



Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

8 April 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

ACSians Assemble!

1. Our Primary 5 students had a memorable and enjoyable time during the recent three-day non-residential outdoor camp held from 29 to 31 March 2021. With the camp theme “ACSians Assemble”, our boys were engaged in various outdoor challenges where they were provided with numerous opportunities to demonstrate their love and care for their fellow ACSians and to nurture the spirit of collaboration. Our boys also forged deeper friendships with their classmates as they worked through their differences throughout this camp. Through the many team building games which challenged our boys to get out of their comfort zones under the relentless heat, we witnessed how resilient and adaptable our boys were as they worked towards a common goal. The most notable experience for the boys was definitely the “Milo pond” water activity, which was a pool of mud they had to brace themselves to strut into to build their confidence. The invaluable life skills learnt from the camp were fundamental to the holistic development of the boys and this rewarding experience was without a doubt, a cherished and worthwhile piece of memory deeply etched in their minds.

MethodistWalk Fundraising Week 2021

2. We are proud to say that we reached our committed target of each class walking 135km as part of the school's fundraising activities for the biennial MethodistWalk during the week of 22 to 27 March 2021.
3. With Safe Management Measures (SMM) in place, our P1 and P2 boys embarked on their first ever learning journey in ACS(J) – a Neighbourhood Trail. They not only learnt more about the various landmarks around the school, e.g. Newton Food Centre, Newton MRT station, they also visited the previous school campus at Peck Hay Road. Our P3 to P6 students also walked a specially curated 1.35km trail within our school compound with their class teachers. Along the way, they learnt about our rich Methodist history through the many questions in the Heritage Quiz they had to answer via the scanning of QR codes using tablets. 42 of our staff also succeeded in completing 135km in March to get support from their friends and family.
4. The highlight for many of our boys and teachers was their contribution to clock the 135km as a class through a daily special dance workout, choreographed by our prefects from scratch. This dance workout incorporated some of our favourite “ACES” Day moves which had our boys and teachers working out in a synchronised fashion through videos and virtual assemblies. Through their active participation in these fundraising activities, our students and staff have demonstrated love and loyalty for the school.

5. We would like to thank parents for your generous contributions in supporting ACS(J)'s fundraising efforts for the MethodistWalk 2021.

Learning With Technology

Student Learning Space (SLS)

6. The SLS is an online learning platform that our teachers and students have been utilising to access quality curriculum-aligned resources. Students are able to learn anytime, anywhere, and at their own pace, independently or with their peers. Our teachers use the SLS to complement their classroom teaching, further enriching students' learning experience. We strive to develop our boys to become more active and confident user of technology for learning.
7. With the recent enhancements in SLS, students require re-familiarisation of the tools in the platform. Teachers will share with the students the tools whenever they assign tasks to their classes, to ensure that the boys are aware of the steps to take. We urge parents to encourage your boy to manoeuvre the platform independently. Students are also urged to approach their teachers personally should they have any difficulty in accessing the tools and experience issues with their passwords.

Student iCON

8. To enable our students to better utilise existing technologies in their learning, each of our students will receive his own Student iCON account of MOE centralised ICT systems. This account includes a suite of Google apps that help to better support our students learning, independently and collaboratively. They can access lesson materials and be alerted to assignment deadlines online. They can engage in virtual conferencing using their own email account, and collaborate with their teachers and classmates easily on a single platform.
9. The Form Teachers will give students their log in details soon. The teachers will assist with the onboarding process within this term. Further details will be sent to parents and guardians via Parents Gateway once the students have successfully completed their initial log in.

Safety During School Dismissal

School Dismissal Procedure

10. Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe for all our students and staff. We seek your cooperation to adhere to Safe Management Measures and set a good example for our students. To ensure student safety, we advise all parents who are picking up your sons to leave the school promptly.
11. Parents are also reminded to adhere to the dismissal timing for our students. Our purpose for the staggered dismissal is to reduce big congregations of separate student segments. However, it was observed that some students were picked up by their parents along the lay-by at 1.25pm / 1.30pm. Please note that parents can only pick up their sons up at external lay-by or foyer **from 1.40pm**. To ensure road safety for those leaving the school by foot, traffic cones are used to block the gates and lay-by till then. Let us all be gracious towards one another, and exercise kindness to staff doing traffic control duty.

Staggered Dismissal

12. Please note the staggered dismissal timing which starts from 1.10 to 1.40pm. For safety reasons, we seek your understanding that the school opens the pedestrian gates only when the school buses have left the compound and this would normally be after 1.25pm. Please do not come too early and be subject to weather conditions. **Do ensure that this is communicated to caregivers who pick up your child.**

Time (pm)	Staggered Dismissal
1.10	Leaving by School Bus
1.25 (P4, P5, P6) 1.30 (P1, P2, P3)	<u>Leaving school by foot</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting Parents/Siblings in the foyer or• Walking home or taking public transport or• Walking out of school to meet parents or• Walking to the location where parents' cars are parked (eg. Newton carpark, 10 Winstedt carpark)
1.40 (Cars should arrive only after 1.40)	<u>Leaving school by car /SCC</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picked up by car at foyer (Gate 1 will open at 1.40pm)• Picked up by car at external lay-by (Cones will be removed at 1.40pm to free up the external lay-by)• Proceed to ACSJ SCC or External SCC

Car Parking

13. Kindly use public carparks at Newton Food Centre Carpark or 10 Winstedt Road as parking is not available within the school premises during reporting and dismissal time for students. Please refrain from parking inside the estate at 50 Monk's Hill Road as it is reserved for residents only. Unauthorized parked vehicles will be towed away by the estate management. Do also note that there should be no parking or waiting of vehicles along Monk's Hill Road, Winstedt Road and Clemenceau Avenue North as this will cause obstruction to the flow of traffic and inconvenience to the residents nearby. LTA Enforcement Officers have been contacted in the past by irate residents and summons were issued. We seek your support on this matter.

My staff and I look forward to our continued partnership with you for the rest of this term. I wish all our boys a fruitful and enjoyable learning experience at ACS(J).

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chaillan Mui Tuan
Principal