



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

31 March 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Warm greetings from ACS(J) as we enter into the season of Lent. Last Monday (21 March 2022), we welcomed our boys back to school after their one-week March break. We are heartened to learn that many of them have made use of the holidays to rest, relax and recharge, and they are enthusiastically looking forward to the new term!

Build to Last

Building a Strong Singapore - Total Defence Day Commemoration on 14 Feb 2022

1. On Total Defence Day, our boys commemorated the 80th anniversary of the fall of Singapore. Leveraging a video montage of the six pillars of Total Defence in action, we reflected on how we can keep Singapore safe in our everyday lives. Our boys also caught a glimpse of their future role in Military Defence during an interview segment with our male teachers about their National Service experiences.
2. For CCE (FTGP) lessons, our boys had lively discussions with their Form Teachers and classmates about how they could be active contributors to the defence of Singapore. To extend their learning, they were also strongly encouraged to take part in some of the challenges that the school had planned for them with their families.
3. The highlight of the commemoration was the Play@Recess games, through which they explored various aspects of Total Defence in a fun way. The various learning touchpoints allowed our boys to recognise that they have a part to play in defending Singapore. Together We Keep Singapore Strong!

Building on our Legacy - Founder's Day Celebrations on 1 Mar 2022

4. On 1 March 2022, our school celebrated our 136th Founder's Day. This year, we adopted a hybrid model that featured a live segment with our three invited guests, Mr Choe Peng Sum, Mr Lock Wai Han and Rev Dr William Sam in a zoom session with our boys. It was a meaningful and memorable event for our boys as they shared their interpretation of this year's Founder's Day theme - **Build to Last**. They also reflected on what ACS means to them via a School Memento Design Challenge. The boys' submissions are presently being curated for display. Some chosen designs may also be adopted for use in our school souvenirs in future.
5. In conjunction with our Founder's Day celebrations, our Guest-of-Honour, Mr Choe Peng Sum, officiated the opening of our newly renovated school library. As we reflect on the past 136 years and marvel at how God has richly blessed us at ACS(J), we give thanks for the lives of many

young men that He has touched and strive to be a blessing to others as we build a lasting legacy for our ACSian Gentlemen.

Building **A Clean School** through Everyday Responsibilities

6. To extend our ongoing efforts to inculcate in our boys a sense of responsibility and care for our shared spaces, the Student Leaders challenged their peers to make ACS(J) **A Clean School**. During the first virtual assembly of Term 2, they shared that all of us have a part to play in keeping the school clean. They invited their peers to submit posters to promote cleanliness in different areas around the school. Curated posters will be displayed as visual reminders to foster greater care for our shared spaces.

Building Lasting Friendships - Friendship Week and International Friendship Day

7. To build a caring and enabling school environment where our boys feel safe, accepted, empowered and competent, our school seeks to build a stronger Peer Support culture. In Term 1, our boys had many opportunities to bond and form positive relationships with one another. To strengthen social networks in the classrooms, our school will also celebrate **Friendship Week** from 28 March to 1 April 2022. Through a series of interactive activities, our boys will learn to be a friend to others, to help those in need and influence their peers to do what is right.
8. From 4 to 8 April 2022, our boys will also learn about the importance of friendships between countries as they commemorate **International Friendship Day**. Through the theme "Singapore in Asia", they will explore Singapore's role in facilitating cooperation within ASEAN and in Asia. As they learn about the cultures of other countries in the region, they will reflect on their role in promoting the spirit of friendship and collaboration, and develop an appreciation for the contributions of foreigners in Singapore.

Building Strong School-Home Partnerships

9. We believe in fostering strong home-school partnerships to grow the hearts and minds of our ACSian Gentlemen. This would not have been possible without the understanding and grace that our parents have extended to us. My staff and I look forward to our continued close partnership with you for the rest of this term.

Road Safety Matters

10. Student safety is a priority of our school and a responsibility of all stakeholders. We need motorists to play their part by slowing down as they approach the school vicinity, and we seek parents' support in reinforcing the importance of road safety to their sons at home.
11. All pedestrians (including our boys) are to use the appropriate traffic lights and zebra crossings when walking to the school. Pedestrian entry to the school is via Gates 3 and 3C. Please do not block the entrance of the gates. Pedestrians using the footpath outside the guard post should also look out for vehicles coming out of 10 Winstedt Road. As vehicles will be moving in and out of the school, please do not walk across the Parade Square.
12. During peak traffic periods such as arrival and dismissal times, boys arriving to school by car are to alight at the lay-by along Winstedt Road or the drop-off zone in the school compound in

front of the Foyer. Our staff and security guards are deployed to facilitate the flow of traffic and ensure good road safety behaviour. Please be patient and cooperate with them for the safety of everyone in school.

13. As parking is not available within the school premises during reporting and dismissal times, kindly use the public carpark at Newton Food Centre Carpark or 10 Winstedt Road instead. Please refrain from parking inside the estate at 50 Monk's Hill Road as it is reserved for residents only. Unauthorised parked vehicles will be towed away by the estate management. Please note that there should be no parking or waiting along Monk's Hill Road, Winstedt Road and Clemenceau Avenue North as this will cause obstruction to the flow of traffic and inconvenience to the residents. LTA Enforcement Officers have been contacted in the past by irate residents and summons were issued.

Family Education Talk: Parenting is Heart Work

14. The school will be organising an online Family Education Talk, **Parenting is Heart Work**, for parents with sons in Primary 1 and 2. We recognise that entering a primary school is an important milestone for our boys. It can also be a time of anxiety for both parents and our boys as they learn to navigate this new experience. This talk will discuss the important windows of growth in a child's life through the primary school years and how parents can support them in their social-emotional learning during these formative years.
15. The presenter, Dr. Foo Fung Fong, is the Executive Director of Filos Community Services, a Social Service agency in Singapore that seeks to empower and build resilience in children, families and elderly in the community. A medical doctor by training, she is passionate about building healthy and resilient families. She is a certified Family Life Educator as well as a trained facilitator in the evidence-based Parent Plus Parenting programme that builds strong parent-child relationships through positive parenting and positive discipline. She is also a mother to three young adults, one of whom is an alumnus of ACS(J).
16. Details of the zoom workshop are as follows:

Title	Parenting is Heart Work
Audience	P1 and P2 Parents
Date	9 April 2022 (Saturday)
Time	9 am to 10.30 am

Registration is via the link <https://go.gov.sg/3sjg16>. The closing date for registration is **Wednesday, 6 April 2022**. The zoom details will be sent to participants via email thereafter.

As we seek to enrich our boys with varied learning experiences, let us also not forget to encourage and empower them to stay curious! I wish you and our boys a blessed Term 2.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Principal