



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

30 June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable mid-year break with your family and friends.

As we welcome our boys back from the June holidays and begin a new semester, it is timely for us to revisit our school theme for 2023, **Anchored in Purpose**. We pray that our boys will continue to walk with God, equipping themselves with the right knowledge, skills and values that will anchor them and keep them stable and secure even in the face of challenges. In particular, we seek your prayers for the physical, social and emotional well-being of our boys in the graduating classes as they prepare for the PSLE.

Term 3 will be an exciting one with many learning opportunities for our boys to look forward to. This July, schools in Singapore celebrate the vitality of our youth and their diverse talents with the 2023 Singapore Youth Festival (SYF), which comprises the Arts Presentation, Celebrations and Art Exhibition. We encourage our boys to show their support for the arts by exploring the SYF programmes, both in-person and online. More information on the SYF programmes is available at <https://www.syf.gov.sg>.

Anchored in Purpose

1. Learning Through ACS(J) Adventures

To explore the world beyond the classroom walls, our Primary 1 to 5 boys embarked on various learning journeys in Term 2. Leveraging the Inquiry-Based Learning approach, our young adventurers explored Singapore and constructed new knowledge with their peers by making connections to what they had learnt in school.

Underlying our boys' bubbling enthusiasm and curiosity is an eagerness to learn. Our Primary 1 boys explored our neighbourhood at Newton, acquainting themselves with various amenities in the vicinity and learning about our heritage when they visited the former ACS (Junior) campus at Peck Hay Road. Life skills such as practising road safety with their classmates were also reinforced. During their visit to the National Orchid Garden, our Primary 2 boys were inspired as they learned of the story of resilience behind our national flower, Vanda Miss Joaquim. Our Primary 3 boys gained insights into environmental issues at the Sustainable Singapore Gallery while our Primary 4 boys reflected on the contributions of our pioneers past during their trip to the Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery. Our Primary 5 boys had the opportunity to demonstrate greater empathy towards the migrant community in Singapore as they embarked on a virtual learning journey to Farrer Park.

2. Building Character Through CCA

(a) We celebrate the achievements of our Taekwondo boys at the National School Games.

No	Sports	Senior Division	Junior Division
1	Taekwondo	Poom 2 Individual 1 st Poom 3 Individual 7 th	Green Belt Individual 1 st and 2 nd Blue Belt Team 2 nd Blue Belt Individual 6 th Poom 2 Individual 5 th and 6 th Poom 3 Individual 8 th

(b) We congratulate our boys in the Boys' Brigade (BB) 12J Company for their attainment of the Distinction Award in the J.M. Fraser Award for Excellence 2022. This award is given out in recognition of BB companies' achievements in the areas of administrative and operational efficiency.

Staff Matters

3. The school warmly welcomes the following staff:

- (a) Miss Grace Wong Jie Er (Physical Education Teacher)
- (b) Mr Muhammad Hakim Mustadza (Physical Education Teacher)
- (c) Miss Gayathree Dinesh (English Language & Science Teacher)

We also bid farewell to the following staff and extend our heartfelt appreciation to them for their dedicated service to ACS(J):

- (a) Mdm Chen Xinhong
- (b) Mrs Annabella Kwan
- (c) Mrs Kathleen Koh

Appointment of 2023/ 2024 Student Council

4. I am pleased to announce the appointment of the following boys to our 2023/ 2024 Student Council.

Role	Name	Class
Head Councillor	Viraj Puneet Agarwal	5.7
Deputy Head Councillor	Dylan Jude Tay	5.5
Deputy Head Councillor	Ian Chan Jun Wen	5.5
Student Councillor	Kieran Lai Kai Ren	5.1
Student Councillor	Jacob Sirran Martyn Hughes	5.3
Student Councillor	Flynn Choo Wei Yi	5.4
Student Councillor	Evan Loh Zhi Xuan	5.5
Student Councillor	Matthew Lee Renyi	5.6
Student Councillor	Shawrya Mangla	5.6
Student Councillor	Yap Shen Yu	5.6

Student Well-being – Term 3 Check-in Survey

5. The Termly Check-in Survey provides a safe and regular channel for our boys to share information about themselves with their form teachers. The feedback gathered offers insights into our boys' well-being and allows our teachers to better support them in their growth and development. We strongly encourage all our Primary 1 to 4 boys to complete the survey via the link in the SLS lesson titled "Term 3 Check-in Survey" by **Tuesday, 4 July 2023**. Primary 5 and 6 boys have already completed the survey during their CCE (FTGP) lessons.

