

27 June 2025

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.

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

- 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 2025, Soaring in Unity. The theme verse taken from Romans 12:4-5 (NIV) reminds us that as our Creator, God has uniquely crafted each one of us with gifts and talents to serve Him and one another. In His eyes, we are each special, created for a purpose, and integral to the community. In response to God's call, let us align ourselves with humility and obedience, striving to build one another up and strengthen the community. By using our individual gifts, we contribute to a supportive and collaborative environment, where every member of the body of Christ feels he belongs and has a vital role to play.
- 2. The Mid-Year Meet-the-Parents (MTP) session took place on-site on Thursday, 29 May and Friday, 30 May 2025. 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. Let us continue to encourage our boys to Chart the Course and Ready the Crew as we focus on their efforts to Ascend the Skies in Semester 2.

## **Starting Right in Semester 2**

- 3. <u>Termly Check-in Survey</u>: One key platform to check-in on our students' well-being after the June holidays is through the Termly Check-in Survey. This survey provides a safe and regular channel for our boys to share information about themselves with their form teachers. The feedback gathered offers valuable insights into our boys' well-being, enabling our teachers to better support them in their growth and development. Students will be given time to complete the Check-in Survey in school within the first two weeks of Term 3.
- 4. <u>ACSian Gentlemen</u>: Through positive and meaningful school experiences in Semester 2, we will continue to nurture each ACSian to be "a young gentleman of character, ready for the future to lead and to serve". We seek your partnership in this endeavour and ask for

- your support in encouraging our boys to always give their best in all that they do, and to demonstrate the traits of a true gentleman in word and deed.
- a. <u>In word</u>: being polite to everyone, greeting everyone, saying "Please" and "Thank you", responding graciously and speaking at the right volume; and
- b. <u>In deed</u>: treating others with respect, being punctual, wearing his uniform smartly, waiting for his turn, playing safely and fairly, listening attentively, raising his hands to ask/ answer questions in class, keeping his desk area organised and tidy, and taking care of his belongings.
- 5. Prayers for Primary 6 Students: We also 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.

#### **Staff Matters**

- 6. We warmly welcome the following staff to the ACS(J) family:
  - Mdm Debbie Goh Tiang Ai (Senior Teacher / Science)
  - Mr Henry Phua Yong Xiang (Subject Head / Character & Citizenship Education)
- 7. We bid farewell to the following staff and extend our heartfelt appreciation for their dedicated service to ACS(J):
  - Mdm Norahmah Bte Haron (Head of Department / Information & Communication Technology)
  - Mr Nga Bing Chang Jeremiah (Senior Teacher / Educational Support)
- 8. We congratulate the following staff on his appointment to a new position:
  - Mr Ranny Choi Weng Hung (Senior Special Educational Needs Officer)

## Attendance and Temperature-Taking Exercise [ATTEx] (Wednesday, 9 July 2025)

9. 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, 9 July 2025. All students are reminded to bring a working thermometer to school on that day.

# 2025/ 2026 Student Council

10. The Primary 5 Student Council nominees will participate in the Student Council Rally from Monday, 30 June 2025 to Friday, 4 July 2025. On Tuesday, 8 July 2025, the nominees

will address the Primary 5 cohort, who will then cast their votes for the candidates of their choice. The Student Leaders' Investiture will take place on **Wednesday**, **23 July 2025**. Let us continue to encourage our nominees to engage in the spirit of healthy competition and extend our best wishes to them.

### Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examination (Thursday, 17 July & Monday, 21 July 2025)

- 11. All Primary 1 to Primary 5 students will be dismissed at 12pm on Thursday, 17 July and Monday, 21 July 2025 to facilitate the conduct of the Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examinations in the afternoon. Kindly make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.
- 12. All Primary 6 students will be briefed on the Preliminary Oral Examinations on **Tuesday**, **15 July 2025**. Details will be sent to all Primary 6 parents via Parents Gateway on **Wednesday**, **9 July 2025**.

