



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

5 March 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

Our school celebrated the 132nd Founder's Day on 1st March this year with a thanksgiving service, award presentation ceremony and performances. Our Guest-of-Honour was Mr Joseph Chean, Distinguished Old Boy and National Director of Youth With A Mission (YWAM), Singapore. We thank God for His blessings and faithfulness for the school from year to year. We are reminded that God's love extends to all our boys and that ACSJ is a family united in God's love.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **1. Farewell to our Vice-Principal, Mrs Lim-Foo Boon Ching**

Our Vice-Principal, Mrs Lim-Foo, will be leaving ACS(J) to embark on the Leaders in Education Programme (LEP) at the National Institute of Education from 19 March 2018. In her 4 years with ACS(J), Mrs Lim-Foo has played in key role in strengthening many of the school processes, particularly in the area of Teaching and Learning, and Staff Development. She led in the school's pioneering efforts in Holistic and Formative assessment and supported many of the professional learning teams to encourage collaboration among staff. She has made a positive impact on the boys and staff with her nurturing and mentoring approach. We wish her God's blessings as she starts a new journey.

### **2. Safer Internet Day**

On Safer Internet Day, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018, our school participated in the global campaign to promote safe and responsible use of the internet among our boys and staff. This year's campaign theme is Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you.

Our ICT Champions shared and will continue to talk about it during the school assembly and class interaction time, encouraging everyone to do their part in promoting safer internet through these three ways – create positive online content, connect with others through sharing positive online content, and share by being respectful to others when communicating online.

We would like to encourage you to be actively involved in your son's online experience. The Media Literacy Council and TOUCH Cyber Wellness will be organizing workshops to prepare parents to help their children navigate the online world safely and responsibly. We strongly encourage you to visit [www.medialiteracycouncil.sg/SID-Campaign-2018](http://www.medialiteracycouncil.sg/SID-Campaign-2018) to register for the workshops.

### **3. Environmental Efforts at ACS(J)**

We aim to inspire and encourage our boys to care for and protect common spaces and the environment by adopting clean and green practices. They keep their classrooms and common places in the school clean by making it a habit to discard litter at the proper designated areas. As they understand the importance of recycling and how it impacts the environment, they practise recycling paper in the classrooms and plastic bottles in the canteen. They also play their part in reducing waste by ensuring electricity is used wisely and when necessary. They switch off fans, lights and other electrical outlets when they are not in use. The Green Captains play an important role in encouraging these efforts especially in the classrooms. We hope that these practices will instil in them environmentally-friendly habits which would have a positive impact on the environment.

### **4. Student Leadership Development Programme**

Servant leadership is a trait entrenched in the school's vision. Guided by its vision and ACSian outcomes, the school has in place a student leadership development programme that caters to needs and expectations of students across the levels. Based on Robert K. Greenleaf's Servant Leadership framework, the programme was designed to develop servant leadership competencies in our boys, and provide leadership opportunities for them and for different levels of student leaders.

The student leadership development programme is based on a structured 3-tier approach, with the first tier being personal leadership, which aims to introduce servant leadership attributes to all students through FTGP lessons. The second tier is about inter-personal relationships where students are given opportunities to lead others through various platforms such as Class Committees, CCA Leaders and Peer Supporters. The third tier focuses on team leadership, where student leaders such as Prefects, Sports Leaders and ICT Champions lead across teams.

The school has completed training sessions for the second tier student leaders in Term 1. Training for third tier student leaders will be carried out from Term 2 onwards, and training for first tier is ongoing through the year. These leadership training and development sessions are customized to equip the student leaders with values, knowledge, and skills that will prepare them for their respective leadership roles and responsibilities in the school.

### **5. Internal Founder's Day House Relay & Games**

As part of the internal Founder's Day celebrations and in alignment to our 'All for Sports' programme, the Inter-House Relay was held on 27 and 28 Feb 2018 on our school field. While the representatives raced, their House mates cheered them on with gusto. In addition, the boys also had their inaugural Inter-House Games where every single boy in the level had the opportunity to participate and contribute to their House points. This initiative aims to bring the cohort together through sports and celebrate the ACS spirit as one united family

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### 6. All for Sports Programme

To build and deepen class spirit in our students, there will be interclass Games for P1 and P2 boys during Children's Day. For P3 to P6 students, the Inter-Class Relay will take place during one of their FTGP lessons in the year. The runners will be representing their classes while their Form Teachers and classmates will be present in full strength to support them.

### 7. SYF Arts Presentations 2018

The biennial SYF Arts Presentations will be held in the month of April. The performing arts CCAs, namely the Choir, the Concert Band, Junior Vibez and the String Orchestra will be participating at this presentation. There will be a concert specially for parents of the SYF participants on Friday, 23 March 2018 at the PAH at 6 pm. The parents can look forward to an evening of SYF repertoires and dance choreography presented by their children. More information on seat reservations for this concert will be emailed to the parents of SYF participants.

## OTHERS

### 8. Travel Plans

If you are planning to travel out of Singapore during this March school holidays, kindly keep the school informed of your travel plans. A NIL return is required. This is one of our practices to ensure our emergency readiness. You can make your travel declarations online via the MCOOnline Portal using the Parents' Account at the following link:

[www.mconline.sg](http://www.mconline.sg)

Click [here](#) for the step-by-step guide should you require assistance in completing the travel declaration online. If there are changes to your travel plans after your first submission, please update us again by re-submitting the form online again. Please make your travel declarations by **Thursday, 8 March 2018**.

### 9. Use of SNAC App

If you have not installed the SNAC App yet, the Principal's letter is available on the school website. Please be informed that subsequent Principal's letters will be sent out through the SNAC App only.

I wish all of you an enjoyable upcoming holiday in March and may you have a restful and wonderful time as a family.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chaillan Mui Tuan  
Principal