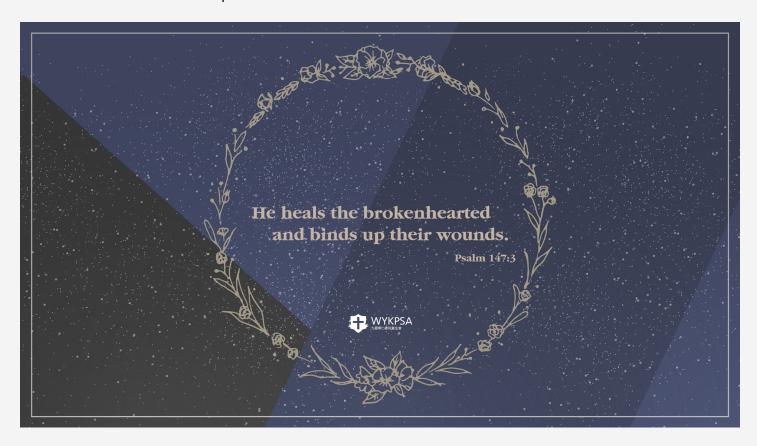


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# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL STEPHEN CHOW REGARDING THE TAI PO FIRE

香港教區主教周守仁樞機於11月30日 (將臨期第一主日)到大埔聖母無玷 之心堂主持彌撒,為死傷者及災民祈 禱。以下為周樞機當日的講道全文。

#### 各位姊妹弟兄:

今日我來到我們在大埔居住的姊 妹弟兄的家一聖母無玷之心堂,為的 是和大家一起祈禱、思念、悲痛、相 信、反思和希望。我們都是香港人, 都是天父的兒女。

今天是宏福苑的災難性大火發生後的第四天,悲愴之餘,我們的內心難免會問:為甚麼會有這次慘絕人寰的火災?為甚麼有這麼多生命喪生?這麼多人受傷?失去至親好友,盡失家園,特別是那些供了樓多年的住戶,現在就好像全部都失去。究竟上天是否明白他們的痛?是蒼天不仁嗎?或祂有甚麼要我們明白?

再過三個多星期,我們的教會將

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再次慶祝聖誕節。天主子道成肉身,作為代表「上主與我們同在」的「厄瑪奴耳」(Immanuel)。正因為這位天主子,我們相信上主不是不吃人間煙火的神,相反,上主很接近我們,要和我們緊密地走我們的人生路。祂與我們一起同悲同喜,分享我們的感受。

上主現在也和我們一起悲傷痛苦,也在擁抱著或等待擁抱這些亡者的靈魂,讓他們回歸祂永生大愛的懷抱中。但為甚麼這個愛生命的上主會容讓一些生命失去,但又讓更多人活下來,

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這個問題的答案只有上主才知道。

"但是我們可以相信, 愛生命的上主會很好 地照顧那些亡者的靈 魂。"

我們可以相信,是因為上主就是愛。祂以愛創造他們,以愛救贖了他們,現在更以愛歡迎他們回歸天家,只是他們是否準備好或願意接受上主的歡迎擁抱而已。

可能這就是今日將臨期首主日所 選的讀經要告訴我們的一要醒寤,要做 好準備。因為沒有人會知道上主會在何 日何時何地讓我們走完人生路,離開現 世的一切,返回祂的懷抱裡。

相信在11月26日當天,一切都是如 常運作,直至無情的大火突然帶走了當 時在宏福苑的多條生命,導致更多人受 傷,也導致更多的家庭痛失家園。

所以,這場無情的火災,似是在 提點我們,大家要認真和細心地珍惜生 命,惜緣惜福。

生命有祝福,例如自己的家園, 也要好好的欣賞和保護。家園除了是居 住單位外,也是和自己一起生活的人, 有些甚至會包括寵物。

為我們每一個人,不同的關係讓 我們知道自己是誰。所以我自己就希 望在我離開世上時,與天、地、人和自 己的關係,大致上是心安理得的,這樣 我才會能夠平安地離去。但就要醒寤,



不要帶著未放下的執著,令自己愧對 良心和上主的事情離開人世。

各位在世的姊妹弟兄和朋友,我們可以在祈禱中鼓勵亡者放下一切, 平安地接受上主的擁抱,返回天家。 同時,請他們在天家為仍在世上生活 和掙扎的親友,祈求上主的守護和祝福。

我們在世的要好好地以愛生活。 因為在愛內,我們和他們可以有連繫 共融。但在這愛的推動下,我們要求 真,讓大家美善的內心超越黑暗的勢 力。

在求真的精神下作出檢討,客觀和勇敢地找出 錯誤,盡量作出合適的 補 或 根 本 的 改 變 ,在世的人便會生活得安全,互相扶持,平安友愛。

但千萬不要再走進仇恨中,互相 指責,互相傷害。就是問責也只是要 改變有問題的文化和制度,但對人是 要他們悔改更新,成為大眾的祝福。





## RECENT EVENTS



## MEDICAL & DENTAL ALUMNI ANNUAL DINNER 2025

The Annual Medical and Dental Alumni Dinner was held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025, at Club One in K11 Art Mall.

