



10 May 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. The past few months have seen many of our boys engaged in a number of different activities as we continue our efforts to steward the hearts of our boys and uphold the theme of the year 'One Hope, One Heart, One ACS'. Anchoring on school values, we share with the boys the importance of encouraging each other towards love and good deeds and keeping the unity as one ACS community. It is heartening to note that many of our boys look out for their friends and render a helping hand to each other as they make the effort to take responsibility to practise personal hygiene and adapt well to school routines. We are proud of the effort that our boys have put in and are grateful that you have worked hand in hand with us in the implementation of Safe Management Measures (SMMs) so that our school remains a conducive environment for all students.

#### **MWS Hong Bao Donation Drive**

2. ACS(J) took part in the Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) Hong Bao Donation drive during Term 1. MWS Headquarters informed the school that a total of \$38 668.10 was collected from ACS(J) during this year's drive. We would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed to this charity drive. The donations will be channelled to the 20 centres and programmes that support the at-risk youths, disadvantaged children, families in distress, the chronically ill, frail and destitute, and socially isolated seniors.

#### **MethodistWalk Fundraising**

3. We are pleased to share with you that the total collection for Methodist Walk 2021 is \$67,401. We would like to thank parents for your generous contributions in supporting ACS(J)'s fundraising efforts for the MethodistWalk 2021.

#### **International Friendship Day (IFD)**

4. The school celebrated IFD on Friday 6 April with the theme of 'Singapore in the World'. Activities were conducted during the CCE and Social Studies lessons over two weeks as part of the curriculum to help students understand the importance of maintaining good relationships and Singapore's connectedness within and beyond ASEAN. It emphasises the importance for Singapore to work with other countries to mutually overcome the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Students also logged into SLS and completed the IFD quiz which provided opportunities for them to learn about ASEAN. We continue to encourage our students to connect with different countries by demonstrating care and support for others, regardless of nationality.

### ACS(J)'s Inaugural World Book Day Celebrations

5. We held our inaugural World Book Day celebrations during the week of 21 - 25 April to promote the joy of reading and sharing to our boys. Our boys were engaged in various exciting activities in their respective levels, such as a Book Character Carnival (P1-2), Book Scavenger Hunt (P3-4) and the Battle of Books (P5-6), while our staff seized the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters. Our boys were highly engaged in these fun-filled activities, which not only encouraged them to read more widely and extensively, but also spurred on their passion for shared reading. As we make use of this opportunity to develop curious ACSians who are intrinsically motivated to read, we would also like to thank our parents for your unwavering support and effort in helping your sons prepare for the activities during the week of celebration.

### Deepening Students' Love for the Environment

6. To promote sustainability and deepen their learning about plants in the Science curriculum, our P4 boys embarked on a seed planting project which involved them sowing the seeds of various plants, such as the black-eyed bean and lady's finger, and planting them in our Eco-garden. Some of our boys demonstrated great ownership of their plants as they took care of the plants by watering them daily and observing the growth of the plants they had grown. These boys will continue nurturing the plants at home at the end of Semester 1. Through this experiential learning opportunity which would make their learning more relevant and authentic, we hope to inculcate in our boys the love for the environment as we empower them to play a part in these green efforts.

### Developing Students' Innovation and Creativity

7. A Bridge Building competition was organised for the P5 boys to develop creative and innovative problem solving skills in Science. In their teams, they had to use limited resources to build a bridge made of ice-cream sticks that would withstand as much load as possible. The two strongest bridges could withstand up to 15 kg of weight! This competition motivated our boys to deepen their knowledge intrinsically and reinforced in our boys our school values of curiosity and excellence. We also witnessed how our boys learnt to collaborate in a team and grew in resilience as they overcame the many setbacks they faced in designing and building these bridges from scratch.

### Destination Imagination Singapore Nationals

8. Destination Imagination is a fun, hands-on way of learning that fosters students' creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic challenges in the fields of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics), fine arts and service learning. The students learn patience, flexibility, resilience, ethics and teamwork throughout their journey. We have 2 teams that represented ACSJ for the competition this year, and we would like to congratulate them on their achievements.

