Annual Report: RAPT Contribution

The Renaissance Association of Parents and Teachers (RAPT) is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It supports the education of our students in a multiplicity of ways.

The RAPT Committee comprises volunteer parents and teachers who have stepped forward to contribute in a proactive way over and above their membership of the Association. It is important to remember that RAPT is a fusion of parents and teachers working for the common good.

During the academic year, 2013-2014, members of the RAPT Committee were involved, inter alia, in the appointment of new senior staff members in both the primary and secondary schools.

The RAPT coffee mornings and afternoons continued to be popular with many parents, especially those that included ‘pre-loved’ uniform sales. Starting this year, these functions were also used as information and briefing sessions on various aspects of the College curriculum. By way of example, a briefing on the Chinese language programme was very well attended and resulted in a lively question session.

We are confident that the College Fair (this year, the “College Garden Fair”) will be a resounding success. The theme for the 2014 Fair will be “RCHK is Blooming.” All members of the College community have been asked to grow a plant - be it a flower, a vegetable or a fruit – for the Fair. The idea is to create a riot of colour at the College on Fair Day and in so doing add a little oxygen (through photosynthesis) to the air above the College. Once again, we hope many thousands of people will attend. The profits will be used, primarily, to: (1) upgrade the swimming complex; (2) purchase a sophisticated energy monitoring system which will help to reduce energy costs at the College in the longer term; and (3) upgrade the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) Control Room and the audio-visual equipment.

A major donation of over $282,000 was made to the Red Door Centre (from the sale of raffle tickets) during the year to assist in maintaining it as a centre of information technology excellence and learning. Funds were also donated to the College for other projects which included refurbishment of the YR01 playground for $72,500, upgrade of the equipment in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) for $66,000 and many other school and student-led projects e.g. Robotics Club $17,000, Dance Without Borders, Belezza and Trashion Show. In addition, we also contributed to the Terry Fox Run and Philippines typhoon relief.

Besides the above, RAPT is also committed to our on going donations for:

- Black kite T-shirt $20,000
- PYP exhibition, YR11 and YR13 graduation $50,000
- LIRC (from the sale of pre-loved uniforms) $12,000
- Back to school information evenings (primary & secondary) $10,000
- Welcome back BBQ for teachers and staff $16,000
- Jie Jie Day, Joyful Fruit Day and the Visual Arts Exhibition $16,000
As always, the RAPT Committee has an important need for members prepared to devote time and effort to supporting the College and its students. In the nature of things, such voluntary work is generally thankless and unappreciated. More importantly, however, it is very personally satisfying. Parents and teachers are encouraged to come forward.

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