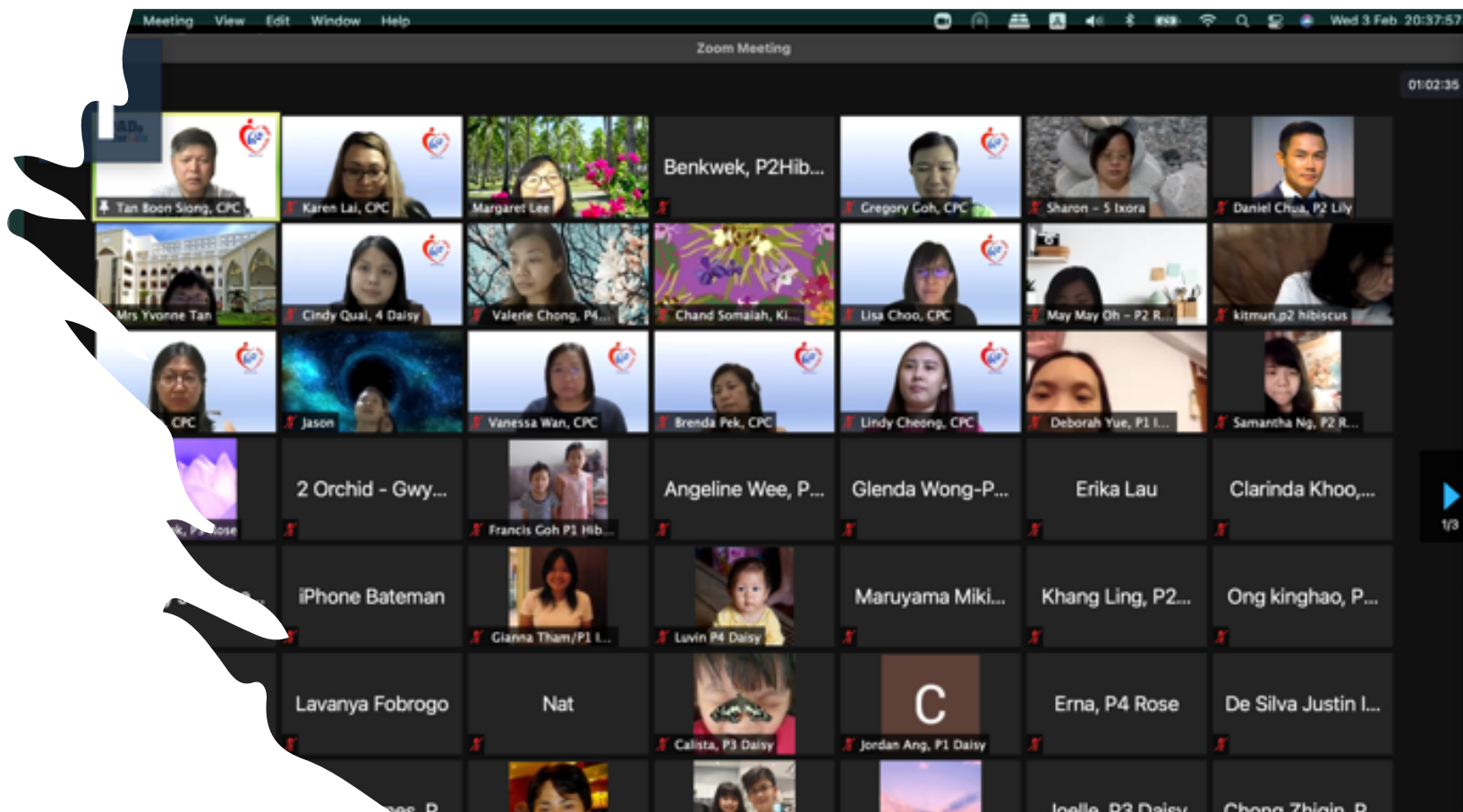
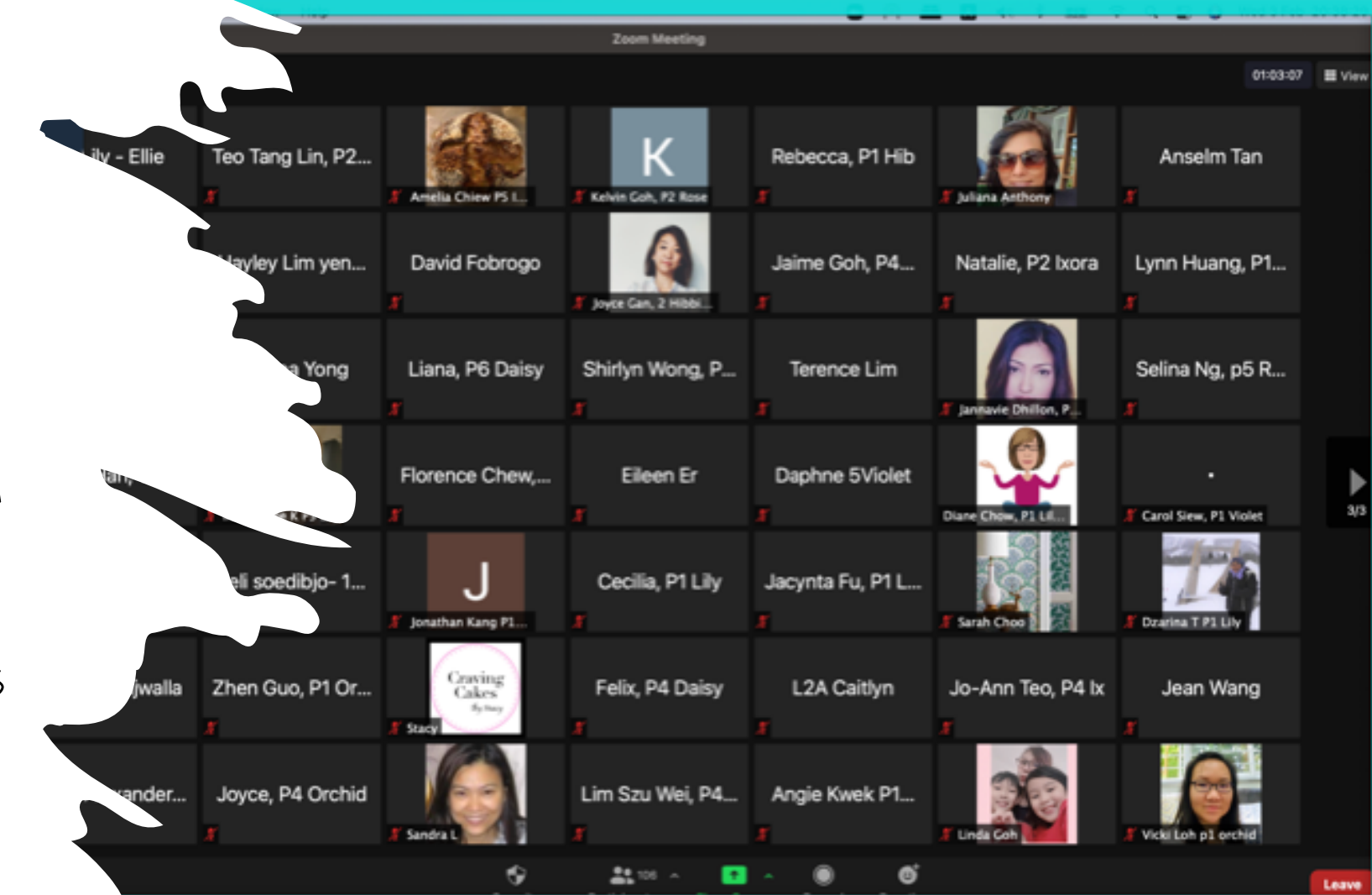