No	Challenge	Placing
1	Improvitational Challenge	1 <sup>st</sup>
2	Fine Arts Challenge	2 <sup>nd</sup>

## ACS(J) Junior Superstars

9. As part of the on-going SMMs, ACS(J) Junior Superstars (JSS) will not be held in the usual manner of having a live performance in front of a live audience, as in previous years. We will be taking a different approach by allowing participants to send in recordings of their performances, and the finalists will be shortlisted with their video clips being shown to the P3-P6 students during music lessons. The students will then cast their votes for their favourite soloist and group performances.

## Play @ Recess

10. Since 2020 Term 4, the upper primary Sports Leaders have been facilitating unstructured play for their peers during their respective recess breaks. With SMM in place, the classes follow a schedule to take turns to participate in physical activities and games. From May 2021 onwards, our P1 to P4 boys will also be given the opportunity to participate in unstructured play by class during recess. This platform allows the boys to practise their social emotional skills such as self-management, relationship management and responsible decision-making.

## CCA Achievements

11. We would like to congratulate our boys who have put in a lot of effort over the months preparing and training for the following competitions:

- a) National School Games Bowling Championship  
Senior Division - 1<sup>st</sup>
- b) National School Games Tennis Championship  
Senior Division - 3<sup>rd</sup>
- c) National School Games Badminton Championship  
Senior Division - Top 8
- d) National School Games Table Tennis Championship  
Senior Division – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- e) Singapore Youth Festival Art Exhibition

Category	Title of Artwork	Award
Category A	Wired to Innovate	Certificate of Recognition
Category B	The Technology of Time	Certificate of Recognition
Category C	Hidden Among Nature	Certificate of Recognition

### Meet-The-Parents (MTP) Sessions on Friday, 28 May 2021

12. In line with recent tightening of SMMs in schools, the P2, P4, P5 & P6 face-to-face MTP sessions will be suspended and moved to virtual modes instead. In other words, **all P1 to P6 MTP sessions will be conducted online via Zoom on Friday, 28 May.** This arrangement supersedes the PG letter on MTP sessions dated 27 April 2021. **Zoom link and passcode will be provided at a later date via PG.** Students need not report to school on 28 May. The school will return the Report Books to all students on Thursday, 27 May.
13. The MTP sessions provide an opportunity for us to review your child's progress and development in school. As it will be held virtually from 8am to 4.30pm, please book your preferred 10-minute time slot through Parents Gateway (PG). The booking period is from **10 May 2021, 8.00am to 21 May 2021, 5.00pm.** We hope you will be able to assist us by keeping strictly to the time allotted so as to allow our teachers to meet with other parents as well. Should you encounter difficulty in booking or do not have online access, please contact the respective Form teachers through email for assistance. We look forward to meeting you at the MTP sessions.

### Cyber Wellness

13. With the school holidays around the corner, many of our students will experience increased screen time - to play games, socialise with friends, surf the Internet and many other online activities. As screen time increases, the possibility of being exposed to cyber misconduct, such as cyberbullying increases. In addition to our continued efforts to help our students become safe and responsible digital learners during FTGP lessons, we would like to share with you some strategies (**Annex A**) which you could consider when engaging your boys at home.

### Implementation of TraceTogether-only SafeEntry in Schools on 17 May 2021

14. TraceTogether-Only SafeEntry (TT-only SE) implementation has been brought forward to 17 May from 1 June in schools. While TT-only SE will be implemented in schools from 17 May, there is **no change** in the use of the TT token in schools for your child / ward. Your boy will **not** be denied entry to the school if he inadvertently forgets his TT token on occasion. The school will continue to use our SC Mobile internal system for attendance-taking, and students will not be required to scan their TT token to enter the school. Nevertheless, we strongly encourage you to continue reminding your child/ward to have their **TT token** with them in school as this facilitates faster and more accurate contact tracing.
15. **From 17 May 2021**, students will show their TT Token to their teachers in class during daily attendance and temperature taking. Students without the TT Token will be reminded to bring their Tokens to schools. It is required for their participation in out-of-school activities where SE check-ins via the TT token are necessary. Students are encouraged to take good care of their tokens, and can personalise their tokens with their name and class to prevent losing them. For replacement of faulty or lost tokens, or if you had previously not requested for a token, you can proceed to your nearest CC for a replacement or new token, or contact the TraceTogether hotline (6973 6511) should you require further assistance.

