

30 July 2025

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

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

We are grateful for God's grace and favour bestowed upon our ACS(J) community in the first half of Term 3. This term holds special meaning for us as we commemorate several key events that remind us to give thanks for this place we call home – a tapestry of diverse cultures bound together by shared values that continue to guide us forward and shape our future. Term 3 will conclude with our Teachers' Day celebrations, where we honour the dedication of our educators. As we journey through these coming weeks, we seek your continued prayers for God's protection over our staff and students, particularly for our Primary 6 boys who will be entering the crucial phase of their Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) preparations. We ask for God's guidance and strength to be with them as they take the PSLE Oral in August.

#### 2025/2026 Student Council

 The Student Leaders' Investiture was held on Thursday, 24 July 2025. We are pleased to announce the appointment of the following students to our 2025/2026 Student Council. We believe that they are good examples of the ACSian Gentlemen that we hope to nurture of our boys, and we look forward to their leadership and service to the school and community in the year ahead.

Role	Name	Class
Head Councillor	Johan Kalra	5.7
Deputy Head Councillor	Eason Samuel Ang	5.2
Deputy Head Councillor	Jiang Zhi Wei Joshua	5.7
Student Councillor	Alexandre Lim Jin Yu	5.1
Student Councillor	Wong Chi Pui	5.3
Student Councillor	Chang Jit-Onn, Evan	5.7
Student Councillor	Harold Lim Zhan Le	5.8

#### **Recognising Our Young Talents**

#### 2. ACS Junior Superstars 2025

The ACS Junior Superstars 2025 is a yearly event that celebrates and highlights our boys' singing talents. Finalists had the chance to perform for their peers on **Tuesday**, **27 May 2025**, at the Performing Arts Hall. The atmosphere at the finals was made even more memorable by the enthusiastic support of the audience, showcasing the vibrant camaraderie that defines our school community. The winners, chosen by popular vote from the student body, are as follows:

Category	Winners	
P3/4 Solo	Teo Ming Feng Dayen (4.1)	
P3/4 Group P5/6 Solo	Bruno Bros Chong Cheng Jun (4.2) You Yuan Rui Kyle (4.2) Leandro Tan (4.3) Chua Yi Zhen Aorscher (6.5)	
P5/6 Group	Da Beanie Nathan Tan Wen Yao (6.4) Liu Gong Zhe, Declan (6.4) Abhayvir Singh (6.4) Xavier Lucas Goh (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**, **4 September 2025**.

## 3. Chinese Oratorical Competitions

The following students 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 beauty of the Chinese Language.

Competition	Name of Student	Class	Award
20 <sup>th</sup> National Primary School Cross-Talk	Teoh Jin Yi Kiefer	3.2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Competition	Yin Xiao Yi	3.6	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	You Yuan Zhe Rhys	2.3	Silver (Group)
8 <sup>th</sup> Singapore Primary and	Tan Shao Yang	2.4	Silver (Group)
Secondary School Text	Tristan Siow Ming Han	3.6	Silver (Group)
Recital Competition	Teoh Jin Yi Kiefer	3.2	Silver (Individual)
	Yin Xiao Yi	3.6	Silver (Individual)

### 4. Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Achievements

We give thanks for and congratulate our boys on their participation and achievements in CCA.

#### National School Games

No	Sports/Games	Senior Division		
4	Douding	Senior Div: Quartet - 5 <sup>th</sup>		
'	Bowling	Junior Div: Doubles - 5 <sup>th</sup> , Quartet - 4 <sup>th</sup>		
2	2 Rugby League 1 - 1 <sup>st</sup>			
3	3 Hockey* Participation			

<sup>\*</sup> Combined team with Cantonment Primary School

## <u>Uniformed Groups – The Boys' Brigade</u>

No	Company	Award		
1	12J	JM Fraser Award – High Distinction		

### Clubs & Societies - Art Club

No	Name of Competition				Achievement
1	Singapore Exhibition	Youth	Festival	Art	Certificate of Recognition, Category A

## **Exercise RHINOS (Wednesday, 6 August 2025)**

- 5. We wish to inform you that our school will be conducting an emergency exercise on **Wednesday**, **6 August 2025**, between 8.30am and 11.30am. This emergency exercise aims to train both staff and students to be prepared for an emergency within the school premises and to be familiar with safety and evacuation procedures.
- 6. A collaborative effort between the school, the Ministry of Education's Safety, Security and Emergency Branch (SSEB), Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) and the Singapore Police Force (SPF), all staff and students have been briefed that they will be participating in the evacuation exercise on 6 August 2025. As part of the simulation, SCDF and SPF vehicles such as fire engines and police cars will be activated and enter the school premises. Please do not be alarmed. We seek your understanding that no parents or visitors will be allowed to enter the school during the period of the exercise.
- 7. Kindly ensure that your child/ward has sufficient breakfast in the morning before coming to school. **All students will have their snack break at 8.30am.** Please note that recess timings will be adjusted as follows on that day:

Levels	Adjusted Recess Timing (for 6 August only)		
Primary 1 and 2	11am - 11.30am		
Primary 3 and 4	11.30am - 12.00pm		
Primary 5 and 6	12.00pm - 12.30pm		

8. We seek your support to reinforce the importance of emergency preparedness with your child/ward and reiterate the role that every individual plays in being vigilant and keeping Singapore safe.

