

SACRED HEART'S NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

Annual Report 2016 - 17

Happy Evening to one and all, with great joy and gratitude in my heart, I present the annual report for the year 2016 - 17. 2017 is a milestone year for us marking the completion of a **glorious 20 years** in serving the cause of education. As we set foot into the third decade we take pride in tracing our journey and presenting a brief glimpse of our rich past.

Tracing the past.....

Starting with a great vision of providing value based education at affordable cost in June 1997, our visionary **founder Mr. Benny** created an environment which in spirit, focused and committed effort, encouraged innovation and enterprise, where 'excellence' was the watchword. The first decade of our existence saw the foundation being laid, not just for buildings alone but also for realizing our goals and objectives. The second decade was characterized with strong academic development and excellence. And as we enter the third decade with a vision to upgrade our school, we pray that the Almighty God will help us to realize our goals and serve better the future leaders of our nation.

Inaugural assembly

The school year 2016 -17 began with a fervent prayerful assembly, **Rev Dr. Jacob Sundersingh**, inaugurated the new academic year by invoking God's blessings through prayer and benediction.

TEACHER'S WORKSHOP:

Staying updated is the key to success in any field, especially in the field of education. Our teachers constantly strive to stay updated, by attending various workshops and training programs.

The academic year started with the Teachers attending a training session conducted by X Seed Education on the 5 A's Aim, action, analysis, application and assessment to be followed in classroom teaching. A regular follow up and training was provided by X seed coordinator every quarter, these trainings have helped the teachers to gain control over the new methodology of teaching inculcated through X seed. An orientation and follow up program for teachers was conducted by X Seed Education in the month of August.

A one day workshop was conducted by Thulir innovations on English language development for foundation and pre-primary classes which was attended by HM and English teachers.

Science teachers attended a workshop on Conduct of science fair which was organized by the TN Nursery and Primary school Association, **Dr.M.M.Abdul Kamal Nazer**, New college professor was the resource person.

Teachers attended a seminar on 'Improving English language skills among teachers and students' that was conducted by **TNPNS, Mr. Vajid Sha**, IAS trainer was the resource person.

I attended Education Leadership Program conducted by Kuruvilla Jacob initiative for school heads & Principals. It was a year long program with 3 modules on facilitative leadership, Instructional leadership and Institutional leadership. This program has been designed to equip the educational leaders to face the demands of a rapidly changing global environment.

Teachers attended 2 in-service training from me based on the Teaching methodology and student assessment .

Myself and Mrs. Sheeba attended a Child safety awareness program conducted by Commissioner of Police during the month of December. All these programs have helped us to re-confirm our commitment towards the vision of our school in providing value based education which empowers every child to embrace learning, achieve their personal best and build their emotional, social, spiritual and physical well being.

CURRICULUM OFFERINGS:

The system of education in Sacred Heart's school as you all know is a blend of theory and practice in the right proportion to arrive at a comprehensive curriculum. This objective was refined through the X seed education which was introduced in the current academic year. X Seed follows a 5 step experiential learning approach that aims at bringing wholesome learning in children . This academic program has improved the thinking skills and problem solving confidence in children, now children ask more questions, persist longer in problem solving ,are able to write the answers in their own words and most of all they are not afraid to speak up in English. In the learnometer test conducted in the overall score average our school stands at 71% while the national average is 68% .

X Seed education along with smart class helps students to understand and learn even abstract contents in a more comprehensive way.

Thulir English Language development program aids students in enhancing their reading, writing and speaking abilities. The school prides itself in bringing the best learning outcome in children through a well rounded quality and value based curriculum which has moulded number of students passed out of our school to excel and secure state ranks, district ranks and

school level ranks in their respective schools where they have continued their higher education after completing primary education in our school.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Co-curricular activities facilitate the development of various domains of mind and personality such as the intellect, emotion, social engagement, morality and aesthetics. To hone latent skills in co-scholastic areas, students are provided opportunities through various activities conducted regularly at school. Students of Std I to V who are the enthusiasts of English and Tamil Language are periodically involved in activities aimed at enhancing skills in writing and oration . Essay writing, oratorical competitions and Thirukkural recitation competitions are conducted every month. For the Nursery classes recitation and storytelling competitions are held regularly. Abacus classes help in improving concentration, memory power and photographic memory in children apart from developing confidence in mathematical calculations. Yoga and karate classes bring healthy living practices in students. Research shows learning an additional language strengthens study skills in students. At Sacred Heart's, children learn Hindi as third language from STD I onwards. In the coming year we are planning to enroll all the students for the Hindi Prachar Saba exam.

COMPETITIONS :

Competitions provide a myriad of opportunities for students, a platform for them to demonstrate their talents , a stepping-stone to achieving greater things in life. Realizing this, opportunities were provided for every student to participate in the various intra and inter school competitions conducted all through the year. The competitions that were conducted in this academic year are:

- Tamil and English Handwriting competitions conducted by Kamban Academy.
- English and Tamil essay writing competition conducted by Agaram academy
- Drawing competition conducted by Kamaraj academy
- On the children's day many competitions were conducted for both the Nursery and Primary students. For the Nursery, Fancy Dress competition, colouring , clay modeling and Singing . Primary classes participated in singing, creative craft work, folk dance, Memory verse and quiz competition.