### Travel Declaration for June Holidays

16. MOH has advised Singapore residents to defer all travel overseas, unless it is permissible under the prevailing MOH travel advisory. **Please inform the school immediately** should there be any exceptional travel by students or travel to countries/regions approved in the MOH travel advisory.
17. To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a **travel declaration** for your child/ward only if he/she **intends to travel** for the June holidays. NIL return is not required.
18. To make your travel declaration through Parents Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by 21 May 2021 (Friday). Only one parent is required to declare.
19. When planning your travel, please refer to the attached advisory (**Annex B**) on travelling. If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, **please inform the school directly** rather than through PG.

### Semester 2 School Calendar 2021

20. Please find attached (**Annex C**) the School Calendar for Semester 2. The information is also available on the School Website.

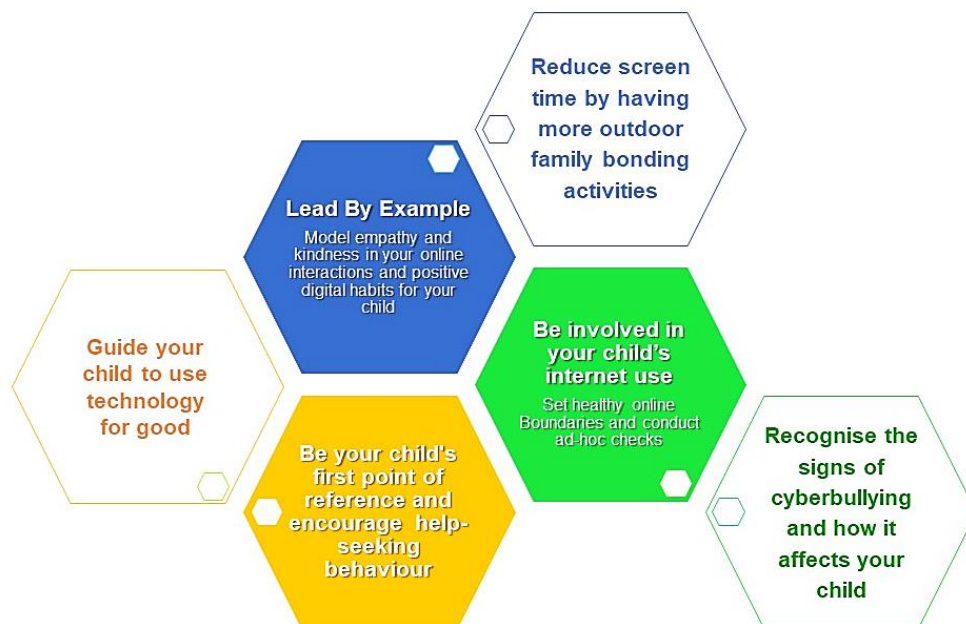
We continue to stand united in this season as we journey together. My staff and I wish all of you a restful and wonderful time together as a family and may God bless all your families with good health and peace during this June holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chaillan Mui Tuan  
Principal

## Annex A – Cyber Wellness

To better help your child understand and manage cyberbullying situations, we would like to encourage parents and guardians to adopt the following tips at home:



**Recognising the signs** - Cyberbullying may be happening to your child if he

- becomes noticeably upset after being online
- expresses reluctance to participate in activities previously enjoyed
- has no appetite or has trouble sleeping
- has an unexplained, sudden drop in grades
- increasingly reports symptoms of illness for which he expresses intention to stay home
- shows signs of depression
- withdraws from family or friends

