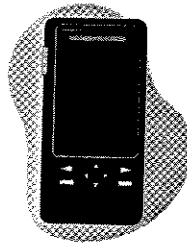


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In this modern century, electronic devices have changed human life, especially many electronic communication devices, like the mobile phone.

The mobile phone is one of the most important things in our lives. Imagine, just thirty years ago we used paper mail and cable telephones to communicate with each other. But now, those have changed and most people use small and simple mobile phone to communicate.

Nowadays, mobile phones are not just used for communication but also to entertain people. Many mobile phone companies try to include new technology in their products. As a result, many new mobile phones have multiple functions and some of them can even connect to the internet.

One of the many functions we can get from a mobile phone is a MP3 player. If your hobby is listening to music, this is a good way to connect yourself to your hobby. Some mobile phones have memory drives of more than four gigabytes (4G). This way, you are able to save more of your favorite music and have fun with your music everywhere you go.

A video recorder function is also included in some models. This function is quite good especially if you travel frequently; you'll really need a video recorder in your mobile phone to record some videos. You are able to take some photos too.

Nowadays, some mobile phones have changed. The newest technology is included in a mobile phone. Some of the best applications are functions like a MP3 player and video recording. Some mobile phones can connect through the internet and many new applications will come soon as well.

On May 26, a special guest visited Hawthorn. He was Mr. Madanmohan Rao, a research director at the Asian Media Information and Communication Center (AMIC). His lecture was very interesting and useful. All the students from the EAP and Intermediate classes really enjoyed it.

He told us how important mobile phones and the internet are. We know that people use mobile phones and the internet to communicate but at this lecture we realized that they are used for more than that. You can use mobile phones to help people by sending text messages to give money to people who are in a disaster area. Furthermore, governments use text messages to warn people about dangers. Mobile phones are also used for finding information about families of victims. And sometimes, mobile phones are used for sending love. Mr. Madanmohan told us a story about a Chinese family. During the Sichuan earthquake, which just happened in China, the mother of this family died protecting her 3-month-old baby. Before she died, she used her mobile phone to write a message for her baby: "Baby, if you are lucky and you are still alive; remember that your mother loves you".... that story really made every person's heart ache.

So if you know how to use mobile phones and the internet, they would be the best way to send your love to everyone.

"Baby, if you are lucky and you are still alive; remember that your mother loves you"....

Jude's Pre-intermediate students donate S\$350 to the relief funds for the victims of the Sichuan earthquake and Cyclone Nargis.

Being fined for speaking their own languages in class may have hurt the pockets of many Pre-intermediate students, but this turned out to be a good thing when all that money was donated to help victims of the recent natural disasters in China and Myanmar. The amount will be divided into half for each fund. Thanks too to Jude's class for counting all those coins!