This year's event was jointly hosted with WYHK, fostering brotherhood between the two Wah Yans. We welcomed an impressive total attendance of over 160 individuals, showcasing the strong support and commitment of our alumni community.

Among the attendees were the supervisors and principals of both schools, reflecting the leadership's dedication to the growth and development of our students.

Alumni from every decade, spanning from the 1960s to the 2020s, were proudly represented, underscoring



the rich legacy and enduring connections among our graduates.

Notably, all seven graduates who entered local medical schools attended. We were also joined by over 40 current medical and dental students, who added youthful energy and enthusiasm to the evening's

festivities.

Ms. Cecilia Chow provided insightful updates on various school projects, highlighting the ongoing initiatives that aim to enhance our educational environment and community engagement.



Dr. Andy Kan (WYK Class of 2019) delivered an inspiring presentation on the impactful work being undertaken by the medical students, showcasing their contributions to healthcare and their commitment to making a difference in society.



Overall, it was an enjoyable evening filled with laughter, networking, and shared stories.

The brotherhood between alumni and students alike created a warm and inviting atmosphere, making it a memorable occasion for all attendees.

We look forward to continuing this tradition and celebrating our achievements in the years to come.









#### Hong Kong Olympaid in **Informatics (HKOI)**

In the most prestigious programming competition in Hong Kong, the WYK STEM Team achieved marvelous results once again, finishing as the first runner-up in the overall results. Congratulations to our outstanding coders!

Senior Division:

5Y Jason Yeung

Junior Division:

Gold Medal Gold Medal 3Y Adam Xu 4Y Jonah Tse

4Y Ethan Lung 4Y Hayden Cheung 5Y Justin Yeung

5Y Lemon Shum Silver Medal 3Y Harry Xie Bronze Medal 4Y Jonathan Liu

> Bronze Medal 3W Andy Lam 3Y Roy Wong













One of the teams, "DBX2," included members from different generations of Wah Yan students. The team featured the oldest participant, Thomas Wong, who graduated in 1965, and the youngest member, Sean, a current third grader at Pun U Association Wah Yan Primary School.

This blend of experience and youthful enthusiasm exemplified the enduring spirit of the Wah Yan legacy.



Thomas (third on left) and Sean (front row left)

Thomas stated that the results of the competition were not the primary focus; rather, he hoped to use this opportunity to engage with and inspire the younger sailors.



This sentiment resonated throughout the race, as older alumni shared their experiences and knowledge with the younger participants, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose.

Ultimately, "DBX2" finished ninth in the "PHS Group," a commendable achievement that reflected their teamwork and determination.



The Race saw participation from 46 sailing teams, competing for the championships in the "PHS Group" and "ATI Group."

Teams participating in the Alma Mater Race must represent an academic institution, whether local or international universities, international schools, secondary schools, or other educational institutions.

As long as at least half of the team members come from the same academic institution, they can compete on behalf of that institution.

Photo credit: Wah Yan Sailors, RHKYC, 體路





#### Railway Alumni Reconnect

A successful reunion lunch was held for Wah Yan alumni working in the railway sector. Ten Wahyanites from the 80s, 90s, and 00s generations enjoyed a lively afternoon of fellowship.

The conversation flowed effortlessly, blending shared memories of school days with updates on life and careers across the industry. It was a wonderful crossgenerational exchange, reminding everyone of the strong bonds forged at Wah Yan.

We hope to see more faces next time! If you are an alumnus in the railway field and would like to join future gatherings, please contact Gary Tat (Class of 2000) at garytat226@gmail.com.

#### Class of 2000 marks Silver Jubilee with Reunion

On a bright evening filled with laughter and love, the Wah Yan Class of 2000 gathered to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a joy to welcome over 30 Wahyanites and around 10 of our beloved teachers back to reconnect.

The dinner was a vibrant affair, buzzing with shared memories and updates. Conversations flowed effortlessly, weaving together the threads of our lives today with cherished stories from our school days. We caught up on life matters, careers, families, and journeys and also reflected fondly on school matters, reminiscing about the school halls, concrete soccer field, and lessons that shaped us.

The presence of our teachers added a special depth, reminding us of the Wah Yan spirit. They are the real hero of Men (Women) for and with others. It was a powerful testament to the bonds formed two and a half decades ago, bonds that remain strong and meaningful.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who joined, making this silver jubilee celebration truly memorable. Here's to the friendships that last a lifetime and to many more reunions ahead. As a closing remark, we all still remember how to sing the School Hymn.









THE TROPHY IS HOME! Wah Yan successfully defends our Championship in Gold Category of the HKCTA Corporate Patron League 2025!

This year, we revived the team name of "WYK Rovers" - paying homage to our Wah Yan "Rovers" from the Inter-club under-16 competition in the 1970s, led by no other than Father Finneran!