#### **National Day Celebration (Friday, 8 August 2025)**

- 9. ACS(J) will celebrate Singapore's 60<sup>th</sup> National Day on Friday, 8 August 2025. The theme, "Majulah Singapura", embodies our nation's enduring spirit and aspirations. As we commemorate 60 years of independence, it calls on Singaporeans to reflect on our collective achievements while inspiring us to face future challenges and uncertainties with optimism and resilience. All students are encouraged to wear red T-shirts on that day. School hours will be from 7.30am to 10.30am. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child/ward.
- 10. Please note that the following **Monday, 11 August 2025**, is a school holiday. The General Office and school-based Student Care Centre (SCC) will be closed on that day.
- 11. In conjunction with National Day, students have the opportunity to participate in the **SG75: Our Hopes, Our Singapore** competition, organised by People's Association and Building and Construction Authority Singapore. This competition invites students to express their hopes and aspirations for Singapore's future through various creative formats. We

encourage you to find out more about the competition and how your child can take part by visiting the official website: https://sg75.pa.gov.sg/competition-brief-2025/.

## **2025 PSLE Oral and Listening Comprehension Examinations**

12. The PSLE Oral Examination will be held on **Wednesday**, **13 August and Thursday**, **14 August 2025**. The PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination will be held on **Tuesday**, **16 September 2025**. 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 2025

13. The Ministry of Education will be conducting an identification exercise for the Gifted Education Programme 2025 according to the schedule below.

Stage	Date	Participants
GEP Screening	Thursday, 21 August 2025	Primary 3 students enrolled
Exercise	Thursday, 21 August 2025	in the school
GEP Selection	Tuesday, 14 October &	Primary 3 students shortlisted after
Exercise	Wednesday, 15 October 2025	the GEP Screening Exercise

- 14. 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.
- 15. A notification was sent out via Parents Gateway on **Wednesday**, **9 July 2025** on the GEP Screening Exercise. Please refer to the notification sent and be reminded that **Thursday**, **21 August 2025** 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, 4 September 2025)**

- 16. The school will celebrate Teachers' Day on **Thursday, 4 September 2025**. School hours will be from 7.30am to 10.30am. 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 also be closed from 11.30am for a staff event to be held at an external venue.
- 17. Please note that there will be no school on **Friday**, **5 September 2025**. The school-based Student Care Centre (SCC) will also be closed.
- 18. 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.**

# ACS(J) Borderless Classrooms

- 19. Hosting of Students from China: Our Primary 4 and 5 students will play host to students and teachers from Wuxi Fuqiao Experimental Primary School of Wuxi, China, on Monday, 4 August and Tuesday, 5 August 2025. Our visitors will attend lessons with our boys and engage in a variety of learning experiences, including our ACSian Heritage Trail, hydroponics farming at our Technology Garden and Malay and Indian cultural activities.
- 20. P5 Overseas Learning Journey to Brunei Darussalam: Hot on the heels of the successful overseas learning journey to Shanghai, China in May 2025, another team of boys and teachers will be embarking on the P5 Overseas Learning Journey to Brunei Darussalam. The trip to Brunei Darussalam will be **from Sunday, 31 August** to **Wednesday, 3 September 2025**. During the visit, the team will visit two schools and immerse themselves in the daily activities of the schools.

### **Travel Declaration for September Holidays**

- 21. 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.
- 22. 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, 4 September 2025**. 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.

## **2025 World Aquatics and Para Swimming Championships**

- 23. Singapore hosts two major international swimming events for the first time in our nation's history the 2025 World Aquatics Championships and the 2025 World Para Swimming Championships. We are proud to share that an old boy of ACS (Junior), Toh Wei Soong, will be representing Singapore at the World Para Swimming Championships.
- 24. Taking place from **Sunday**, **21 September to Sunday**, **27 September 2025** at the OCBC Aquatic Centre in the Singapore Sports Hub, the World Para Swimming Championships will bring together over 600 athletes from 60 countries. The event seeks to promote inclusivity, accessibility, and the power of sport to inspire.
- 25. For event and ticketing information about the World Para Swimming Championships, please refer to: <a href="https://sdsc.org.sg/wpsc25/">https://sdsc.org.sg/wpsc25/</a>

Let us persevere in praying for our staff, boys and the families represented in our school community. May the Lord bless and protect us always. To God Be The Glory. The Best Is Yet To Be!

Yours faithfully

Miss Cheryl Chee Principal