



## ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents, Students and Friends

Many novels and movies include characters who sacrifice themselves to save others. It adds interest, spice and tension to the story line. Rarely, however, does the main character die for others but rather it is an expendable secondary character who usually makes the extreme sacrifice. Not so in the Bible. It is the main character, Jesus, who ends up sacrificing his life so that others might live. The story of Easter is that the hero stands up for his radical and far-reaching principles of love, service, forgiveness and sacrifice, and by not backing down ends up dying a horrific death on the cross. That death involved the shedding of blood which was a 'once for all' act and enabled all mankind to receive the forgiveness of sins and upon death also receive a free pass to heaven. The hero died so that others might live.

The week before Easter we undertake Religious Emphasis Week (REW). For the second year running we invited Pastor Jeremy Seaward to speak to the students over this REW period. Pastor Jeremy has a gifted speaking ministry and he both entertained and challenged our students and staff during the three days of Chapel. He spoke about the message of Easter and of Jesus' supreme sacrifice so that we might have a fulfilling life here on Earth now, as well as in the hereafter. It was heartening to see how well students responded to the message. Pastor Joel also makes further comment over leaf.

We hope that everyone had some rest and time out over the Easter weekend, and were also able to reflect on the Easter Christian message.

Our thanks to all those parents who attended the Parent Teacher Meeting last Tuesday. It was heartening that so many attended, including a number of parents from overseas who travelled to Singapore especially for the PTM. My apologies for not being able to attend the PTM personally due to coinciding travel to Japan and Korea to promote the school and speak to existing and prospective families in those countries.

With every good wish for the term ahead.

**Rob Burrough**



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Religious Emphasis Week 2016

Every year, around the season of Good Friday, we celebrate Religious Emphasis Week (REW) whereby our chapels feature a special guest speaker, along with special song leaders at chapel!

This year, Pastor Jeremy Seaward, the youth pastor of Victory Family Center, came by to deliver the 3 messages on Revival! Pastor Jeremy is no stranger to ACS International, having spoken last year at our REW and he was received positively by all our students! This year's REW also featured our own Chaplain, Christian Ministry Staff and our teachers leading us in songs over the 3 days.

Pastor Jeremy's humorous and yet very relevant talks, were very well received by the students who responded enthusiastically to his calls for them to participate and respond. In all, it was a good 3 days as we focused on the reasons for the season of Good Friday and Easter!



Indeed this is a special season, whereby together with the Church, all around the world, we remember what Jesus did for us on the Cross, on Good Friday, as He died for the sins of all mankind. In so doing, He redeemed us all, rescued us from the clutches of sin and death. Jesus was buried and on the third day, He came back from the dead, and so doing, He showed that all who followed Him, could become made new, and have the promise of eternal life given unto them as well.

*Rev Joel Yong*



## STUDENT SUCCESSES

At the end of Term 1 the following students were presented with the top academic awards for the term.

### Principal's List for Effort and Achievement

S/No.	Name	Year	House
1	He, Yajing	2	Cheong Koon Seng
2	Tang, Shiyu (Jenny)	4	Cheong Koon Seng
3	Irvan, Irvan	6	Goh Hood Keng
4	Li, Changrui (Leo)	6	Goh Hood Keng
5	Phanada, Ivan	6	Lee Seng Gee
6	Hoe, Tze En Nirel (Nirel)	4	Oldham
7	Yang, Tze-Te (Denny)	4	Oldham
8	Ng, Sarah Jie-Ling (Sarah)	6	Shaw Vee Meng
9	Tan, Liyi	3	Tan Chin Tuan
10	Peng, Bohan (Ben)	6	Tan Chin Tuan
11	Van Selm, Caitlin Susanna (Caitlin)	1	Tan Kah Kee
12	Ravichandran, Aarthy Narainy (Aarthy)	2	Tan Kah Kee
13	Indrawanputri, Fransisca	3	Tan Kah Kee
14	Chen, Jiashu	4	Tan Kah Kee
15	Aliandy, Sandra	6	Tan Kah Kee
16	Lahiry, Ayushi	2	Thoburn
17	Oh, Jae Bom	2	Thoburn
18	Chan, Zi Keane	4	Thoburn
19	Indradjaja, Russell Scott (Russell)	4	Thoburn
20	Wu, Jiaqi	4	Thoburn
21	Jiang, Yutong	6	Thoburn



