



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

18 September 2025

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

### Soaring in Unity (Romans 12:4-5)

I hope you and your family have enjoyed a short but meaningful break during the September holidays. In this final term of the year, we hope that our boys can reflect on the school theme, **Soaring in Unity**, and how their learning experiences in the first three terms have helped them to set clear goals in the academic and non-academic domains and equipped them with new skills and competencies to make improvements. Let us continue to encourage them to learn from and collaborate with one another, and celebrate the progress made both individually and as a class or cohort.

We would like to seek your continued prayers for God's protection over all our staff and students, especially for our Primary 6 boys who will be entering the final phase of preparations for the Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE). We ask for God's grace and strength to be upon the boys as they sit the PSLE written examinations from Thursday, 25 September to Wednesday, 1 October 2025. May the Lord grant them the peace of His presence and affirm each child of his efforts.

### Staff Matters

1. ACS(J) warmly welcomes Pastor Bryan Ho, Assistant Pastor of Cairnhill Methodist Church, as our new Assistant Chaplain with effect from 1 August 2025. With Pastor Bryan joining the Chaplaincy Team, the school is now blessed with five chaplains and two Christian Ministry Staff to provide pastoral care and spiritual support to the school.
2. ACS(J) also bade farewell to Madam Sara-U Cumaraswamy, affectionately known to many as "Aunty Sara", who retired on 7 August 2025. We thank her for the many years of service that she has rendered faithfully to both the Ministry of Education and ACS(J). We wish her God's bountiful blessings as she enters a new phase of her life.

### 3. Teachers' Day Celebration

ACS(J) is blessed with a dedicated team of educators who have served the nation and the school for many years. This year, the school celebrated Teachers' Day on **Thursday, 4 September 2025**. Our teachers were treated to performances by students during the special assembly where they were honoured for their hard work and dedication. We are thankful for the appreciation shown to our teachers by our boys and their parents. Thank you for making our teachers' day!

### Recognising Our Young Talent

#### 4. Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Achievements

We give thanks for and congratulate our boys on their participation and achievements in CCA.

##### National School Games

No.	Sports/ Games	Junior Division
1	Basketball	Tier 1 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Position)
2	Badminton	Doubles Tier 2 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Position) Singles Tier 1 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Position) Singles Tier 3 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Position) Singles Tier 4 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Position)
3	Football	Tier 1 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Position)
4	Rugby	Tier 1 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Position)
5	Table Tennis	Singles Tier 1 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Position) Singles Tier 2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Position) Doubles Tier 3 (1 <sup>st</sup> Position)
6	Tennis	Singles Tier 3 (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Positions) Singles Tier 4 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Position)

##### Clubs and Societies – Chess Club

No.	Team	Nationals	South Zone
1	Open Team 1	9 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2	Open Team 2	13 <sup>th</sup>	-
3	Under 10 Team 1	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
4	Under 10 Team 2	15 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5	Under 8 Team 1	7 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
6	Under 8 Team 2	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

#### 5. National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore 2025

The National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore is an annual competition aimed at generating greater interest and enthusiasm in Mathematics among students in primary schools. We congratulate our Primary 5 boys who participated in the competition on their achievements.

No.	Award	Number of winners
1	Gold	2
2	Silver	3
3	Bronze	17

#### 6. Singapore Primary Science Olympiad (SPSO)

SPSO is an annual national competition organised by the NUS High School of Mathematics and Science to generate enthusiasm and interest in Science among primary school students. We congratulate our Primary 5 boys who participated in the competition and celebrate their commendable achievements.

No.	Award	Number of winners
1	Gold	2
2	Silver	3
3	Bronze	3

No.	Award	Number of winners
4	Merit	16

We are also pleased to share that our school has been ranked among the Top 20 schools nationwide, based on the cumulative scores of our top five students.

## 7. Lee Kuan Yew Award for All-Round Excellence (LKY-ARE) (Primary)

The LKY-ARE is a national-level award for achievement in education that recognises well-rounded students who have excelled in both academic and non-academic spheres, and who exemplify the qualities articulated in our desired outcomes of education. This year, 12 primary school students and 12 secondary school students received the award. We are proud to announce that Matthew Lee Renyi, Class of 2024, was one of the recipients of the Lee Kuan Yew Award for All-Round Excellence (LKY-ARE) (Primary) in 2025. He received the award from Minister Desmond Lee at the Special Awards 2025 Presentation Ceremony. Our heartiest congratulations to Matthew!

## PSLE Matters and Primary 3 to Primary 5 Home-based Learning (HBL)

### 8. Pre-PSLE Study Break for Primary 6 Students

A three-day pre-PSLE study break will be in place for our Primary 6 boys from **Monday, 22 September to Wednesday, 24 September 2025**. This aims to support their well-being in the lead-up to PSLE. During the study break, all Primary 6 boys are strongly encouraged to remain at home to do their revision. More details will be shared via Parents Gateway by the respective form teachers.

### 9. PSLE (Written) and P3 to P5 Home-based Learning (HBL)

Our Primary 6 boys will sit for the PSLE (Written) from **Thursday, 25 September to Wednesday, 1 October 2025**. **Primary 3 to Primary 5 students will be rostered for Home-based Learning (HBL) during this period** (refer to [Table 1](#)). There will be no HBL for Primary 1 and Primary 2 students. Instructions for HBL will be sent to parents via Parents Gateway nearer to the HBL dates.

