with the class teacher*



*Capture the treasurable moment (From left to right: Parent Manager, School Chaplin, Principal, Ms. Vivian Lau, JP., School Supervisor, two IMC Managers)*



*A night to remember with our beloved ones*



## YES WE CAN

6A Leug Wing Yan

"Seriously? He can't even answer a straight question." Whispers spread in the classroom, as Ken Wong lowered his head, his face turned red in embarrassment. Without realizing it, John Chan softened his facial expression, since Wong reminded him of himself, too shy to even speak properly to a teacher; he smiled as he remembered the days before getting a WeCan Scholarship.

It came as a surprise for him, after all he is but an average Joe in the classroom, not as bad as the delinquents, nor as good as the straight A students in class. So why was he picked? It is because this scholarship awards not only the best student in class but also the most in needed as well. "Great, at least papa doesn't have to work overtime as much as he used to." John thinks, considering the financial situation

of his family.

Mr. Smith didn't stop there, "There is also an opportunity you won't want to miss; it is called Young Innovators Bazaar. As its name suggests, it allows you to experience the struggles of real world innovators. Since you will need to design and market the product from scratch. You can learn how to work with people. Believe me, you will need the training." John's face reddened in response, he didn't expect Mr. Smith to bring that up. Unable to come up with a reply, he simply nodded and leave.

John didn't know how to react with this scholarship and the activity that came with it. He certainly appreciated the financial help yet he shivered to even think about the image of him working with others. "What should we name this group? Oh, I know, a mute and the others."

John mocked himself silently for not even having the courage to call his teammates "Friends"

Unfortunately, time passed so quickly; the fateful day was here. John braced himself for merciless mocking for his silent nature as he stepped in the room. To his utter shock, it didn't happen! His teammates were nothing but friendly and welcoming, it took iron will not to join their conversation when they invited so sincerely.

John inevitably spoke and found himself more and more willing to talk and open up himself. "I think this is the best choice since....." Looking at his talking teammate, John felt the urge to interrupt someone for a long time, "I see your point but....." He couldn't believe his mouth as he spoke fluently to someone and

somehow sounded determined.

Walking out of the classroom, John felt an unfamiliarly warmth filled his body and he knew it was hope. For the first time ever, he has hope for the future. Project WeCan has given him access to the WeCan Scholarship, which has eased the financial burden for his family. Not only that, but with the help of Young Innovators Bazaar, he no longer suffered from unwanted shyness and granted a promising future for him.

The school bell was ringing. It was recess time. John looked at Ken again and he decided to give him a chance to change his life, "Hey, have you ever heard of Project WeCan?"

## CRUCIAL PLAYTIME IN CHILD'S LIFE

6B Law Ming Yin, Myron

It is common to see children playing in parks and streets with neighbors and friends after school every day. Nowadays, parents reduce children's playtime since they think it is unimportant or even a waste of time. This issue raises public concern that whether playtime should be an essential part of a child's life.

On the one hand, some parents believe that playtime is a waste of time. They would prefer letting their children study or join interest groups instead so that children can learn more than others. For instance, many tutorial classes and extra-curricular activities which children do not want to join are arranged for them. It seems good for children to acquire more knowledge but it may also cause physical and mental problems on children.

On the other hand, playtime helps balance a child's life between studying and pastime. Children are so busy with their studies in this era that more and more children have obesity and other diseases caused by insufficient exercise. They mainly do sports in P.E. lessons. Fewer playtime means fewer opportunities for them to exercise. In fact, playtime could improve children's health. Besides, the majority of children feel stressful on studying and exam results. Playtime could let children relax and release their pressure. If children have too much stress, they tend to have mental illness and may even commit suicide. Thus, playtime is critical for children to balance their life.

Children can make friends and learn communication skills in playtime. Children learn to socialize and develop better interpersonal skills when they play together. Also, social network can be slowly built up. When they face some problems which are difficult for them to deal with, they can ask their friends to help. Hence, playtime is essential for children to have friends to accompany them while growing up.

