



Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)

31 January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for taking the time to come to our first Meet-the-Parents and Breakfast sessions of the year. As we are approaching the end of January, I trust that our children have settled into their new classes. In this journey of stewarding the hearts of our boys, we have reminded them about God's Love and how they should take responsibility for themselves, to love and be gracious to others. We continue in various ways to uphold the theme of the year 'Speak the Truth in Love', by teaching the boys to recognise the truth and uphold the truth.

In 2018, the school will continue to give emphasis to its key areas of focus in the holistic development of our boys. These efforts are in line with our mission to nurture our students with a quality, holistic education, rooted in Christian values, that allows each to reach his fullest potential equipped with life skills to face the future and to serve God and nation.

To realize our objectives, we are continuing our efforts to refine our lesson design and pedagogical approaches. Through these refinements, we hope to better motivate our pupils through increased engagement in lessons and deepen their understanding of content knowledge and skills.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Change in SA1 Dates

The start date of the SA1 Examinations has been moved from 3 May to 7 May to optimise student learning before the examinations. We apologise for this inconvenience. Please note that the date for the Hinch and Thoburn programmes on 10 May has been shifted forward to 3 May. We enclose the calendar for the first half of the year with the revisions highlighted in yellow.

2. Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) Hong Bao Donation drive 2018

As part of our initiative to inculcate the joy of giving in our boys, we are working with Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) to support them in their Lunar New Year Hong Bao (Red Packet) Donation drive. We would like to seek your kind support in encouraging your son to donate a portion of his red packet which will be used to benefit several beneficiaries under MWS. MWS runs 18 centres and programmes for over 12,000 underprivileged children, at-risk youth, distressed families, chronically ill, destitute and frail, and the socially isolated. You may visit <https://mws.sg> for more details on MWS' centres and services. Your son will be receiving an MWS envelope from his Form Teacher in early February. Please encourage your son to place his donation in the envelope and return the envelope to his Form Teacher after the Lunar New Year from 20th to 22nd of February 2018. Please note that for cheques issued, they are to be made payable to: **Methodist Welfare Services**. Please indicate 'Hong Bao Drive 2018' on the back of the cheque. We thank you for your kind support. Your support goes a long way to enable MWS to extend help to those in need.

3. Gracious Students Book

All P1 pupils will receive a book in February, Gracious Students, written by one of our alumni, Mr Kevin Foo and donated by Mr and Mrs Christopher Chan. The book focuses on graciousness and has many illustrations demonstrating the correct behaviour in school, at home and in the public. Manners have to be taught and demonstrated - this book is a very useful tool to help educate our children and grow them into young gentlemen.

4. Security Matters

We continue to place the safety of our boys as the top priority in school. Thank you for displaying your pass prominently when entering the school. This has greatly helped our security staff to manage trespassing. We would like to remind you to continue to wear your pass without demand whenever you are in the campus. Security passes are non-transferrable. If you wish to apply for a pass for your helper or care-giver, please approach the General Office for assistance.

5. Road Safety

Thank you for your co-operation and support to get your child to school on time. To ease congestion along Winstedt Road, please park at the nearby car park at Newton and walk your son to and from school. If you are alighting your child at the foyer or external lay-by, we seek your understanding to ensure that your child comes out of the car swiftly without holding up the traffic. If you are picking your child after school at the foyer or external lay-by, please also ensure that you come at a time that he has been dismissed and that he will be fetched promptly. This is a gentle reminder that there is no parking in the school compound unless it is for an emergency. Please drive carefully within the speed limit in the school premises and along Winstedt Road. Do be mindful of the zebra crossing within the School Zone.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

6. 50th Annual Swimming Championships

Please note that school dismissal for all pupils will be at 11.30am. It is compulsory for all Primary 5 pupils to attend this event. The details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 13 February 2018
Time: 1.30pm to 5.30pm
Venue: Anglo-Chinese Junior College

7. Total Defence Day Commemoration and Chinese New Year Celebrations

Date: Thursday, 15 February 2018
Time: 7.30am to 10am

The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day and celebrating Chinese New Year on Thursday, 15 February. Pupils will be dismissed at 10am. Lessons will resume on Tuesday, 20 February.

This year, the theme for Total Defence Day is 'Together We Keep Singapore Strong'. Activities will be conducted to help pupils understand that their participation in Total Defence is important, and everyone can and should play a part in defending the country. There will also be a special programme for CNY celebrations, and all boys are encouraged to wear Chinese traditional costumes to school on that day. The boys may bring light snacks if necessary as the canteen will closed on that day.

8. 132nd Founder's Day Service

Our 132nd Founder's Day Service and Academic Award Presentations will take place on 1st March from 8.30 am to 11.00 am. Only prize recipients currently in P3 to P6, and all P6 boys are to be present. These boys are to report to school as usual by 7.30 am. The Guest-of-Honour is Mr Joseph Chean, Distinguished Old Boy and National Director of Youth With A Mission (YWAM), Singapore. P1 to P5 boys will be having a separate Founder's Day celebration on 27 February.