# PV Welcome Chat 2021

On 3 February 2021, the Central Parent Council (CPC) held its annual Parents Welcome Chat. Unlike previous years where the CPC met with parent volunteers (PVs) in person at a welcome breakfast, this year's Welcome was held virtually via Zoom due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Parents who tuned in had the opportunity to meet the CPC members and were introduced to the line-up of programmes planned for the coming year.

I have been a PV for the past 3 years and have always marveled at the dedication and commitment of the parent volunteers. Time is a precious commodity for most parents, yet there has never been a scarcity of parents who generously volunteer their time.



Every programme - whether it is the IJ Fiesta, Rosary and Novena prayer sessions, Life Skills, PSLE Vigil, or the Teachers' Appreciation Lunch - is a wonderful coming together of ideas, diverse experiences, individual skills, talents, energy and lots of hard work. Even when the COVID-19 pandemic caused many activities to be suspended, the CPC and the school were determined to work within the constraints to continue to bring the special Children's Day celebration to our girls. And even though physically separated by COVID-19 safe management measures, the CPC Pastoral team kept us united in faith as a praying community by launching monthly Rosary prayer and Novena sessions over Zoom. Such an engaged and supportive community of parent volunteers must surely be united and motivated by a shared passion: love for every child in IJ.

So, even as we wait with bated breath to see what 2021 will bring, even as we note that many programmes in the 2021 CPC Calendar of Events are asterisked with the caveat "Subject to prevailing Covid-19 situation", I am filled with **confidence, hope and optimism** that the school, the CPC and the wonderful IJ family of parent volunteers will continue to work closely and creatively together this year to create the best experiences, memories and friendships for our girls, just as they always have.



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