Another argument against the idea that playtime is unimportant is that children can learn through games. Some computer games are designed to let children acquire knowledge in an interesting way. It allows children to make good use of the time while having fun. Children could also learn generic skills through playtime. When children are engaged in games, they always want to win. Yet, in reality, they cannot always win. They have to learn to accept failure instead of moaning and complaining. They may think of some creative ways or adopt different strategies in order to win. These skills are useful for their development.

To conclude, balancing children's life, making friends and the variety of skills that cannot be learnt from textbooks are the benefits of playtime. Hence, children should have regular playtime.

## STOP BEING CHRIS

5A Chris Chu Tin Nok

"Dad, I want that kitten!" Chris begged to his dad in a pet shop. "I swear that I would keep it well and never abandon it". Yet, his swear turned out to be useless after years later. "Dad, throw that cat away. It is annoying." Chris frowned to the cat and said. Here in the territory, it is not difficult to find the existence of many pet owners who are "Chris" and countless pets that are supposed to be living in a comfy home become homeless on street because of them. In the civilized city that we are living today, why would this happen and what is the possible solution to such a growing phenomenon?

The escalating numbers of animal cruelty are mainly contributed by people's inconsiderate action. Due to the attraction of puppy's cute outlook, people often make their purchasing without full planning and thinking of their caring responsibility after being a pet owner. More cases arise because of one movie or specific trend. People are in desperately wish of having their own pets, such as hamster and chinchilla pets for the once-heat animation—Hamtaro and My Neighbor Totoro. However, after the trend or heat has passed, people start to discover the difficulties and massive burden of looking after their pets like feeding them around the clock or cleaning the cages or beds of the pet regularly. Being used to the fast pace of living, the 'Chris' find out having a pet is not a living that they wish which results in countless pets being thrown away. In the worst case, as people cannot bear the pressure of taking care of these animals, they choose to release it by hitting the pet. A few weeks ago, a master of silver wolf threw it to the ground floor from the 5th floor.

Another factor causing the above is the over-reproduction problem of the stray animals. As the policy of stopping the stray animals – neutering is not fully established, stray animals are having reproduction rapidly under their animal nature. Besides, most of these animals are the host of numerous diseases that are deadly to the animals. Such a situation is just like putting 45 animals into a cage that can only contain 10 animals and worse still there is the possibility of having disease carriers cramped in it. If it happens to human, it is certainly inhuman. Similarly, it is also inhuman to the pet that deserves to live. Also, if such a situation continues, it will soon affect the living of human and the other creatures.

Under the attack from people's inconsideration and the over reproduction problem, it is time for us to take prompt action to wrestle the growing phenomenon.

The priority measure to be done is to set up regulations so as to deter people from throwing pet irresponsibly and buying pet inconsiderately. The government can deter people from irresponsibly and inconsiderably purchasing by setting penalty and heavy fine and allow the volunteer inspector in SPCA to have the right to arrest the suspects for abusing and ignoring the living of their own pets. With the heavy penalty, such as imprisonment and fine for 50 thousand dollars, it is hoped that we could stop the animal cruelty from happening at the front line.

Another measure that should be taken into action is to stricken the policy towards the stray animals and increase resource to it. In order to ensure the policy on stray animals can be established thoroughly such as injecting chips to every stray animal to monitor them and help them to neuter, the government ought to allocate more human and financial recourses to it. Besides, the policy should be stricter so that we are able to put an end to the situation of having stray animals pondering around the city with their fatal disease.

Education is equally important to the fightt against animal cruelty. Talks, promotion and workshops can be done to inform and educate the public of the serious consequences of animal cruelty, both to the pet and its owner. This can let the owners know more about their responsibilities and the people who intend to have pets think twice before making the decision. Apps can also be made to let pet owners check upon whether their action have violated the regulation and change them imperceptibly. As you can see, education can tackle the rooted cause and stop the situation from blooming while it is still a seed.

With the effort of the government, the pet owner and the public, we are able to let the pet murder 'Chris' ethnicity vanish. We are also able to stop "Chris" from asking his father to throw his pet away. It is time for us to reflect on one question: "Are we really qualified to be a pet owner?"



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