- Our school students also participated in the Jawahar Nagar Library reader's circle inter school literary competition and bagged nearly eight prizes.
- Std V students participated in the Inter school competition conducted at Danish Matriculation school, Miss Jadya won the third prize for poem recitation.
- An Essay writing competition was conducted by Sunfeast company and the winners were duly awarded.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES:

The students of Sacred Heart's school are provided a platform, to discover their potential and experience life through special assemblies. The topics are based on culture, morality, famous personalities, sports and other important and current issues . Based on this special assemblies were conducted on Earth day, Doctors day, Kalvi Membattu Thinam, Dr.Abdul Kalam's birthday, Farmers day and Parents appreciation day. The importance of the days, events and procedure were explained to the students and they enthusiastically took part in various activities.

INVESTITURE:

School witnessed election for the school Captains and House captains with a touch of authentic election process. The elected leaders made their commitment through the oath ceremony in the presence of our school correspondent Mrs. Mary Benny.

SPECIAL DAYS:

Sacred heart's children not only learn by doing but also participating. Our Nursery section students celebrated **Family day** with great pomp, celebrating the unity of family. Children enthralled their parents with their beautiful singing and skit enactment. Children always love to play in water, water splash day brought such joy and happiness in the face of the tiny tots as they spent the day in the pool with their friends.

The different House days , Ziegens, Luthers and Staines were celebrated remembering the great saints and their work towards God and society. Students performed skits, songs and dance in remembrance of these great people.

EXCURSION:

Our school organizes excursions every year to help students gain firsthand knowledge and augment their academic learning. It was an amazing learning experience for students who visited the Datchinchitra cultural heritage , were they had an opportunity to learn the various cultures followed by the different South Indian States.

SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM:

As part of our health, personal hygiene, nutrition and physical fitness awareness program , A thorough eye examination was conducted at school by VV opticians and the students who had problems were directed to the hospital for further treatment. Through The Tamil Nadu Public health department Deworming pills and Rubella Measles vaccination injections were administered to the willing students.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

It is important for the children to realize how privileged they are to have wonderful parents like you and how important it is for them to take care of you'll when you age. Children were taken to the MCCSS old age home at Jawahar Nagar were they spent half a day with the senior citizens who were rejected by their family and were longing for love and care. Children performed cultural programs for them and made them happy . The home was donated with some snacks brought by the students and a donation was also given on behalf of the school. During Christmas children were encouraged to bring provisions and toiletries for the less privileged people, which was duly handed over to the needy people making a living as rag pickers in and around ICF.

SCHOOL FUNCTIONS / CELEBRATIONS:

Celebrations , sharing the happy moments together and spreading joy all around is a vital fact of Sacred Heart's which we follow every year religiously. As always, this year was filled with lot of celebration which included the Independence day celebration, Teacher's day , Children's day, Honour Day and Founder's day. All these programs were celebrated with great reverence and fervor. Christmas was celebrated with zest and veneration spreading the joy of the season. Pongal was celebrated by remembering our farmers and sending greeting cards prepared by students to them through CIKS, an NGO that works among farmers in Sirkazhi and Nagai.

The 19th annual day of the school was celebrated on 4th March 2016 , Mr. Victor Chandran was the chief guest and presided over the function which was followed by a colourful presentation of the cultural programs, a component of the celebration is Annual prize distribution, winners and performers of various competitions are honoured. It is not out of place to mention that the parents also take keen interest in these celebrations and encourage our children to develop in their talents.

SPORTS :

Sports play a vital role in moulding the personality of students by training to take winning and losing in the same spirit. They develop the values like leadership , team spirit and co-ordination. The annual sports meet was held at the Jawahar Nagar Star ground. Mr_Stalin, President , Indian Martial Arts presided and declared open the sports meet and observed the spectacular march past conducted by the three houses. The day witnessed an outstanding performance by our students participating in various events. The winners were awarded. The overall championship trophy was bagged by Ziegens house this year. Regular Karate classes are conducted for std III, IV and V by India Indian martial arts Training School. Students are preparing For the Inter school Martial art competition to be held in March this year.

SCHOOL EXHIBITION:

The students had an opportunity to exhibit their academic talents through the learning festival conducted at school. The Exhibition was inaugurated by our Correspondent. The students exhibited their outstanding talents through various experiments, models, projects, live skits, craft works etc. Every visitor congratulated and appreciated all the efforts and hardwork put forth by the students under their teachers guidance.

PARENTS INTERFACE:

The school places a lot of importance in maintaining cordial relationship with parents with extra care being provided to attend every individual issue brought to its notice. The periodic PTM provides an opportunity for two way communication between the Teachers and the parents updating the progress happening in their wards overall development.

CONCLUSION:

Finally I would like to conclude this report by thanking God Almighty for His invisible yet powerful hand guiding us through in all our endeavours.

I remember with gratitude our dear correspondent for her guidance and encouragement extended to us . Let me place on record my thanks and appreciation for the boundless support and co-operation that I enjoy from my Head Mistress Mrs. Sheeba Storey, my teaching and non-teaching staff.

A word about, and to, the parents of our students : ‘ Parents you have been simply fantastic in your co-operation and collaboration with school in all the activities carried out all through the year, I owe you a big thanks.

My thanks are due to the school captain Md Farooq ,Vice-captain Raksha and captains of the three houses for their assistance in the smooth functioning of the school. Our school is a very lively place, a garden, with teachers as the fragrant roses and children as the busy buzzing bees, every difference that we make in our students lives brings so much joy to our profession.

My report stands incomplete without thanking my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who’s unfailing love and providence has upheld us all through the year . I wrap up my report by humbly entrusting our school and the coming academic year in His divine hands faithfully letting His promise unfold as declared in **Isaiah 42: 6**, I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles.

Thank You & God Bless You