



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

12 July 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

We welcome our young gentlemen back to a new term and hope that they have had a restful and enjoyable mid-year break with family and friends. We started Term 3 with an emphasis on the school value of integrity, sharing with the boys the importance of speaking the truth at all times and modelling the way through their words and deeds. The values and skills we develop in our boys will prepare them for tomorrow's challenges. Our graduating classes will also be preparing for their PSLE examinations in Terms 3 and 4. We know that you will give the boys your fullest support and remember them in prayer as they participate in various school programmes and activities.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **1. Staff Matters**

We warmly welcome the following staff to ACS (Junior):

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| 1. Mrs Jerine Heratnor           | (Year Head P1/P2)          |
| 2. Miss Wu Zhiying               | (CL Teacher)               |
| 3. Miss Lee Xuan                 | (CL Teacher)               |
| 4. Ms Nur Hidayah Binte Murad    | (ICT Trainer)              |
| 5. Miss Nur Amalina Binte Rahmat | (Administrative Executive) |

We bid farewell to the following staff who are leaving ACS (Junior) in July/August:

1. Mr Roger Teng
2. Mdm Min Hong Mei
3. Mr Gary Khoo
4. Miss Tiara Razali
5. Miss Leong Jia Min
6. Miss Shahanaz Begum
7. Mr Jason Teo

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to them for their dedicated service and wish them all the best.

## **2. Methodist Welfare Services (MWS) Hong Bao Donation Drive 2019**

ACS(J) took part in the MWS Hong Pow Donation drive in Term 1 this year. MWS Headquarters informed us that ACS (Junior) is one of the top three donors this year, and together with all other donors, the charity drive raised \$26,490.95. The school would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed to the charity drive. The donations will be channelled to MWS centres and programmes that support disadvantaged children, at-risk youths, families in distress, the chronically ill, frail and destitute, and socially isolated seniors.

## **3. Chinese Cultural Immersion Programme**

In Term 2 Week 10, 32 Primary 5 students together with 5 teachers went on a cultural immersion trip to China. They visited Qiao Yi Experimental School in Wuxi. Besides attending classes in the school, they also participated in their annual Children's Day celebration programme. The students went on learning journeys to various places of cultural interest. This cultural immersion trip was an excellent opportunity for our students to experience and explore the diversity in Chinese cultures found in Singapore and China. This immersion trip not only has helped our students to appreciate the Chinese Culture but also to develop their confidence, independence and responsibility.

A group of 80 students and 7 teachers from Qiao Yi Experimental School in Wuxi will be visiting ACS (Junior) on 30 and 31 July. Our Primary 5 boys will host these students as they learn together during lessons, Mother Tongue Fortnight and co-curricular activities. This is a good opportunity for the students to interact with each other and build friendship.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

### **4. Arts Alive 3 String Orchestra Concert**

The ACS(J) Arts Alive 3 Concert was held on Friday, 5 July 2019 at 7pm in the Performing Arts Hall (PAH). This concert is our school's first concert featuring solely our String Orchestra members, both as soloists and as ensemble members. The members mooted the idea of a thanksgiving concert to raise funds for the school's upcoming Primary Education Review and Implementation (PERI) upgrading project. We wish to thank all the performers for their hard work and sterling performance as well as all parents who have shown their support.

### **5. Racial Harmony Day (RHD)**

Our school will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on 19 July. Through the school programme, our students will reflect on and celebrate Singapore as a harmonious society built on a rich diversity of cultures. Racial Harmony Day serves as a reminder that promoting social cohesion and racial harmony requires collaborative efforts from our educators, students and stakeholders.

Our students will have the opportunity to appreciate our diversity and ethnic richness in a celebration of arts and culture that will take place over a period of about four weeks during the Aesthetics and Character and Citizenship lessons; and through English and Mother Tongue Language Week activities. There will also be a special morning assembly where the

boys would be invited to wear traditional costumes as part of the RHD commemoration activities.

## **6. P5 National Education (NE) Show**

Every year since 1997, the NE Show has been organised to give the Primary 5 students an opportunity to observe the National Day Parade (NDP) full-dress rehearsal. This year's NE Show will be held on Saturday, 20 July at the Padang. As we commemorate 200 years since Raffles' arrival in Singapore, the NDP theme "Our Singapore" will allow our students to appreciate and learn about Singapore from past to the present.

## **7. Mother Tongue (MT) Fortnight**

The Mother Tongue Fortnight is an MOE initiative since 2011, and it aims to promote the learning of MT languages, and appreciation of different cultures. During Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6, the students will engage in different interactive activities to learn about the rich culture of MT Languages. As Mother Tongue Fortnight takes place before National Day, the department has infused element of National Education in the cultural activities, such as in traditional kite making, and fan painting whereby students have to design a kite or fan for Singapore. Besides drama performance, fun activities and hands-on sessions, there will be game stations set up during various recesses at the foyer. Students are encouraged to participate in these games and earn the MT Knight badges for their classes.

## **OTHERS**

### **8. Update on PERI Upgrading Project**

The PERI Upgrading Project is scheduled to start in September 2019 and end in December 2021. From September to November 2019, the first phase involves renovation work to the CD Shelter (previously used as an Air Rifle Range), which will be converted to a Student Care Centre. The Student Care Centre, which operates after school hours, is projected to commence in the first quarter of 2020. We will release details on this matter in October/November this year. In addition, the first phase will also include the construction of a new fire engine access cum construction access, situated between the field and Block E. Ideally, the year-end holidays will be used to construct the foundation of the new Annex Block, which will be situated between the canteen and the teaching blocks. Once the scheduled start date is confirmed, we will provide you with details of the construction timeline and phases.

The estimated cost of fundraising for this new building project is \$1 million. This sum includes the school's portion of 5% for standard facilities and 100% for non-standard facilities. I look forward to the ACS community rallying as one, to contribute to this worthy cause of building our school for future generations of ACSians.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chaillan Mui Tuan  
Principal