



NEWS & UPDATES



Green Thumb

Students of Form One organized themselves into groups to plant some Japanese Rose plants in the school compound as part of their Living Skills project beginning in July 2012. They learn how to cultivate skills in planting and maintaining the plants. According to Ms Dora Teo, their Living Skills teacher, the Japanese Rose species was chosen because of its easy propagation and relatively effortless upkeep.



I Am A Gift

Ms Dorothy Kuek from Human Life Service of the Diocese of Miri presented her talk entitled "I Am A Gift" to the students of Form One on 28 August 2012. This talk, which is based on John Paul II's Theology of the Body, emphasized the importance of human life from conception until death. She highlighted that life is a gift from God that needs to be protected and cared for. Among other things, she also talked on abortion and human relationships.

St Ignatius of Loyola

Fr Francis Lim, SJ introduced the founder of the Jesuits, St Ignatius of Loyola, to the Form One students during the Catechism periods on 2 August. The feast day of St Ignatius is on 31 July every year. He presented the life of St Ignatius through two video clips. The students were asked to answer ten questions based on the videos in groups.



Assumption Day

A Mass was celebrated on 15 August in the school for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr Stephen Lim preached the homily while Fr Francis Lim, SJ presided.



First School Sports Day

Sporting Fun!



SJPS had its first ever school sports day on 17 August 2012 at Sekolah Menengah Sukan Tabuan Jaya with Archbishop John Ha as the guest of honour. The theme was “Sporting Fun”. It was a day of sports and fun, filled with the spirit of sports and competition among the three houses of 1A, 1B and 1C. The whole event lasted from 8.00am until 11.30am. There were track



events, shot putt, long and high jumps for the Form One students, and Obstacle Races for the Primary students. We had expert help from members of the Sarawak Amateur Athletics



Association. We are very grateful to them for their generous contribution of time and energy in assisting us with the organization and running of our first ever sports day. 1B emerged as champion with a total of 139 points, followed closely by 1A with 128 points. 1C came in third with 98 points.



Patriotic Assembly

An assembly was held on 30 August to commemorate Merdeka Day. Patriotic songs such as *KeranaMu Malaysia*, *Jalur Gemilang* and *Tanggal 31* were sung enthusiastically by the students. The Merdeka Day and Malaysia Day 2012 message from the Christian Federation of Malaysia was read aloud to the

students. As a conclusion to this special assembly, Fr Francis Lim, SJ prayed for the nation.

