

# International school raises funds for kidney foundation

STELLA Maris International School in Bukit Damansara held its fourth "Non-Uniform Day" in conjunction with World Kidney Day.

The school collaborated with National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKFM) to commemorate the occasion to raise awareness of kidney problems and to empathise with kidney patients by wearing red, which is NKFM's theme colour.

All students and staff gave their full support by turning up in numbers and donating to the foundation.

"We are happy to support NKFM and this event allowed students to learn about the dangers of kidney failure as well as to demonstrate one of our school's primary ethos, which is that of a charitable spirit.

"Students and staff understood

the importance of helping those in need and this encouraged the school community to come together for a meaningful cause," said Stella Maris International School president Dr BC Tan.

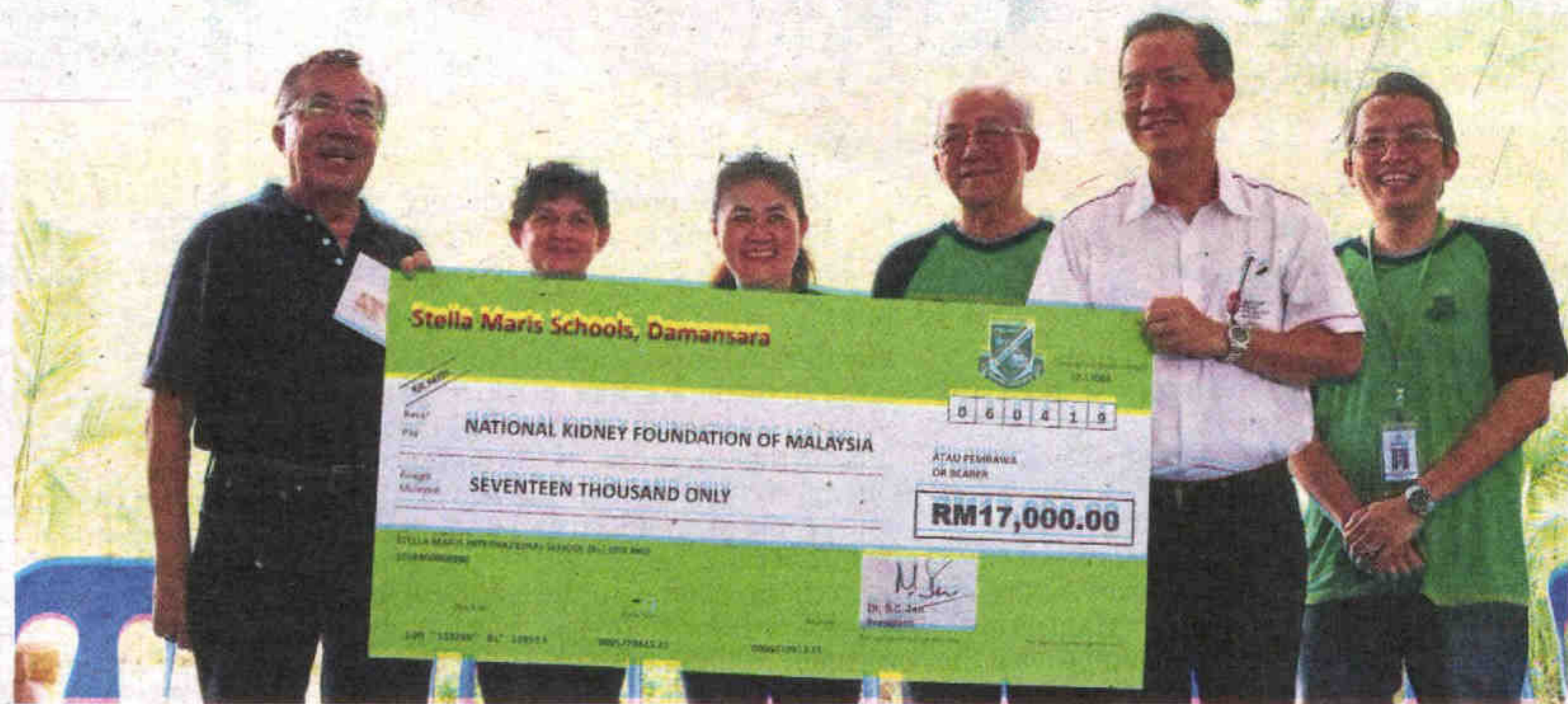
Following this fundraising event, the school held a 2.7km Cross Country Run, which was attended by Catholic Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur Rev Julian Leow and the school Board of Governors chairman Brig Gen (Rtd) Datuk Richard Robless.

A mock cheque presentation was held after the run.

Dr Tan thanked the students, staff and parents for their generous support in raising RM17,000 for NKFM this year.

In the last four years, the school successfully raised over RM53,000 for the NKFM.

"We hope to make this an annual event," he added.



(From left) Robless, primary head teacher Belevin Daro Scully, secondary head teacher Thang Mun Seong, Dr Tan, the NKFM chief executive officer Chua Hong Wee and school administrative manager Kenneth Yap Eu Seong.