



4 August 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from ACS(J).

More than half the term has passed and we are happy to share that our boys have been kept actively engaged in their learning, demonstrating dedication and enthusiasm in both their academic subjects and CCAs. We are pleased to witness their growth in character too, as they display Love and Loyalty through the positive relationships fostered with their teachers and peers. Thank you for working in close partnership with us to grow our boys. Together, we shall continue to nurture and empower each boy at ACS(J) to reach his fullest potential.

Anchored in Purpose

1. Embracing Diversity - Racial Harmony Festival and Racial Harmony Day

In the two weeks leading up to Racial Harmony Day (RHD), our boys were engaged in a wide range of activities during Mother Tongue Fortnight. Planned in conjunction with the Racial Harmony Festival, the activities included traditional language-based games and handicraft. To augment their learning, our boys were empowered to explore music and dance genres associated with the different ethnic communities in Singapore during their Music lessons.

In the week of RHD, our boys participated actively in school-wide learning experiences and classroom activities which helped to foster collaboration and love for people from diverse cultures. A special RHD assembly was also held on Friday 21 July 2023 to commemorate the event. This year's theme, "Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic", inspires each of us to appreciate the diverse races and religions that make up our multicultural society, and how diversity promotes a shared sense of cohesion and harmony. Our boys and staff were treated to a performance by a few Primary 2 boys and Junior VibeZ who danced to a familiar tune, "Rasa Sayang".

2. Celebrating Excellence - Junior Superstars Competition

The Junior Superstars (JSS) Finals were held at the Performing Arts Hall at the end of Term 2 and the Primary 3 to 6 boys voted for their favourite soloists and group performances via SLS thereafter. We are pleased to announce the winners for the various categories as follows:

Category	Winners
Primary 3/4 Solo	Estian Reiner Cheah (3.6)
Primary 3/4 Group	<u>Shining Stars</u> Daniel Ma Yijie (3.4) Chan En Jie Timothy (3.4) Jude Nathan Wong Yang En (3.4) Ethan Wong Ren Jie (3.6)
Primary 5/6 Solo	Jay Mengi (6.1)
Primary 5/6 Group	<u>Bacon on Fire</u> Jed-Asher Chan (5.8) Antonio Yuchen Lee De Guzman (5.8)

We would like to commend all winners and finalists for their efforts, and we look forward to our winners' performances at the Teachers' Day concert on Thursday 31 August 2023.

3. **Blessing Our Community – Acts of Kindness**

In the lead-up to this year's National Day, our boys have been actively involved in various initiatives to grow their hearts and bless the community.

(a) To inculcate the joy of giving in our boys, we worked with Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home (CSLMCH) to support their fundraising efforts for to provide shelter, care, and protection to children from dysfunctional home environments or from needy and disadvantaged families. More details on CSLMCH's endeavours can be found on their website at <https://www.cslmch.org.sg/>.

(b) Our boys also participated in Read for Books, an initiative by the National Library Board which aims to raise awareness of reading and to share the gift of reading with the less privileged. Through our boys' act of reading, 160 books will be donated to selected beneficiaries.

(c) Our boys are also taking part in the Clean Plate Campaign on Friday 4 August 2023, where they will pledge to (i) reduce food waste and (ii) complete all the food on their plates during recess. Each pledge and clean plate will go towards supporting Food From The Heart's fundraising efforts to provide food packs for the less privileged.

National Day Celebrations (Tuesday 8 August 2023)

4. ACS(J) will celebrate Singapore's 58th National Day on **Tuesday 8 August 2023**. The theme, "Onward as One" calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people. All our boys are encouraged to wear red T-shirts on that day.

School hours will be from 7.30am to 10.30am. **The information below supersedes the PG notification "National Day Celebrations" sent out on Tuesday 1 August 2023.** Please take note of the dismissal timings and make the necessary transport arrangements for your child.

Time (A.M.)	Staggered Dismissal
10.30	Leaving by School Bus
10.40	Leaving on Foot, by Car / for SCC

Please note that **Thursday 10 August 2023 is a school holiday** in lieu of National Day. There will be no school on that day.

PSLE Oral Examination (Tuesday 15 August & Wednesday 16 August 2023)

5. The PSLE Oral Examination will be held on **Tuesday 15 August & Wednesday 16 August 2023**. Primary 1 to 5 boys will not report to school on both days.

A separate PG notification will be sent to parents of our Primary 6 boys regarding the oral examination arrangements.

Teachers' Day Celebration (Thursday 31 August 2023)

6. The school will celebrate Teachers' Day on **Thursday 31 August 2023**. We strongly encourage our boys to show their appreciation to their teachers through personal handmade cards or craft items. **Please refrain from purchasing gifts of any form.**

School hours will be from 7.30am to 10.30am on that day. Please take note of the dismissal timings below and make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward. The General Office will be closed from 11.30am for a school organised function held at an external venue.

Time (A.M.)	Staggered Dismissal
10.30	Leaving by School Bus
10.40	Leaving on Foot, by Car / for SCC

There will be **no school on Friday, 1 September 2023.**

Travel Declaration for September Holidays

7. To ensure that 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 intends to travel for the September holidays. A nil return is not required.

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 Thursday 31 August 2023**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration. If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please inform the school directly.

The ACS Echo (August - September 2023)

8. The digital version of ACS Echo (August - September 2023) is available at <https://acsecho.com> for your reading pleasure.

Let us continue to keep all our staff and boys in prayer in the remaining weeks of Term 3. We give thanks for our teachers and educators at ACS(J) and salute their efforts as they journey alongside our boys and demonstrate what it means to Lead, Care and Inspire. May our boys act in accordance with the school values taught this term – Exercise Integrity, Demonstrate Love and Uphold Loyalty – and may the Lord bless and protect their hearts and minds always.

To God Be The Glory, The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee
Principal