



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

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Dear Parents/Guardian

My staff and I hope that your son has enjoyed his first week of term and has settled into his new class. The first week of Orientation is a very important week for all of us in many ways. It was deliberately planned as a relaxed week for the boys with the main goal of fostering integration and a sense of belonging to the school. Class activities were platforms for new friendships to be established, and whole school activities such as this morning's school cheering session were aimed at fostering school pride and belonging. The CCA Open House was also important for boys to try out and explore new interests, or discover new skills, talent or passion.

For my staff, it was also an important week for us to establish good processes and routines for the boys that would ultimately set the tone for the rest of the school year. Boys have been taken through school rules and procedures by teachers and Mr Jeremiah Nga, SH Discipline. They have communicated clearly to the boys our expectations in their behaviour – the code of conduct in school and on the school bus and that we expect a demonstration from all our school values of Integrity, Love, Excellence, Curiosity, Collaboration and Loyalty.

Besides the pro- social frameworks we have established to meet the social and emotional learning (SEL) needs of our boys, we have conducted briefings and reminded boys of safety procedures, and our support structures such as the availability of a school counselor or Christian Ministry staff. It is very important that all have a strong awareness of safety and are able to apply safety procedures in and out of the classroom. Today's walk through of evacuation routes is one example of our efforts at ensuring that staff and pupils are ready to respond in an efficient and coordinated manner should there be a need in the face of an emergency.

I would like to thank all who have helped us in one way or another to help us to establish good pupil management and school safety processes to provide a safe, caring and secure environment conducive for teaching and learning. In particular, I would like to say a very big thank you to the **Parent Shepherds** and **P4 Buddies**. The Parent Shepherds have rostered themselves on a daily basis, helping in the canteen during P1 recess this week and for the next few weeks of school. They ensure that the children are seated, help them while buying food (and even occasionally lend pocket money), remind them to wash hands and so on. These parents have been truly wonderful in helping to support the boys as they settle in. We are also very proud of our P4 boys who acted as buddies to our P1 boys during the Orientation week of school. It was indeed heartening to see our bigger boys guide the smaller ones and patiently wait for them as they had their morning break. It was wonderful to see our boys demonstrate the school value of Love through their care for the newest members of the school community.

Thank you also to all parents for being considerate drivers and pedestrians and for making both before and after school assembly and dismissal hours this past week a smooth and pleasant experience for all. It is important that we all continue to role-model appropriate behaviour to our boys as we work together to develop young men of character, ready for the future.

Please also take note of the following:

P1 Assembly Point and Dismissal for Second Week

Next **Monday, 9 January**, is the last day where P1 pupils will gather in the **Music / Speech & Drama Room** before the start of school.

For the rest of the year, please allow your son to walk to the following assembly points unescorted:

Day	P1 Assembly Point
Monday	Multi-Purpose Hall
Tuesday	Multi-Purpose Hall
Wednesday	Respective Classrooms
Thursday	Performing Arts Hall
Friday	Multi-Purpose Hall

For the second week of term, your son will be escorted from class to the Foyer before the rest of the boys are dismissed. This will also allow us to settle the P1 boys who go on the school bus before the older boys come on board.

P2-P6 Assembly Point

All P2-P6 boys are to report to the Multi-Purpose Hall on Monday, 9 January before the start of school. They will be advised on their subsequent assembly points then. Please allow your son to walk to the MPH unescorted. The Teaching Block continues to remain out of bounds to all parents and other unofficial visitors to the School.

Attire on Fridays

Boys may either wear their white corporate t-shirt and shorts or the official school uniform on Fridays. The red corporate t-shirts are usually reserved for days of excursion and out of school activities.

Curriculum / CCA Matters

Please note that regular lessons commence next week, 9 January, Monday and CCA, remedial and supplementary lessons begin on 16 January, Monday.

P5/P6 Supplementary Lesson Schedule

Please see the attached P5/P6 Supplementary Lesson Schedule if you have a son/ward in P5/P6. As with last year, we will continue to give emphasis to Mathematics. As such, you will note that Mathematics, in addition to the Mother Tongue Supplementary Lessons, have been scheduled weekly. Supplementary Lessons for Science and English Language will take place on alternate weeks.

We thank God for His provision of grace, sustenance, and watchful protection and for blessing us with a good start to the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kathryn Koh
Principal