Here are some sites for you to read more about cyberbullying:

<p>The Sunday Times</p> <p><i>Teach kids to fend off cyber bullies</i></p>	<p><a href="https://bullyfree.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Teach-kids-to-fend-off-cyber-bullies.pdf">https://bullyfree.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Teach-kids-to-fend-off-cyber-bullies.pdf</a></p>
<p>Media Literacy Council</p> <p><i>Be Kind: Cyber Bullying</i></p>	<p><a href="https://www.betterinternet.sg/Resources/Resources-Listing/Be-Kind---Cyberbullying">https://www.betterinternet.sg/Resources/Resources-Listing/Be-Kind---Cyberbullying</a></p>

## Annex B – Advisory on Travel and Health Protocols for Parents

### Advisory on Travel Plans and Health Protocol for Students

1. All students **should continue to defer all travel overseas unless it is permissible under the prevailing MOH’s travel advisory**. Please note the following points for consideration if you are making any travel plans for your child/ward.
  - a) Students and parents must update the school of their plans to travel to countries/regions approved in the MOH travel advisory (e.g. general travel to Australia, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Mainland China and Taiwan and air travel bubble between Singapore and Hong Kong w.e.f. 26 May 2021, updated as of 3 May 2021);
  - b) Actual time spent overseas will be limited since travellers need to adhere to Singapore’s requirements for entry (e.g. time to serve SHN) as well as travel requirements in the country of travel;
  - c) Individuals would need to pay for the full prevailing SHN (up to \$3,000 if served at an SHN Dedicated Facility of up to 21 days (if required)) and swab-test costs (chargeable up to \$200 per test) for pre-departure test (if required) and at the point of re-entry;
  - d) Individuals might need to bear the cost of mandatory travel insurance and unsubsidised healthcare for COVID-19 treatment in case of infection upon return, if applicable;
  - e) In case of changes in travel restrictions by Singapore or other countries, there is a risk that students may not be able to return in time for the start of the school Term.
2. Travel Bubble between Singapore-Hong Kong. Individuals who choose to travel to Hong Kong should be reminded that the Travel Bubble between Singapore and Hong Kong would be monitored by the authorities. If the seven-day moving average of the daily number of unlinked local COVID-19 cases is more than five in either Singapore or Hong Kong, the travel bubble would be suspended for at least 14 days. The suspension will take effect after two days (including the day on which the criteria was met) for a two-week period.
3. International Students (Student Pass (STP)) and their accompanying family members (if eligible) are required to apply for and obtain entrance approval from Safe Travel Office (STO) through the online portal (<https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/STO>) at least two weeks before their intended travel date, and up to around two months in advance. If assistance is required, the Safe Travel Enquiries Helpline is 6812 5555, or write in to <https://go.gov.sg/sto-enquiry>. Further information on a step-by-step guide for travellers to self-help through the application process can be found on the STO website (<https://go.gov.sg/stplane>).
4. International Students (Dependant Pass) (IS-DP) are required to apply for entry approval from MOM through employer of parents/guardian.

Border measures, health protocol and requirements for entry may change over time depending on the public health situation in the respective countries. Please check on these requirements by visiting the

## **Annex B – Advisory on Travel and Health Protocols for Parents**

website of Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) at [<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg>] and the Ministry of Health (MOH) at [<https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19>]



**ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>School Calendar 2021 - Semester 2</b>
23-Jun	P5 STEAM Enrichment (am) P6 Supplementary lessons (8:30am – 1pm)
24-Jun	P5 STEAM Enrichment (am) P6 Supplementary lessons (8:30am – 1pm)
<b>5-July</b>	<b>School Holiday in lieu of Youth Day</b>
6-July to 16-July	Racial Harmony Festival
19-July	Racial Harmony Day Assembly
<b>20-July</b>	<b>Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday</b>
22-July	P6 Prelim Oral (English Language / Mother Tongue) *after school
26-July	P6 Prelim Oral (English Language / Mother Tongue) *after school
6-Aug	National Day Celebration (Dismissal at 10am)
<b>9-Aug</b>	<b>National Day Public Holiday</b>
<b>10-Aug</b>	<b>School Holiday in lieu of National Day</b>
11-Aug	P3 Mother Tongue Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 3 P4 Mother Tongue Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2
<b>12-Aug to 13-Aug</b>	<b>PSLE Oral (P1 – P5 pupils do not report to school)</b>
17-Aug	P3 English Language Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 3 P4 English Language Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2
<b>18-Aug</b>	<b>P3 GEP Screening Exercise</b> P6 English Language and Mother Tongue Prelim Listening Comprehension
19-Aug	P5 English Language Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2 P6 English Language Prelim Paper 1&2
20-Aug	P5 Mathematics Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2 P6 Mathematics Prelim Paper 1&2
23-Aug	P3 Mathematics Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 3 P4 Mathematics Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2 P5 Mother Tongue Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 3 P6 Mother Tongue Prelim Paper 1&2
24-Aug	P3 Science Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 3 P4 Science Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 2 P5 Science Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 3 P6 Science Prelim
25-Aug	P5 Higher Mother Tongue Weighted Bite-Sized Assessment 3 P6 Higher Mother Tongue Prelim Paper 1&2
2-Sept	Teachers' Day Celebration
<b>3-Sept</b>	<b>Teachers' Day School Holiday</b>
<b>4-Sept to 12-Sept</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
9-Sept to 10-Sept	P6 Supplementary lessons (8:30am – 1pm)
<b>17-Sept</b>	<b>PSLE Listening Comprehension (P1-P5 pupils do not report to school)</b>
20-Sept	P3 SA English Language Paper 1 P4 SA2 English Language Paper 1 P5 SA English Language Paper 1
21-Sept	P3 SA Mother Tongue Paper 1 P4 SA2 Mother Tongue Paper 1 P5 SA Mother Tongue Paper 1
<b>30-Sept</b>	<b>PSLE English Language</b>
<b>1-Oct</b>	<b>PSLE Mathematics</b>

<b>4-Oct</b>	<b>PSLE Mother Tongue</b>
<b>5-Oct</b>	<b>PSLE Science</b>
<b>6-Oct</b>	<b>PSLE Higher Mother Tongue</b>
7-Oct	Children's Day Celebration
<b>8-Oct</b>	<b>Children's Day School Holiday</b>
11-Oct	P3 SA Mother Tongue Oral P5 SA English Language Oral (after school)
12-Oct	P4 SA2 Mother Tongue Oral
13-Oct	P4 SA2 English Language Oral
14-Oct	P5 SA2 Mother Tongue Oral (after school)
15-Oct	P3 SA English Language Oral
<b>18-Oct to 21-Oct</b>	<b>PSLE Marking Days (Pupils do not report to school)</b>
<b>19-Oct to 20-OCT</b>	<b>GEP Selection Exercise</b>
25-Oct	P3 SA English Language & Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension P4 SA2 English Language & Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension P5 SA English Language & Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension
26-Oct	P5 SA Higher Mother Tongue
27-Oct	P3 SA English Language P4 SA2 English Language P5 SA English Language
28-Oct	P3 SA Mathematics P4 SA2 Mathematics P5 SA Mathematics
29-Oct	P3 SA Mother Tongue P4 SA2 Mother Tongue P5 SA Mother Tongue
1-Nov	P3 SA Science P4 SA2 Science P5 SA Science
<b>4-Nov</b>	<b>Deepavali Public Holiday</b>
10-Nov	P6 Graduation Service
<b>11-Nov</b>	<b>School Results Processing Day</b> <b>*Pupils do not report to school</b>
18-Nov	P1 & P3 Meet-the-Parents P2,P4 & P5 Meet-the-Parents (By invitation) *Pupils do not report to school
<b>19-Nov</b>	<b>Honours Day</b>
<b>20-Nov to 31-Dec</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>