



Takeaways

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Dengue pain.

After going through a tumultuous Presidential Election season, we're now squarely in the dengue zone.

It's reported that, as of today, there are more than 50 high-risk areas in Singapore with dengue cases. Dengue is not new to us—who can forget all the countless schooltime talks and pamphlet reminders we've had over the years?—but it's no less of a serious threat whenever it does arise.

CNA has a terrific explainer on why we're facing a new surge in cases, and why certain areas can be more susceptible to the viral infection. As we covered a while ago, dengue remains an endemic problem under our tropical climate. There's plenty being done to reduce its spread over the years, but the quest continues.

Dengue fever *sucks*, but we've got to learn about the long-term effects of dengue beyond the initial pain. It's... not great, so remember to do the Mozzie Wipeout before you head out for the weekend.

*P.S. We've also learnt some of you found your way here through your friends. If you haven't already, **subscribe** to our weekly newsletter today!*

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A Parent's Nightmare



There's no question that what has come out of the Kinderland saga thus far is disturbing.

For many of us, the abusive practices caught on camera were upsetting enough. It's no surprise, then, that it hit a raw nerve with parents all over the country. Our writer Hazel, a young mother herself, texted our editor in the hopes of articulating it all on our platform. As investigations continue within the premises of the preschool powerhouse, read her words.

**Lessons in Accountability:
A Mother's Perspective on the
Kinderland Preschool Saga**

Frame by Frame



Digging through YouTube can yield fascinating results. We all know it's a wormhole of its own, tailored to your interests via an algorithm, but as long as you put "Singapore" and "[year of choice]" in there, you'll be surprised at what you may find.

There are at least two walkthrough videos of the now-defunct HMV at The Heeren in the late 90s—back when the entertainment giant had an in-store DJ and, gasp, customers paying \$25 for a CD. What a time.

For someone like Dr Ivan Polunin, his fascination with Singapore, during his travels here from the 1950s to 1970s, was captured lovingly through extensive photos, film footage, and audio reels. It's a breathtaking collection. And it's being shown on social media, piece by piece.

**In Living Colour: Dr Ivan
Polunin's Curious Symphony of
a
Singapore Unseen**

The FAKE NEWS Media



Oh boy. We knew covering the Presidential Elections would be a challenging task. Nothing could measure up to the experience of documenting the end of the campaign trail of Tan Kin Lian, the controversial candidate who ended up with nearly 14% of the nation's vote.

After his concession speech, we bore witness to 47-year-old Iris Koh denouncing "mainstream media" as "corrupt". When we published this story, we weren't spared from her pointed words on Facebook as well.

**Tan Kin Lian Concedes
Graciously. His Supporters? Not
So Much.**

Tharman's the Man, Says Singapore



Yeah, it was no surprise at all. Tharman Shanmugaratnam came out on top with a whopping 70.4% of the vote in the presidential race of 2023.

A week can feel like a year, or a day, depending on how your week went (we hope it was good!) So, if 1 September felt like a lifetime ago, here's our coverage of what went down that night when Tharman won.

**Tharman Shanmugaratnam
Wins 2023 Presidential Election,
to No One's Surprise**

Short Grains, or *piping-hot topics by the spoonful.*

- Ministers K Shanmugam and Vivian Balakrishnan are seeking to have their defamation suits against Lee Hsien Yang, who's currently based in the UK, heard in Singapore. (via CNA)

- In the midst of making its long-gestating project *Skull & Bones*, videogame developer Ubisoft Singapore faces an organised labor campaign by NTUC's Creative Media and Publishing Union. (via *Kotaku*)
 - Yesterday, PSP's NCMP Hazel Poa filed a motion in Parliament to suspend Minister S Iswaran from his service while CPIB's investigations continue. (via *Hazel Poa Koon Koon 潘群勤/Facebook*)
 - In August, HDB resale prices climbed up by 0.6%, with 54 units sold for at least S\$1 million each. (via *The Straits Times*)
 - Not for the squeamish: a delivery rider was caught via door-cam drinking a customer's cup of iced Milo. (via *Mothership*)
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A while back, we profiled a local jazz singer who—when not wowing audiences with her vocal range—tackles preconceptions of what a jazz singer can look like on the grand stages of our island.

Off Beat: Jazz Do It

We like to go out! We also hate our weather.

But as much as our team is full of contradictions, we simply can't go by our

weekend without checking out some things. If you're still deciding on where to go, let us highlight some unmissable events for you:

1. The annual [Singapore River Festival](#) has begun in the heart of Clarke Quay.
2. This Sunday marks the launch of a "[one-of-a-kind](#)" art [exhibition](#) into the life of Lee Kuan Yew at the former Pasir Panjang Power Station.
3. [The Breaking Ice](#), the latest opus by Singaporean filmmaker Anthony Chen, is now screening at The Projector.
4. Discover new live music at [Music Matters 2023](#), which has planned an extensive programme of showcases by the region's emerging artists, this weekend onwards.
5. Hankering for a roasting? Over at the east side of Singapore, there's a [stand-up comedy night](#) that you can't miss.

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