### Distinction for Effort and Achievement

S/No.	Name	Year	House
1	Kerdkaewfah, Prapatsorn (Mimie)	1	Cheong Koon Seng
2	Ogino, Ui	2	Cheong Koon Seng
3	Xie, Yi Rou	6	Cheong Koon Seng
4	Ji, Shiyu	Pre-IG	Cheong Koon Seng
5	Ng, Tawan Wei Ming (Wei Ming)	1	Goh Hood Keng
6	Tjahjowidodo, Daning Dyah Savitri (Daning)	1	Goh Hood Keng
7	Khoo, Jaelle Jia Yi (Jaelle)	2	Goh Hood Keng
8	Li, Andi	2	Goh Hood Keng
9	Tjahjowidodo, Indah Wahyu Hapsari (Indah)	2	Goh Hood Keng
10	Darmawan, Sarah	3	Goh Hood Keng
11	Ho, Li Yi Jamie (Jamie)	3	Goh Hood Keng
12	Tok, Qian Hui Tricia (Tricia)	6	Goh Hood Keng
13	Cheng, Justin Ming Hearn (Justin)	1	Lee Seng Gee
14	Hsu, Wei-Yun (Vicky)	1	Lee Seng Gee
15	Chitranapawong, Kaan	2	Lee Seng Gee
16	Ho, Judith Ann Han Lin (Judith)	2	Lee Seng Gee
17	Kim, Min Jun	3	Lee Seng Gee
18	Wan, Qianxi (Cici)	3	Lee Seng Gee
19	Wu, Di	3	Lee Seng Gee
20	Chen, Kangan (Michael)	4	Lee Seng Gee
21	Low, Wen Ting Megan (Megan)	FIB	Lee Seng Gee
22	Guntury, Sneha Bhaskar (Sneha)	2	Oldham
23	Lim, Wei Shun Benjamin (Benjamin)	2	Oldham
24	Yeo, Elijah Xuan-Ye (Elijah)	2	Oldham
25	Lee, Hyojun	3	Oldham
26	Liu, Yang	4	Oldham
27	Yan, Xin (Cindy)	4	Oldham
28	Shao, Luoyi (Linda)	Pre-IG	Oldham
29	Wang, Ruiming	Pre-IG	Oldham
30	Ng, Yeun Ning	1	Shaw Vee Meng
31	Chen, Yili	2	Shaw Vee Meng
32	Park, Ju-Hyun (Julie)	3	Shaw Vee Meng
33	Wang, Lu Ying	3	Shaw Vee Meng
34	Saputra, Valencia	6	Shaw Vee Meng
35	Yu, Naifei (Vicky)	Pre-IG	Shaw Vee Meng
36	Choi, Madeline Yu-Jin	2	Tan Chin Tuan
37	Tan, Ruiyi	2	Tan Chin Tuan
38	Joung, Jaewon (Kalista)	3	Tan Chin Tuan
39	He, Zhuoxi (Hesper)	4	Tan Chin Tuan
40	Kwak, Yu Jin	4	Tan Chin Tuan
41	Deb, Ayush	1	Tan Kah Kee
42	Chesney, Cheyenne Helen (Cheyenne)	3	Tan Kah Kee
43	Van Selm, Jasper Melchior (Jasper)	3	Tan Kah Kee
44	Ahuja, Karan	4	Tan Kah Kee
45	Teo, Kai Hui (Kathleen)	4	Tan Kah Kee
46	Gao, Xinyue	6	Tan Kah Kee
47	Sirithanawat, Aval	2	Thoburn
48	Waluja, Devlin Nathan (Devlin)	2	Thoburn
49	Xiong, Jianan (Jessica)	2	Thoburn
50	Chen, Xinmiao (Shirley)	3	Thoburn
51	Singh, Sunny	3	Thoburn
52	Zhang, Ruiyang	3	Thoburn
53	Lau, Tiffany Yin Ting (Tiffany)	4	Thoburn
54	Sarup, Ilaria	4	Thoburn
55	Wong, Wyn Ci Stephanie (Stephanie)	6	Thoburn
56	Fu, Liwen	Pre-IG	Thoburn

### Singapore Swimming Champion and Record Holder



Charity Lien Year 1, has broken the 13-Year Old Girls 100m breaststroke record at the Singapore National Age Group Swimming Championships. Charity is pictured here during her record breaking swim.

At the championships she achieved seven Personal Best Times for her events, one event record for her 100m Breaststroke (and ranked as Singapore No.2 across all age groups) and is ranked No.1 in her age group for the following events:

- 200m Individual Medley
- 400m Individual Medley
- 50m Breaststroke
- 100m Breaststroke
- 200m Breaststroke
- 100m Butterfly

Charity is ranked No.2 across 13-year old swimmers in the following events:

- 50m Backstroke
- 100m Backstroke
- 200m Backstroke

We congratulate Charity and wish her well in coming events.

### Singapore National Water Polo Representative

Congratulations to **Marcus Pang** who has been selected to represent Singapore in the 15 Years Team.

### Singapore National Golf Representative



Ryan Wong has been selected for the National Golf Team. He is the youngest member in the training squad. He is pictured above being presented for his top prize for winning the HSBC Golf Tournament held in Raffles Country Club. Another ACS (International) student, Timothy Ding, finished 11th in his first game after returning from injury

### South East Asian Mathematics Competition

The following students participated in the SEAMC (South East Asian Mathematics Competition) held at Alice Smith School and Garden International School in Kuala Lumpur from 25- 28 February 2016. The students were selected and prepared for the competition by Ms Jasmine Teo. Mr Francis Bell and Ms Gemma Adderley accompanied the following students for this competition:

Zhang Ruiyang 3-THO  
Wang Zihao 3-LSG  
Chen Qianye 3-THO  
Jade Chan 3-SVM  
Aarthy Narainy Ravichandran 2-TKK  
Zhao Jiaxuan 3-TKK

Total no of schools = 41  
Total number of teams = 80  
Total number of students = 238

Our best student is Zhang Ruiyang from 3-THO who ranked 14th individually.