**Table 1**

Day and Date	Primary 6 Students	Primary 1-5 students (Primary 3, 4 and 5 HBL Days)
Monday, 22 Sep to Wednesday, 24 Sep	Pre-PSLE Study Break <i>No school for Primary 6 students</i>	School as usual for P1 to P5
Thursday, 25 Sep	PSLE English Language	<b>HBL for Primary 3 students</b> School as usual for P1, P2, P4 and P5
Friday, 26 Sep	PSLE Mathematics	<b>HBL for Primary 4 students</b> School as usual for P1, P2, P3 and P5
Monday, 29 Sep	PSLE Mother Tongue Languages	<b>HBL for Primary 5 students</b> School as usual for P1, P2, P3 and P4
Tuesday, 30 Sep	PSLE Science	School as usual for P1 to P5

Day and Date	Primary 6 Students	Primary 1-5 students (Primary 3, 4 and 5 HBL Days)
Wednesday, 1 Oct	PSLE Higher Mother Tongue <i><u>No school</u> for Primary 6 students who do not take PSLE HMT</i>	School as usual for P1 to P5
Monday, 13 Oct to Wednesday, 15 Oct	PSLE Marking Exercise <i><u>No school</u> for all students</i>	

## 10. PSLE Marking Exercise

There will be no school during the PSLE Marking Exercise from **Monday, 13 October to Wednesday, 15 October 2025** as teachers will be involved in the marking of PSLE scripts.

### Children's Day Celebrations (Thursday, 2 October 2025)

- The school will celebrate Children's Day on **Thursday, 2 October 2025**. In line with this year's school theme, **Soaring in Unity**, we hope to instil the value of **Collaboration** in our boys through engaging them in class activities. **All students are to come in their Corporate T-shirt and School Shorts**. As the canteen will be closed on that day, a snack will be provided for all students. Students can bring their own snacks, if necessary.
- School hours will be from 7.30am to 10.30am**. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.
- There will be no school on **Friday, 3 October 2025**. The General Office and school-based Student Care Centre (SCC) will also be closed.
- We are collaborating with the Community Chest of Singapore to support their Children's Day Appeal (CDA). Each student will be given a CDA envelope, and the envelope will be collected by **Thursday, 9 October 2025**. Donations in cash or cheque are to be sealed in the CDA envelope and given to the respective Form Teachers. Through this donation drive, we hope to encourage our boys to look beyond themselves and show love and care to the less fortunate in the community.

### Deepavali Celebrations (Friday, 17 October 2025)

- Our Tamil Language Department will be conducting a sharing on the Deepavali festival during school assembly on **Friday, 17 October 2025**.
- There will be no school for all students on **Monday, 20 October 2025**. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Hindu staff and students a Happy Deepavali.

### Primary 6 Graduation Service (Wednesday, 6 November 2024)

- The Primary 6 Graduation Service will be held in school on **Wednesday, 12 November 2025**. More details will be shared via Parents Gateway nearer the date of the event.

### Primary 4 Subject-based Banding (Friday, 7 November)

18. Please note that the Subject Based Banding (SBB) option forms will be given out to all Primary 4 students on **Friday, 7 November 2025**.

#### Promotion Exercise (Friday, 14 November 2025)

19. There is no school on **Friday, 14 November 2025** as all staff will be involved in processing students' results for the promotion exercise.

#### Affirmation of ACS(J) Teachers

20. Established in 1996, the Caring Teacher Awards are organised biennially by the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, with support from ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and the Ministry of Education. The Awards honour teachers who demonstrate exemplary care and concern for the academic, moral, social, emotional, and mental well-being of their students.
21. If you know of such a teacher in ACS(J) and would like to nominate him/her for the Caring Teacher Award, please follow the instructions accordingly.

Award	Organiser	Details of nomination	Closing Date
Caring Teacher Award	National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	Nominate the teacher through this link:  <a href="https://www.cta.nie.edu.sg/nominate">https://www.cta.nie.edu.sg/nominate</a>   <small><a href="https://go.gov.sg/22pd4k">https://go.gov.sg/22pd4k</a></small>	Wednesday, 31 December 2025

#### SG60 Heart&Soul Experience

22. The **SG60 Heart&Soul Experience** was launched by Prime Minister Lawrence Wong on Tuesday, 26 August 2025. The national exhibition connects Singaporeans to their past, future, hopes, dreams, and to each other. It promises an immersive and multi-sensorial experience to inspire visitors with a sense of optimism for their future and the future of Singapore.
23. The **SG60 Heart&Soul Experience** runs for about 90 minutes and is available in the four official languages. It is held at **Orchard Library** on Levels 3 and 4 of Orchard Gateway, from **9am to 6pm each Monday**, and from **9am to 10pm from Tuesday to Sunday**.

24. The showcase will run till **Wednesday, 31 December 2025** and free tickets can be booked at [www.heartandsoul.gov.sg](http://www.heartandsoul.gov.sg). We encourage you and your family to go for this unique experience as part of the SG60 celebrations!

### **Safety of Our Boys**

25. Recently, the Government announced Whole-of-Government (WOG) efforts to tackle vaping. As the majority of vaping and e-cigarette users are young people, the Ministry of Education (MOE) has committed to this whole-of-Government and whole-of-society effort. The school will support these efforts by enhancing education and outreach to parents and guardians about the negative effects of vaping, and by strengthening enforcement efforts within our school campus.
26. We seek your support in having regular and open conversations with your child/ ward about issues such as vaping, and in looking out for any signs of troubling behaviours in him. If there are any such signs, please reach out to your child's/ ward's teachers so we can provide the necessary support. Additionally, we ask for your vigilance, particularly in areas near the school. If you observe suspicious individuals loitering or activities happening around the school, please report them to the authorities or inform the school of your observations. Together, we can keep our students safe.

### **ACS Old Boys' Association (OBA) News**

27. The ACS *echo* connects the ACS family of schools as One ACS. We are pleased to inform you that the August - September 2025 issue is now available online at <https://acsecho.com>

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

Yours faithfully

Ms Cheryl Chee  
Principal