9. Programme for Active Learning (PAL) at ACS(J)

PAL, which started in Week 2 this year, aims to provide enriched learning modules for all P1 and P2 students beyond the curriculum. PAL modules are:

- Experiential in nature
- Encompass learning in a creative way
- Provide for opportunities to create
- Incorporate values education and social emotional learning
- Fun and enjoyable
- Aligned to pedagogy and suitable learning environments

The PAL modules cover domains such as Sports, Aesthetics, Performing Arts, Outdoor Education and 21st Century Skills. Similar to CCAs, PAL provides a platform for our boys to actively learn skills and develop character building through engaging in various group activities. All PAL modules are facilitated by the Form Teachers of Primary 1 and Primary 2 classes.

Primary 1 PAL

Sports

- The boys are introduced to Rugby and taught techniques associated with playing the game. They learn about teamwork, resilience and develop awareness of self and the environment.
- The boys are also taught how to play local traditional games like Chaptah, Hopscotch, Five-Stones and Sepak Takraw. Through such games, they learn more about local culture and develop social awareness.

Aesthetics

- The boys gain understanding of 2-D & 3-D art-forms of different ethnic groups.

Drama (Performing Arts)

- The boys are introduced to drama elements through teamwork and experiential learning. They are trained to develop greater confidence when speaking to an audience.

Primary 2 PAL

Sports

- The boys deepen their skills in Rugby and refine techniques associated with playing the game. Through these sessions, the boys practise teamwork, resilience and demonstrate awareness of self and the environment.

Aesthetics

- The Visual Art module encourages the creative use of colours to explore different art forms (eg. Batik art)
- The boys are also introduced to music around the world and gain greater understanding of different cultures.

Outdoor Education

- Beyond the classrooms, the boys learn through exploring nature and picking up basic navigation skills through map reading activities. The module also develops curiosity as the boys learn about nature, through activities like Leaf-Art and Tree Bark Shading.

21st Century Skills

- Over a 10-week period, our boys will learn future-ready skills and develop soft skills such as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication through an integrated basic coding module in our school Values-in-Action programme. The boys will learn about animals and pet care and have fun discovering how tiny pets move in the form of robots.

OTHERS

10. Registration for Smart Notification Acknowledgement Console (SNAC)

SNAC™ is a communication solution that uses smartphone (iPhone & Android) 3G/4G/WIFI network to receive notifications sent by the school.

Benefits of using SNAC™ Communication

- Receive real-time notifications and circulars on schools matters
- Grant real-time digital acknowledgement to activities
- Kept updated with school events and activities

The school would like to thank all parents for your support in the SNAC registration. To date, we have about 80% of our parents who have registered for the SNAC application. If you have not done so, please refer to the school website ([Useful Links – For Parents](#)) for a step-by-step instructions to install SNAC™ communication application into your smartphone. We would appreciate it if you could do so by 14th February so that you can receive messages from the school from that date onwards.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chaillan Mui Tuan
Principal

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)

Date	School Calendar 2018 - Semester 1
01-Jan	New Year's Day
02-Jan	P1 Meet-the-Parents
04-Jan	Temperature Taking Exercise
10-Jan	P3 and P5 Meet-the-Parents
11-Jan	Track and Field Events
15-Jan	Track and Field Events
16-Jan	Track and Field Events
18-Jan	Swimming Events
19-Jan	P6 Breakfast Session with Parents
22-Jan	P4 Breakfast Session with Parents
26-Jan	P2 Breakfast Session with Parents
03-Feb	Mathematics Workshop for P1-P2 Parents
05-Feb	P5 Camp
06-Feb	P5 Camp
07-Feb	P5 Camp
13-Feb	P5-P6 Prefects' Investiture
	50th Annual Swimming Championship (dismissal at 1130a.m.)
14-Feb	P4 Prefects' Investiture
15-Feb	Total Defence Day Commemoration and CNY Celebration
16-Feb	Chinese New Year
19-Feb	School Holiday in lieu of Chinese New Year
21-Feb	P6 CA1 Higher Mother Tongue
22-Feb	P6 CA1 English Language
23-Feb	P6 CA1 Mathematics
26-Feb	P6 CA1 Mother Tongue
27-Feb	P6 CA1 Science
	Internal Founder's Day Celebration (P1-P5)
01-Mar	132nd Founder's Day
30-Mar	Good Friday
12-Apr	P6 SA1 English Language Oral (after school)
17-Apr	P3 SA1 Mother Tongue Oral
18-Apr	P5 SA1 Mother Tongue Oral (after school)
19-Apr	P6 SA1 Mother Tongue Oral (after school)
23-Apr	P4-P6 SA1 English Language Composition
24-Apr	P4-P6 SA1 Mother Tongue Composition
26-Apr	P4 SA1 Mother Tongue Oral
	P6 MT E-Oral Practice (after school)
27-Apr	P5-P6 SA1 English Listening Comprehension
	P5-P6 SA1 Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension
	P6 MT E-Oral Practice (after school)
30-Apr	P3-P4 SA1 English Listening Comprehension
	P3-P4 SA1 Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension

01-May	Labour Day
07-May	P5-P6 SA1 Higher Mother Tongue
08-May	P3-P6 SA1 English Language
09-May	P3-P6 SA1 Mathematics
10-May	P3-P6 SA1 Mother Tongue
11-May	P3-P6 SA1 Science
25- May	P1 to P6 Meet-the-Parents Session
29-May	Vesak Day
20-Jun	P6 Enrichment and Remedial Class (8.30a.m. – 1p.m.)
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