ACS Team one and two secured 18th and 71st rank respectively in the competition. Last year our best team ranked 35th among the 80 teams that participated.

ACS Team one members:  
Zhang Ruiyang 3-THO  
Wang Zihao 3-LSG  
Chen Qianye 3-THO

### Back To School Party 2016

This year's Back to School Party, sponsored annually by our very own Parent School Partners and organised by the Student Council, was held on 4 February and was loads of fun with live performances, food and a photo booth.

Specially arranged for this year's fiesta, the Student Council organised a very special edition of the popular TV game show, Family Feud. All 8 houses, represented by their house captains, fought it out with TCT, SVM, THO and TTK winning in the end.

Overall, the event was a great start to the school year and it's safe to say that everyone had a great time.



### Unplugged 2016

For our last event, the Electric Eleventh Student Council decided to host Unplugged, a spring music festival in the school's science terrace on the 11th of March.



Unplugged was a brand new event and as it was our last we wanted to make it the best so far. It proved to be one of the most challenging events we had ever endeavored to execute but the weeks of hard work were well worth the result. We had performers from across Singapore, coming from schools like Singapore Polytechnic, Victoria Junior College and St. Nicholas as well as ACS International students and alumni. We also had a very special guest performance by Nathan Hartono a Singaporean musician and also an ACS alumnus. It was a night full of music, games, food and enjoyment for ACS and Methodist school students. Along side the photo booth where students had the opportunity to pose for a photo were multiple games booths where students were able to play for various prizes. There were also painting and balloon booths for additional entertainment. The food consisted of burgers, hotdogs, nuggets, pasta, waffles and more, and the students were able to stop for a quick bite before watching the talented performers. All in all it was a thoroughly enjoyable night and the Council was proud to have successfully presented its last event.



### Bill & Melinda Gates NYC Event – ACS Student Attends

Every year, Bill and Melinda Gates write a letter with the intention of driving a conversation with policy makers about helping the world's poorest people lift themselves out of hunger and poverty; harnessing advances in Science and Technology to save lives in developing countries; and improving U.S. high school and post-secondary education.

In their letter this year, Bill and Melinda decided to focus on the issues of energy and time poverty because they believe those are fundamental obstacles to more equitable lives for billions of people. Energy and time poverty are also intertwined with all the areas in which the Gates Foundation is working on.

The Gates felt that it was important to talk to the generation that will be making decisions in the next 15 – 30 years. As a student participating in the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS) Junior Academy Programme, I was given the opportunity to be part of the discussion by participating in a question and answer session held at the YouTube Space in New York, speaking directly with Bill and Melinda, regarding the greatest challenges facing society today, and dreaming about the solutions.

Prior to the live session with Bill and Melinda, I was also able to participate with students from all over the world during a Moonshot Sprint workshop with Katy Kasmai, senior-level Engineering PM at Google, where we worked together in teams ideating and prototyping high tech 10x solutions to some of humanity's most difficult challenges.

Needless to say, the entire programme was a very inspiring and invaluable experience that compelled me to think extensively on what positive changes I can do within my means and would like to implement for the betterment of the community around me, both locally and globally.

*Tricia Tok Year 6*



*Live on Good Morning America with Bill and Melinda Gates. Tricia is third from the right.*

### ACS Ski Trip to Hakuba, Japan 2016

On Friday 11 March 12 ACS staff and students set off from Changi to travel to the slopes of Hakuba, Japan. On arrival it didn't take long before all students were outside enjoying the snow, building a snowman and having snowball fights. After settling into the hotel we headed out to the Hakuba Snow Festival to watch some fantastic snow torch processions and amazing firework displays. On Sunday the ski lessons began and Miss Georgie and Mr Mike witnessed some very strange skiing techniques and were relieved that the students finally managed to learn how to turn, stop and wear their ski boots on the correct feet.



Armaan won the award for the most spectacular falls throughout the week and even managed to take out his instructor! All the students made fantastic progress throughout the 5 days and we were lucky enough to have the resort almost to ourselves. On the last day visited the ski jump that was used during the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics.

With fresh snowfall, blue skies, delicious Japanese food and lots of entertainment the trip couldn't have been any better. We hope to see lots more students taking up the challenge to come and learn how to ski next year, a trip not to be missed in 2017!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL	EVENT
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 Malacca Educational Trip</li> <li>World Vision Symposium</li> </ul>
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5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inter-House Badminton</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents Cyberwellness Talk – Oldham Chapel 7:00pm</li> </ul>
8 & 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership Camp</li> </ul>
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Into The Woods Drama Production Camp</li> </ul>
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19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS Science) by HCC</li> </ul>
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hong Kong Sports Trip</li> </ul>
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hong Kong Sports Trip</li> </ul>
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychoholic Saturday (IB Students)</li> </ul>