Our CPL Gold title defence is a celebration of Father Finneran's legacy, and the spirit and bonding of the wider Wah Yan community.

On Day 1, both of our Rovers squads made it out of the Group Stage - against the likes of HKCTA, AVATR, Law Society, Bar Association, and the two DBS teams.

Two epic matches in particular come to mind. Martin, a past Captain, won an exciting and crucial match - 2 Quarters apiece, Sudden Death format decider with love and support from his wife and son, at twilight! Isaac (a track and field specialist by training) pulled a rabbit out of a hat by winning THIRTEEN straight points in the final Quarter to turn the tables around, forcing yet another Sudden Death format decider, winning by the slimmest of margins!

On Day 2, Rovers 2 lost a close match (tied one match apiece, lost by number of total points won) in the Semi-Finals of Silver Category against Bank of China (eventual champion of Silver).

Our Rovers 1, however, triumphed in the



Gold Category against the other Semi-Finalists KPMG, Police Tennis Club, and DBS 2!

Our Day 2 matches against DBS and Police Tennis Club in particular were all nailbitingly close, with all matches going to 4 Quarters. Both our matches with DBS went the distance to the Sudden Death format decider!

The intensity of the matches - both physical and mental - reminded us of our Interschool Competitions all those years ago. It could have gone either way ... but with our strong Wah Yan court-side support, and of course with a bit of luck, we tied one match apiece, and edged ahead by number of total points won.

We can only say there were tears of joy and relief from multiple members of our team!

Through the Rovers, we united Wahyanites spanning the 1960s to the present day (seven decades!), and we were truly blessed to



#### WYK ROVERS

receive generous support from the Wah Yan One Family Foundation. Thank you to each and every one of you for the generosity shown to your alma mater and to your fellow Wahyanites.

Our sponsors' support is an investment not only in this team - but in future teams to come, and for current students and Old Boys alike.

Thank you to my teammates for entrusting me to Captain the squad again this year, and thank you to Eric and Leo for assisting as Co-Captains. Our Head Coach Ernest deserves a special mention as well - it is our second year playing together in the same team for WYK glory, and you gave everything on the courts, playing through your injury and pain. Rest well - we will all work harder to prepare for next year to make you even prouder!

Good things come in threes. With your support, for CPL 2026, we will aim to have THREE teams (up to 30 players!) for more Wahyanites to join our incredible journey, and we will aim for a THREE-peat, to defend our Gold Category Championship a third consecutive time!

Let's bring home yet another trophy! In Hoc Signo Vinces!

We do not compete purely to win. We are reminded of our School Prayer: "... Be with me at my games, so that, whether I win or lose, I may play fair, and if I win I may not



boast, and if I lose I may not make excuses."

Winning is only a bonus. We are proud that all of our players had a chance to compete, we played with sportsmanship and respect, and we maintained friendships while forging new ones along the way. We will work hard to continue building our team and our community.

Please continue to support our current WYK Tennis Team in their Inter-school Competitions this academic year. With two wins and two losses so far, we have faith in you! If we can bring home a trophy, so can you!

Spread the good news! Tell your family and friends! Grab a tennis racket and see you on our FOUR home courts soon - at 56 Waterloo Road.

Let's go Boys! WAH YAN!

Barry Wong (WYK Class of 2008) Past Captain of WYK Tennis Team WYK Rovers Co-Captain 2025







## WYKOBMA - NOEL THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The WYK Old Boys' Music Association presents Noel: The Christmas Concert was held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025, at St. Ignatius Chapel.

This magical event brought together a diverse range of performers, including the St. Mary's Canossian College Alumnae Choir, the Heep Yunn Old Girls' Association Choir, the Greeners' Sound, and three of our talented current student choirs.





As the chapel filled with music, it was a joyful privilege for our student choirs to share festive greetings and harmonies during this blessed season. Each performance resonated deeply with the audience, creating an atmosphere of warmth and community spirit.

We reflect on this meaningful

opportunity to unite through Christmas carols, celebrating the joys of the season.

Our voices aimed to provide not only entertainment but also a message of hope and goodwill, encouraging everyone to embrace the spirit of togetherness and generosity that



#### MERRY CHRISTMAS

defines this time of year.

As we look back on the evening, we are filled with gratitude for the connections made, the memories created, and the musical joy shared among friends, families, and fellow performers. May the spirit of Christmas continue to inspire kindness, love, and cheer throughout our city and beyond.



## **NOTICES & UPDATES**

#### **#WYK89 Scholarship**

The WYK89 Scholarship will be launched soon. This scholarship supports students participating in overseas study trips organized by the school.

The scholarship is expected to run for 10 years, with the first awards to be given out in the 2025/26 academic year. Each awardee will receive a maximum of HK\$10,000, and up to 4 scholarships may be awarded each year.

Our school organizes around 10 study tours, accommodating up to 80 students (approximately 10% of the student population) on various subjects. The cost for each student participating in a tour can be up to HK\$45,000.

This amount does not include large-scale mainland China study tours funded by the Education Bureau.



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