



26 June 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable mid-year break with your loved ones. We give thanks to God for the opportunity for our boys to engage in meaningful activities with their families and for keeping all of us safe over the June holidays.

Crafted for Goodness (Isaiah 64:8)

1. As we welcome our boys back to school and begin a new semester, it is timely for us to revisit our school theme for 2024, **Crafted for Goodness**. The theme verse from **Isaiah 64:8 (NIV)** reminds us to have willing hearts that will allow God to mould and shape us through different experiences as we journey with Him. We pray that our boys will continue to walk with God, equip themselves with the right knowledge, skills, and values, be patient and trust in God's wise design as He makes us more like Christ.

2. We seek your prayers for the physical, social and emotional well-being of our graduating students as they prepare for their Preliminary Examination and Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). Let us pray earnestly with them and remind them of the importance of trusting in God and seeking His guidance in the face of challenging situations. Our teachers and school counsellor will continue to provide the necessary support to our Primary 6 boys in the lead-up to the PSLE. Please approach them for assistance should your child show signs of distress during this period.

3. The Mid-Year Meet-the-Parents (MTP) session took place on-site on **Thursday, 23 May and Friday, 24 May 2024**. Since 2022, the MTP session has been conducted in the form of a Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) for all levels. We hope the PCTC has given you a glimpse of your child's learning experiences in Semester 1 and what he looks forward to in school. To help us improve and prepare for subsequent MTP sessions, we invite you to share any feedback you may have via this link by **Wednesday, 17 July 2024**: <https://go.gov.sg/acsjpctc2024>.

Student Well-being: Term 3 Check-in Survey (Tuesday, 2 July 2024)

4. 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. The Primary 4 to 6 students will be given time to complete the Check-in Survey in school during their CCE (FTGP) lessons. We strongly encourage our **Primary 1 to 3 boys to complete the survey via the link in the SLS lesson titled "Term 3 Check-in Survey" by Tuesday, 2 July 2024**.

Attendance and Temperature-Taking Exercise [ATTEx] (Wednesday, 3 July 2024)

5. The ATTEx 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 ATTEx on **Wednesday, 3 July 2024**. All students are reminded to bring a working thermometer to school on that day.

2024/2025 Student Council

6. The Primary 5 Student Council nominees will participate in the Student Council Rally over the next two weeks. On **Tuesday, 2 July 2024**, the nominees will address the Primary 5 cohort who will then cast their votes for the candidates of their choice. Results of the 2024/2025 Student Council will be shared and the Student Leaders' Investiture will take place on **Wednesday, 17 July 2024**. Let us continue to encourage our nominees to engage in the spirit of healthy competition and extend our best wishes to them. We ask for the support of our parents in encouraging our boys to always give their best as true gentlemen.

Primary 5 National Education (NE) Show 2024 (Saturday, 13 July 2024)

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, 13 July 2024**. They are to report to school **by 2.30pm**. More information on the NE Show will be sent to all Primary 5 parents via Parents Gateway.

Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examination (Thursday, 18 July & Monday, 22 July 2024)

8. All **Primary 1 to Primary 5 students** will be **dismissed at 12pm** on **Thursday, 18 July** and **Monday, 22 July 2024** to facilitate the conduct of the Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examinations in the afternoon. Kindly make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.

9. All Primary 6 students will be briefed on the Preliminary Oral Examinations on **Tuesday, 9 July 2024**. More details will be sent to all Primary 6 parents via Parents Gateway thereafter.

Racial Harmony Festival: Mother Tongue Fortnight and Racial Harmony Day (Monday, 8 July to Friday, 19 July 2024)

10. The school will commemorate Racial Harmony Day (RHD) on **Friday, 19 July 2024** 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.**

11. 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 (**Monday, 8 July to Friday, 19 July 2024**) and music lessons. The activities provide platforms for students to actively learn their Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) and the associated culture to experience MTL as "a living language".

Hosting of Students and Teachers from China (Wednesday, 31 July & Thursday, 1 August 2024)

12. Our Primary 4 and 5 boys will play host to 55 students from Wuxi Fuqiao Experimental Primary School of Wuxi, China, on **Wednesday, 31 July and Thursday, 1 August 2024**. Our visitors will attend lessons with our boys and be immersed in Malay and Indian cultural activities, supported by our Malay and Tamil Language teachers.

Staff Matters

13. We congratulate the following staff on their appointment to new positions:
- Miss Rubinder Kaur d/o Harbajan Singh (Level Head / English Language)
 - Mr Teow Jing Ho (Assistant Year Head / Lower Primary)
 - Ms Lauren Ng Miaw Shan (Senior Special Educational Needs Officer)
14. We bid farewell to the following staff and extend our heartfelt appreciation for her dedicated service to ACS(J):
- Mdm Tan Lian Hui Angela (Senior Special Educational Needs Officer)

ACSOBA Updates

15. The ONE ACS Career Forum will be held on Saturday, 27 July 2024 at Anglo-Chinese Junior College from 8.15am to 1.30pm. This forum will feature ACSians in panel discussions sharing about their own careers and what today's students can do to prepare themselves for the workforce. The Opening Panel will start with a discussion on **"Outside the Box but Inside the System - Fostering Creativity and Civic Engagement in Your Career"** between Keith Magnus, Chairman, Asia and Member of the Global Management Committee, Evercore Inc and Dinesh Vasu Das, Chief Executive Officer of the Agency for Integrated Care. Following from the discussion, there will be 14 different career and skills panels featuring ACSians sharing their career insights and demystifying their industries.

16. The ONE ACS Career Forum is open to all members of the ACS Family, Alumni, and the Methodist Schools in Singapore. To register, please click: <https://tinyurl.com/ACSCF2024>. The ONE ACS Career Forum is proudly sponsored by the ACS Foundation.

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ONE ACS Career Forum 2024

Opening Panel
Outside the Box but Inside the System
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Speakers

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14 industry focused panels focusing on different careers will follow

27 July 2024 (Saturday)
8.15 am - 1.30 pm
Anglo-Chinese Junior College
25 Dover Road, Singapore 139742

Registration Now Open

One day and online
Registration open to all
ACS Family, Alumni, and
Methodist Schools in Singapore

The ACS Foundation

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