

ZERA CAMBRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

As we conclude Term 1, I would like to thank our students, parents, and staff for your unwavering support and partnership. This term reflects our commitment to authentic learning and the spirit of excellence in all that we do. May this holiday season bring rest, renewal, and meaningful family moments. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for Term 2.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Start of Term 2



5 January 2026

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On 12 December 2025, we wrapped up Term 1 with a joyful Christmas Celebration filled with laughter and festive cheer. The day began with the Christmas Nativity Drama, beautifully performed in the morning, followed by an exciting House Fashion Show. Students then enjoyed the much-anticipated Christmas Gift Exchange, spreading smiles and surprises across the school. Later, classrooms came alive with class parties, where students brought delicious food to share with friends. The celebration continued with the vibrant Christmas Café Music, featuring amazing student performances and a special appearance by our very own Staff Band, a perfect way to end the term on a high note. A heartfelt thank you to Ms Kathy, Mr Isaac, and Mr Joshua for organising such a memorable event. It was truly a wonderful way to close a successful term.



CHILDREN'S DAY 2025



On the 2nd of December, we celebrated Children's Day, and it was an absolute delight! Pupils, teachers, and staff arrived dressed in vibrant costumes, embracing Disney characters and the imaginative "Future Me" theme. The day was brimming with colour and excitement, beginning with a lively ramp walk where pupils proudly showcased their outfits. This was followed by a charming song performance by Year 5 pupils and an entertaining sketch by Year 10 pupils, which filled the hall with laughter. To add to the fun, there were three game stations where pupils had the chance to play and enjoy themselves. A heartfelt thank you goes to the organisers; Ms Roshini, Ms Lalitha, and Mr Joshua for planning such a wonderful event with the support of our amazing pupils.

Christmas House Competition



As part of our festive celebration, we organised two exciting House Events:

- House Christmas Tree Competition
- House Fashion Show

For the Christmas Tree Competition, each house was given time to decorate their tree according to their house colour. The key rule was that all decorations had to be made using recycled items, which made the challenge even more creative and sustainable! The event was competitive and showcased amazing innovation. The House Fashion Show was held during the Christmas event, and it was wonderful to see everyone coming together, working hard as a team, and creating stylish outfits with recycled materials.

Congratulations to:

Blue House for winning the Christmas Tree Competition

Red House for winning the Fashion Show

For Term 1, a big congratulations to Red House for leading the overall scoreboard!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

On 18 & 19 October 2025, our talented student Sin Yuan Loong from Year 8 proudly represented ZERA International School at the 11th Sandakan International Music & Dance Festival Music Competitions, earning:

1. Silver Award – Cello Grade 6
2. Silver Award – Ensemble Category (Western Musical Instrument)

Additionally, in the Asia Student Arts Festival 2025 – Preliminary Round, he achieved:

1. Bronze – Cello Solo
2. Gold – String Ensemble
3. Silver – Cello Ensemble



We, as a school community, are incredibly proud of his outstanding achievements and dedication to the arts. Congratulations, Yuan Loong!

FAMILY CONNECT



We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who attended ZERA Family Connect on 11 December 2025. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with our teachers and discuss your child's learning progress. This year, we successfully launched the booking system through Commun, and we are proud to share that we achieved 100% attendance for those who booked through the system! For parents who have not yet received your child's report card, please note that it is available via the Commun system, Parents Portal. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

STAFF TRAINING

Last week, we had the privilege of welcoming one of ZERA's directors, Pastor Keith, for an impactful visit. During his time with us, Pastor Keith conducted a Leaders' Training session with all ZERA leaders and fellow directors. The discussions focused on shaping the future of ZERA while emphasizing the importance of cultivating the right culture within our community.

Pastor Keith also led a staff training session on becoming anti-fragile, which inspired confidence and resilience among our team. His insights were both practical and empowering, leaving a lasting impression on everyone.

The visit concluded on a festive note with our Christmas Secret Santa exchange and a delightful staff dinner at Kuroma Buffet and Dining. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Keith for his time, wisdom, and the amazing sessions that strengthened and encouraged the ZERA staff.



STAFFING UPDATES

We would like to share some important staffing updates. Ms Ester, formerly the Homeroom Teacher for Year 2, is no longer with us. We thank her for her contributions and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Looking ahead to Term 2, Zera is growing! We will be opening three new classes for Year 3, Year 4, and Year 9. To support this expansion, we are excited to welcome Ms Kong and Ms Farhah to our teaching team. Additionally, more staff will be joining us soon, including a new librarian. We believe these additions will enrich our journey and help us grow stronger as we continue to serve our community with excellence.

REMINDER FOR TERM 2: SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

As we begin Term 2, we kindly remind all students to follow our school rules, especially regarding proper attire and dress code. Parents and guardians, please take responsibility to ensure your child comes to school in the correct school uniform.

Important Notice:

- Students must wear the correct school uniform to be allowed entry.
- If a student arrives without the proper uniform, parents will be contacted to pick up the child and return with the correct attire.
- No entry will be permitted for students not in uniform.

Please adhere to this policy to avoid frustration or inconvenience. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining our school standards.

END OF TERM 1 MESSAGE

As Term 1 ends, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for choosing ZERA. This term has been truly amazing filled with fun and memorable experiences while maintaining our strong academic focus. As we head into the holiday break, we encourage you to take time to rest and rejuvenate. If you are travelling, please stay safe and enjoy your time with loved ones.

Happy Christmas to those who are celebrating, and for everyone else, please enjoy this festive season! We look forward to welcoming you back for Term 2, which will commence on 5 January 2026.

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