



## Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

*A Methodist Institution (Founded 1886)*

29 October 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

2018 has been an enriching year for our students. We have seen how our boys have grown not only in stature, but also in grace and wisdom. They are more confident and have developed skills of self-management and teamwork. With just less than 3 weeks before the end of the academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to all parents/guardians for your generous support and partnership in nurturing the boys in their holistic development throughout the year.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **1. Speakers' Arena**

As part of the Primary 4 Literature Programme to develop student voice, the English Department, in collaboration with the Character and Citizenship Department, has initiated Speakers' Arena as a platform for our boys to express their views about current affairs through oral presentations. Our Primary 4 boys started preparing for the Speakers' Arena two weeks prior to the event. They worked collaboratively to research on their chosen topic, and developed the scripts for their speeches. They also gathered the resources and promoted their talks to their fellow schoolmates.

The success of the Speakers' Arena was encouraging as our boys had a very enriching experience, both through the preparation process as well as the presentation on their subject matter. Topics raised ranged from concerns for the environment to current local issues like the rental bike controversy. We look forward to creating more memorable and meaningful learning experiences for all our students in ACS(J).

#### **2. President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2019**

Every year, two national awards are given out to teachers in the teaching fraternity to recognise their professional excellence. They are the President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and the Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA).

### President's Award for Teachers (PAT)

The President's Award for Teachers gives national recognition to experienced teachers for their dedication and hard work in developing our young. These teachers prepare students for life, as well as model commitment to continuous learning and enterprise. They inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds. Nominations for PAT 2019 are now open and will close on Tuesday, 22 January 2019.

### Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA)

The Outstanding Youth in Education Award seeks to recognise excellent young teachers for their youthful idealism, energy, enthusiasm and active involvement in the development of youths. With effect from 2012, the age criterion for OYEA has been revised to 35 years and younger. For OYEA 2019, it is open to educators who are born on or after 30 June 1984. Nominations for OYEA 2019 are now open and will close on Tuesday, 8 January 2019.

### Online Submission of Nominations for PAT 2019 and OYEA 2019

You are strongly encouraged to nominate online at the URLs or scanning the QR codes below.

#### **PAT 2019**

<https://tinyurl.com/2019PAT>



#### **OYEA 2019**

<https://tinyurl.com/OYEA2019>



### **3. 2019 School Hours, Recesses and After-School Programmes**

#### 2019 School Hours

School hours remain unchanged in 2019; school functions from 7.30am to 1.30pm, Monday to Friday.

#### 2019 Recesses

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Levels</b>
9.30am	10.00am	P1 and P2
10.00am	10.30am	P3 and P4
10.30am	11.00am	P5 and P6

The boys are allowed a 10-minute snack time (between 11:30am and 12:30pm) upon request. This is to help tide them over until school dismissal. Only healthy and dry snacks are to be consumed at this time such as biscuits, muesli bars or fruits.

## 2019 After-School Programmes

The after-school programmes which your son may be identified for are scheduled as follows:

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2.00pm-3.45pm	P3 Hinch Programme P4-6 Hinch/Thoburn Programme			P3 Hinch Programme P4-6 Hinch/Thoburn Programme	

There are different CCAs on each day. The CCA schedule for 2019 will be uploaded on the school website at the end of the year.

### **4. Discipline Matters**

Parents/Guardians are reminded not to engage directly with other students especially concerning issues with discipline and behaviour. Should there be any matters of concern, please bring this to the attention of our staff for investigation and resolution. Please refer to the Pupil Companion or School Website for more information on rules and discipline.

### **5. New ACSJ Corporate T-Shirt**

The ACSJ Corporate T-shirt is a representation of our ACS identity. To ensure alignment to the ACS Brand Identity Guidelines, we will be replacing our current Corporate T-shirt from 2019 onwards. The new Corporate T-shirt will be sold from January/February 2019. During the next 2 years (i.e. 2019-2020) of transition, students can still wear their current Red Corporate T-shirts and White Corporate Polo Shirts. We will provide more details in time to come.