# Racial Harmony Festival: Mother Tongue Fortnight and Racial Harmony Day (Tuesday, 8 July to Friday, 18 July 2025)

- 13. The school will commemorate Racial Harmony Day (RHD) on Friday, 18 July 2025 to remind our boys of the importance of maintaining racial harmony and social cohesion in our nation. This year's RHD theme, Our People, Our Tapestry, reminds us that our multicultural tapestry remains strong and unified when we seek to understand and be respectful of ethnic and religious communities in our midst. All students are encouraged to come in their ethnic attire on that day.
- 14. 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 (Tuesday, 8 July to Friday, 18 July 2025). 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".

## **School Security and Operations Matters**

- 15. <u>Security Passes</u>: The school has a Security Pass System to monitor and manage the movement of visitors on our school premises. Parents/ Caregivers have to display their security passes at all times when they are in the school. To apply for the Security Pass, please obtain an application form from the General Office. Each Security Pass application will only allow up to two family members/ caregivers to be registered.
- 16. <u>Road Traffic Situation</u>: In Term 2, the school worked with the Land Transport Authority to ensure a smoother flow of traffic along Winstedt Road during peak hours. We have observed an improvement in the road traffic situation and thank all parents/ guardians for

your cooperation and for demonstrating gracious behaviour on the roads. We seek your continued support to ensure that your child/ ward gets sufficient sleep every night and reaches school before 7.30am. Kindly factor in the time your child/ ward will need to walk from the drop-off point to the reporting venue so that he can **arrive for attendance-taking by 7.30am every morning**.

17. <u>School Dismissal Arrangements</u>: Our school hours **remain unchanged** in Semester 2; school hours are from **7.30am to 1.30pm**. Following a safety review of the school's dismissal arrangements in Term 2, the school has reassigned the exit routes for school buses to facilitate a **smooth dismissal for all students at 1.30pm** (instead of the current staggered dismissal arrangement).

# With effect from Monday, 30 June 2025:

- Students who take the school buses will leave their classrooms at 1.25pm to make their way to the school buses, which will leave the school from 1.30pm.
- Students who leave the school on foot or by car will leave their classrooms at 1.30pm.
- Primary 1 students will continue to be guided by their teachers and leave their classrooms earlier for the dismissal point at the school foyer. They will be dismissed from the school foyer at 1.30pm.
- For parents/ guardians/ caregivers picking up students:
  - a. On foot from school foyer: Gate 3A will open at 1.30pm
  - b. By car at school foyer: Gate 1 will open at 1.40pm
  - c. By car at external lay-by: Cones will be removed at 1.40pm
- For Student Care Centres (SCCs):
  - a. ACS(J) school-based SCC: Students can report to the SCC at 1.30pm.
  - b. <u>External SCCs</u>: Students who are picked up by the SCCs will wait at the school foyer from 1.30pm.

Teachers and staff of the school will be stationed at key positions to familiarise both students and parents/ guardians/ caregivers with the arrangements in Term 3 Week 1.

#### Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home Youth Day Appeal

18. Lastly, as we commemorate Youth Day this July, we would like to appeal for your support on behalf of Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home (CSLMCH) for its Youth Day Appeal. CSLMCH was founded in 1968 by the Chen Su Lan Trust, with the support of Wesley Methodist Church. The Home provides a safe and nurturing environment for boys and girls aged 5 to 21 who have faced challenges such as poverty, neglect, abandonment, and abuse. This Youth Day, we encourage you and your family to make a meaningful impact in the lives of the children by donating to the Home. You can donate via this link on Giving.sg: <a href="https://www.giving.sg/donate/campaign/acs-junior-donation-drive-in-support-of-cslmch-2025">https://www.giving.sg/donate/campaign/acs-junior-donation-drive-in-support-of-cslmch-2025</a>. Tax deduction can be submitted via the Giving.sg platform.

I wish you and all our boys a blessed Term 3. To God Be The Glory, The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee Principal