



1 August 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We thank God for His grace and favour upon ACS(J) in the first five weeks of Term 3. It is our prayer that our young gentlemen will always act in accordance with the school values taught this term – exercise Integrity, demonstrate Love and uphold Loyalty. We also give thanks for our staff at ACS(J) and salute their efforts as they work with our boys and demonstrate what it means to Lead, Care and Inspire.

Crafted for Goodness (Isaiah 64:8)

1. ACS Junior Superstars 2024

The ACS Junior Superstars 2024 is an annual competition that provides a platform for our boys to showcase their singing talent. Students who were selected for the final round had the opportunity to perform for the school on **Tuesday, 21 May 2024** at the Performing Arts Hall. The finals were made more special by the incredible display of support from the audience, reflecting the strong sense of camaraderie within our school community. The winners, selected by the student body through voting, are as follows:

Category	Winners
P3/4 Solo	Jiang Zhi Wei, Joshua (4.1)
P3/4 Group	The Shining Trio Chan En Jie Timothy (4.4) Daniel Ma Yijie (4.4) Nathan Lim Rui Sheng (4.7)
P5/6 Solo	Jacob Sirran Martyn Hughes (6.3)
P5/6 Group	The Alpha Sigmas Tan Kai Peng Asher (6.7) Cameron Chua Wei Feng (6.7)

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, 29 August 2024**.

2. Racial Harmony Festival

In the two weeks leading up to Racial Harmony Day (RHD), our boys were immersed in a variety of enriching activities both in class and during recess. These activities were part of our Mother Tongue Fortnight, which provided a platform for students to actively engage with their Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) and the associated cultures, bringing MTL to life as "a living language."

On **Friday, 19 July 2024**, we held a special RHD assembly to commemorate this important event. This year's theme, "Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic", inspires all of us to appreciate the diverse

ances and religions that form the fabric of our multicultural society. It is a celebration of how our diversity fosters a shared sense of cohesion and harmony. Our staff and students were treated to a vibrant and interactive dance performance, “Colours of Dance & Sound of Singapore”, that celebrated the various ethnic communities in Singapore. This performance, along with the other activities, has helped our boys gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the multicultural heritage that makes Singapore unique. We would like to thank all our parent volunteers for their efforts in making the Racial Harmony Festival recess activities possible!

3. 2024/2025 Student Council

The Student Leaders’ Investiture was held on **Wednesday, 17 July 2024**. We are pleased to announce the appointment of the following students to our 2024/2025 Student Council.

Role	Name	Class
Head Councillor	Leong Chean Yik	5.5
Deputy Head Councillor	Adam Gan Yu Yang	5.2
Deputy Head Councillor	Ng Rong Xun Kaymer	5.1
Student Councillor	David Benjamin Purcell	5.1
Student Councillor	Isaiah Lee Yi Reh	5.1
Student Councillor	Tyler Ee	5.1
Student Councillor	Liu Gong Zhe, Declan	5.4
Student Councillor	Jordan Yim	5.5

4. Chinese Oratorical Competitions

Our boys have done us proud in the following Chinese oratorical competitions which aim to raise students’ Chinese reading proficiency, and deepen their understanding and appreciation of the connotations, rhythm and the beauty of Chinese Language.

Competition	Name of Student	Class	Award
2024 National Vlog Competition	William Zhang Xizhen	5.3	Excellence (Category C)
	Lyu Xiuyuan	5.3	
19 th National Primary School Cross-Talk Competition	William Zhang Xizhen	5.3	Excellence
	Lyu Xiuyuan	5.3	
7 th Singapore Primary and Secondary School Text Recital Competition	Evan Too Cheung Kiat	2.6	Silver
	Tan Rui Wen Nathan	2.8	Silver
	Harold Lim Zhan Le	4.7	Bronze
	Yin Xiao Yi	2.9	Bronze

5. Instilling the Value of Responsibility in Our Boys

As part of our efforts to strengthen the value of Responsibility in our boys, we kindly request that parents/guardians refrain from dropping off items such as CCA t-shirts, textbooks, worksheets and lunch boxes for your child/ward during curriculum hours. Our teachers are fully engaged in class during curriculum hours and are not always able to pick up and deliver these items to your child/ward. For essential items which your child/ward may have forgotten to bring to school, such as EZ-Link card, house keys, spectacles and medicine, you may drop them off at the General Office and your child/ward can retrieve them from the General Office during recess or after school. We seek your support in cultivating a sense of responsibility in our young gentlemen. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

National Day Celebration (Thursday, 8 August 2024)

6. ACS(J) will celebrate Singapore's 59th National Day on **Thursday, 8 August 2024**. The theme, "Together as One United People", calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people. **All students are encouraged to wear red T-shirts on that day.** School hours will be from 7.30am to 10.30am. Please take note of the dismissal timings and make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.

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

7. Please note that **Friday, 9 August 2024 is a public holiday.** There will be no school on that day.

8. In conjunction with National Day this year, our school's Physical Education Department has collaborated with SportSG to design the GetActive! Singapore 2024 (GASG) Active Kid Programme. The programme leverages gamification and aims to encourage primary school students to be physically active, build healthy habits and show care towards others. Students are strongly encouraged to complete all the activities in SLS to gain experience points (XP) and attain a badge (Gold, Silver or Bronze). We look forward to you and your child's active participation as we celebrate our nation's birthday by staying active together!

2024 PSLE Oral and Listening Comprehension Examinations

9. The PSLE Oral Examination will be held on **Tuesday, 13 August & Wednesday, 14 August 2024**. The PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination will be held on **Friday, 13 September 2024**. Primary 1 to Primary 5 students need not report to school on the above dates and will engage in Home-based Learning instead. The school premises will also be out of bounds on these days. A separate PG notification will be sent to parents of Primary 6 students regarding the examination arrangements.

Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2024

10. The Ministry of Education will be conducting an identification exercise for the Gifted Education Programme 2024 according to the schedule below.

Stage	Date	Participants
GEP Screening Exercise	Thursday, 15 August 2024	Primary 3 students enrolled in the school
GEP Selection Exercise	Tuesday, 15 October & Wednesday, 16 October 2024	Primary 3 students shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise

11. 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.

12. A notification was sent out via Parents Gateway on **Monday, 8 July 2024** on the GEP Screening Exercise. Please refer to the notification sent and be reminded that **Thursday, 15 August 2024** is a regular school day. This means that students who have opted not to participate in the Screening Exercise are still expected to attend school.

Teachers' Day Celebration (Thursday, 29 August 2024)

13. The school will celebrate Teachers' Day on **Thursday, 29 August 2024**. School hours will be from 7.30am to 10.30am. Please take note of the dismissal timings and make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.

Time (A.M.)	Staggered Dismissal
10.30	Leaving by School Bus
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14. 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 11.30am on that day for a staff event held at an external venue. There will be no school on Friday, 30 August 2024. Epworth Student Care Centre will also be closed.

15. 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.**

Travel Declaration for September Holidays

16. 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.

17. 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, 29 August 2024**. 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 2024)

18. The digital version of ACS Echo (August - September 2024) will be 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 the term. May the Lord bless and protect their hearts and minds always. To God Be The Glory. The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Ms Cheryl Chee
Principal