### **6. P6 Design Thinking**

This is the first year the school is embarking on the Primary 6 Design Thinking Project. This project allows our students to brainstorm creative solutions to address the concerns of users of the school i.e. teachers, students, canteen vendors, security guards. The students use a software to create three dimensional models of their solutions and a 3D printer to print them. Some of the solutions designed by our students will be displayed for viewing in Week 10.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **7. Public Holiday (Deepavali) on 6 November**

Hindu students may be dismissed from school from 10.30am on Monday, 5 November (Deepavali). We wish our Hindu friends and family a blessed time of celebration.

## **8. Junior Superstars**

The annual Junior Superstars singing competition for Primary 3 to 6 students will be held on 7 November. The objective of this event is to provide a platform for competitive arts. The finalists of the competition will be performing live at the PAH and parents of the participants are invited to view the performances.

## **9. Cluster Collaboration in the Creative Thinkers' Experience @ ACSJ**

Our school has invited the S5 cluster schools, Bendemeer Primary and Farrer Park Primary, to join us in the Creative Thinkers' Experience @ACS Junior, our applied learning programme. This programme focuses on the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and teamwork. Activities include an Escape Room, Problem solving challenge, 21<sup>st</sup> century skills' games. The event will be held on 9 November and it would be a good opportunity for students from the 3 schools to come together to interact with each other and work in teams to participate in various games.

## **10. Results Processing Day on 12 November**

Students are not required to attend school on Monday 12 November as we will be processing results and promotions.

## **11. Meet-The-Parents (MTP) on Thursday, 15 November**

The school will be returning the Report Books to all students on Wednesday, 14 November, If you would like to meet your son's/ward's Form Teacher during MTP on Thursday, 15 November for further discussion, please book your preferred appointment slot (For P1, P2, P4 & P5 only) online through the MC Online Portal using the Parents' Account at the following link, [www.mconline.sg](http://www.mconline.sg). Click [here](#) for the instructions to book a slot on MC Online. The link and instructions are also available on our school website, [www.acsj.moe.edu.sg](http://www.acsj.moe.edu.sg). The booking period is from 29 October 3pm to 9 November 5pm.

Our MTP sessions will be held from 8am to 3pm in your son's/ward's classroom. P2, P4, P5 and P6 boys are not required to attend school on 15 Nov.

P1 boys are required to be present with their parents for Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC). P3 boys are also required to be present with their parents for Parents-Boys-Teacher (Team Conference). P3 parents are not required to book their slots as they will be given a pre-designated slot to meet their son and his FUN Project team together on that day. A separate letter will be sent to all P1 & P3 parents with more information today.

As many of our teachers teach different classes and levels, it may not be possible for you to meet all the subject teachers on the same day. We seek your understanding on this matter. You may wish to email the subject teachers directly if you would like to make individual appointments to meet on another day.

There will be no Parking facilities within the school and we suggest that you park at Newton public car park. We hope that you will be able to assist us by keeping strictly to the time allotted so as to allow our teachers to meet with the other parents as well. We look forward to meeting you on that day.

## 12. Honours Day on 16 November

To celebrate the successes of individuals in their respective domains of excellence, the school will hold its Honours Day on Friday, 16 November from 7.30 am to 11.00 am in the Tan Chin Tuan Hall. Only prize recipients are required to attend the Honours Day. Our Guest-of-Honour is Distinguished Old Boy of ACS, Mr. Toh Wei Soong, National Para Swimmer.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

## 13. CCA Results and Accolades

### Chess

58<sup>th</sup> National Schools (Team) Chess Championships 2018

Boys Open – 1<sup>st</sup> (South Zone) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (Nationals)

Boys Under 11 Team A – 1<sup>st</sup> (South Zone) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (Nationals)

Boys Under 9 Team A – 2<sup>nd</sup> (South Zone)

### OTHERS

## 14. Travel Plans

If you are planning to travel out of Singapore during the December school holidays, please 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 may make your travel declarations online via the MCOOnline Portal using the Parents' Account at the following link:

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

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 Friday 9 November 2018.

## 15. ACSJ Parent Volunteers

As the year draws to a close, the school would also like to acknowledge our highly motivated groups of parent volunteers for their invaluable contribution in building up the lives of our ACSians. Please accept a small token of our appreciation which will be handed to you through your son/ward in Week 10. Thank you for making a difference!

I wish all of you a well-rested upcoming holiday and may you have a fruitful and enjoyable time as a family. May we always give praise and thanks to God for the past we have inherited, for the present we now create and to the future as we move forward. To God Be The Glory, The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours sincerely

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