Attendance and Temperature Taking Exercise [ATTEEx] (Wednesday 5 July 2023)

6. The ATTEEx aims to maintain schools' preparedness to re-activate the attendance and temperature-taking regime should the need arise, and educate students on the importance of personal and social responsibility. ACS(J) will conduct the ATTEEx on **Wednesday, 5 July 2023**. All students are reminded to bring a working thermometer to school on that day.

Primary 5 National Education (NE) Show 2023 (Saturday, 15 July 2023)

7. 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, our Primary 5 boys will attend the NE Show on **Saturday, 15 July 2023**. They are to report to school by 2.15 pm. Please refer to the notification sent to all Primary 5 parents via Parents Gateway for more information.

Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examinations (Thursday, 20 July & Monday, 24 July 2023)

8. Please take note that all **Primary 1 to Primary 5 boys** will be **dismissed at 12 pm** on **Thursday, 20 July** and **Monday, 24 July 2023** to facilitate the conduct of the Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examinations in the afternoon. Kindly make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.

All Primary 6 boys will be briefed on the Preliminary Oral Examinations on Tuesday, 11 July 2023. More details will be sent to all Primary 6 parents via Parents Gateway thereafter.

Racial Harmony Festival and Racial Harmony Day (Friday, 21 July 2023)

9. We will commemorate Racial Harmony Day (RHD) on **Friday, 21 July 2023** to remind our boys of the importance of maintaining racial harmony and social cohesion in our nation. This year's RHD theme, **Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic**, focuses on the appreciation of the diverse races and religions that make up our multicultural society and how they contribute to our shared sense of cohesion and harmony. All students are encouraged to come in their ethnic attire on that day.

In the lead-up to RHD, our boys will discover more about Singapore's rich cultural heritage through the annual Racial Harmony Festival, which comprises an array of sensory learning activities conducted in conjunction with the Mother Tongue Fortnight programme and music lessons.

Teachers' Day Celebration (Thursday, 31 August 2023)

10. The school will celebrate Teachers' Day on **Thursday, 31 August 2023**. Our boys will report to school as per normal by 7.30 am and be **dismissed from 10.30 am** in a staggered manner. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward. As the canteen will be closed on that day, students are encouraged to bring their own snacks, if necessary. The General Office will be closed from 11.30 am on that day for a school organised function held at an external venue. There will be **no school on Friday, 1 September 2023**.

Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2023

11. The Ministry of Education will be conducting an identification exercise for the Gifted Education Programme 2023 according to the schedule below. More details will be sent to all Primary 3 parents via Parents Gateway nearer the date.

Stage	Date	Participants
GEP Screening Exercise	17 August 2023 (Thursday)	Primary 3 students enrolled in the school
GEP Selection Exercise	17 & 18 October 2023 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Primary 3 students shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise

For the Screening and Selection exercises, students will be required to work on questions based on what they have learnt from Primary 1 to Primary 3 in the English Language and Mathematics syllabi. The school will ensure that the topics are adequately covered before the identification exercise.

School Attire

12. In anticipation of a more intense hot and dry season in the upcoming weeks and in preparation for a likelihood of the haze returning to the region as a result, students may choose to wear the corporate T-shirt in place of the formal school uniform from Term 3 Week 2, until further notice.

Please note that the CCA attire can only be worn during CCA sessions.

Change in Bookshop Vendor

13. With effect from Monday, 26 June 2023, our new bookshop vendor is Casco Publications Pte Ltd. The school-based bookshop will operate from Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. Should you have any enquiries, please contact the vendor at 6322 4330 or info@cascoedusupply.com.sg.

I wish you and all our boys a blessed Term 3.

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

Yours faithfully

Ms Cheryl Chee
Principal