

SNGS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

圣尼各拉女校校友会

A newsletter that celebrates the St. Nicks' sisterhood. 给姐妹们的定期快报。

Food for Thought

Ever wondered what happens to leftover produce and food waste? How can every one of us help? Multi-hyphenate mompreneur Nichol Ng (Class of 1994 & current VP of the SNGSAA), not only has the answers, she and her brother Nicholas have also provided an actual solution to fight food wastage and food insecurity in Singapore.

By setting up the nation's first and only **Food Bank** in 2012, they aim to end food insecurity in Singapore. Since Covid-19 struck last year, the Food Bank has already managed to redistribute more than 1.6 million kilograms of food to the less fortunate.

You might have already read about Nichol's story on various platforms. She has, after all, been interviewed by numerous publications over the last couple of years. What's at the heart of this St. Nicholas alumna, though? "A pink Energizer Bunny" is how she describes herself. This issue, we bring you another side of the vivacious Nichol.



Nichol Ng 黄玮婷
Mompreneur & Co-Founder of NGOs
Years in SNGS: 1985 to 1994
ECAs: Softball, AVA Club

Which teacher(s) had the greatest impact on your years in St Nicks & why?

Too many. Mrs Hwang (校长) was the one who gave me my first "break" into leadership when I was 8 years old. She told my mum that I may not always excel in my grades but "this girl has some innate leadership qualities". So that kind of set the stage of my life in St Nicks juggling multiple leadership roles, taking part in Drama on stage, special projects, and so on.

Mrs Choy (Chan Wah) who was my Primary 6 Form Teacher is more like long time friend now and we have kept in touch, becoming family friends and our class still meets once every CNY.

Mrs Liu Seok Noi, the discipline mistress then, also took a chance with having a controversial head prefect from the express stream and stemming from the naughtiest class no less. She felt like a strict mentor that guided with love.

Miss Quek Soo Hiang was also my Math Teacher in sec 3 & 4 that never gave up on me when I obtained F9 for my prelims due to my ECA commitments. She pressed on and gave me numerous reminders to focus on work and my O-Levels and eventually I obtained As for both A & E math. Somewhat like a miracle.

What is the role of AA to you?

AA是学校的精神支柱。我们也身负类似“延续香火”的责任：这年头由于母校的领导层每几年都会换人，校友会必须负起维持圣尼各拉精神的重任，确保我们的双语、双文化等华校美德能够代代相传。

Fondest memory of your St Nicks days.

A hybrid of the best *teh tarik* in town and the "mega-shows" that we used to put out for our school's anniversaries. Those 千人宴 type of events can easily put many shows to shame.

What would you say to your graduating self back in 1994?

The White Graduation Gown ain't that bad and honestly you look great. Love yourself a little more.

You're a mom of 4 and work in essential services. How do you manage during these tough times?

Child care was a saviour so I was able to keep at least 2 of the kids in full day child care, leaving half of the brood to tend to. For HBL I actually get creative and instead of just following the lessons on line, I try to incorporate daily cooking, sewing and "marketing" sessions into their learning.

And as I was also given permission to return to the office/ warehouse to work not only for my food distribution business but also for The Food Bank where more help to the underprivileged vastly increased, I'd usually be in the office by 11am till 9pm or so, rushing home to put the kiddos to bed & taking on night duty. Time flies by because there are so many balls in the air to juggle.

I wouldn't say that these are tough times but times of awakening, allowing me the opportunity to speak to my kids about many deep issues despite them being 9 & under. I truly enjoy the "mad" life that I seem to lead and there is never a dull moment despite me only getting 4 hours of shut-eye nightly. I've 10 people in my household across 4 generations so it's always a riot at home!



Sweet Treats for Easter 爱的复活节

今年复活节，校友会特地向知名面包店Bakery Brera订购了近3000个应节的十字甜面包 (hot cross buns)，以及回教同胞可食用的老字号糕饼店Polar Puffs & Cakes的蔬菜酥饼，与全校师生和非教职员们分享过节的喜悦。

复活节象征重生与希望，也是天主教最重要的节日之一。尤其在这段日子里，我们衷心希望能将信、望和爱传递给母校每一位成员，以不同的方式将整个圣尼各拉大家庭凝聚在一起，发扬姐妹同心的精神！

To commemorate the most important weekend in the Catholic year, the SNGSAA gifted all students & staff hot cross buns from Bakery Brera, as well as halal vegetable puffs from Polar Puffs & Cakes on 1st April 2021.

We hope that the sweets treats would remind everyone of the spirit & significance of Good Friday & Easter, especially during these trying times. May faith, hope and love be passed on to every member of our St. Nicholas family, despite many of us being unable to meet in person.

We're on NETFLIX

In case you didn't already know, our very own docu-film, From Victoria Street to Ang Mo Kio 维多利亚街到宏茂桥 is now streaming on Netflix (Southeast Asia region only). If you haven't watched this film that has touched many hearts across generations, here's your chance to learn about the history of not just SNGS, but also that of Chinese schools (华校) in Singapore.

Do share the news with your friends in the region too! You'll first need to subscribe to Netflix though (click [here](#) to do it).

2023 PRIMARY ONE INTAKE

If you or any of your schoolmates intend to register your daughters for the 2023 CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School Primary 1 intake, please be sure to join the SNGSAA as a Life Member **before 30 June 2021**. This is to ensure your eligibility to register under Phase 2A1. As this requirement is set by the Ministry of Education, any membership application after the above deadline will not be entertained. For more information on P1 registration, please refer to MOE's [website](#). Click [here](#) to join the SNGSAA!

姐妹谈心：一切从小一出发

On 23 May, the SNGSAA held our 4th installment of the 姐妹谈心 Webinar Series. Titled “一切从小一出发”, this episode aimed to address concerns regarding the upcoming Primary 1 registration process. Together with Nichol Ng as our moderator, Rosaline Ter, mum to a Primary 5 小妹妹 & current chairperson of the SNGSPSG, as well as Zhuan Lee, alumna and newly-minted Primary 1 parent, shared key information regarding registration procedures, the St. Nick's DNA and culture, on top of candid personal experiences. More than 60 alumnae joined the session, and many found it informative and useful.

We'll be organising a sequel to this installment, after official registration results have been released by the MOE. Remember to follow the [SNGSAA Facebook page](#) for updates!

STAY SAFE, JMM!



Still looking for protective masks?

We're proud to say that our exclusively-designed SNGSAA masks are made with anti-viral fabric, which are both comfortable and of consistent quality. Besides the inaugural "I♥SN" design, the new limited edition “饮水思源” masks (pictured) have been updated using sports fabric for improved breathability. Size S fits the little ones too! Click [here](#) to purchase.

姐妹们在张罗新口罩吗？不妨参考校友会出售的独家设计抗菌布口罩。除了最早推出的“I♥SN”版本，新面世的“饮水思源”款（上图）采用运动面料制成，更舒服透气。也有适合小朋友的S码尺寸。想买，请[来这里](#)。大家多保重，一定要平安健康！



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