



ACS (INTERNATIONAL) NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents, Students and Friends

As we look towards Lunar New Year with special and extended times with family we are reminded of the importance of families in our lives. In a world of uncertainty and turmoil families are often the solid rock for each one of us. We all are attracted to the security that families provide. If we look overseas we see that gangs are often successful as they are substitute families for those individuals without strong family units. Gangs attract people who are searching for something they do not have. We all need a place to belong, and people to care for us and love us.

The Bible has many references to families. For example, in the 10 Commandments we are told to 'honour your mother and your father' (Deuteronomy 5.16); and to 'bear with one another... forgive each other' (Colossians 3.13); then in Psalm 68.6 it says that 'God puts the lonely in families'; and in 2 Corinthians 6.18 'And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty'. Families are the foundations of all societies. They are God ordained and essential for order and stability.

Sometimes we take family for granted. During Lunar New Year families are encouraged to spend time with each other and share gifts and food. We also encourage our school community to take time this Lunar New Year to tell other family members how much they mean to us. To tell them that we love them.

To all celebrating Lunar New Year we wish you a wonderful family time, and hopefully some periods of relaxation amongst the busy-ness of it all. The school office will be closed for the week 8 - 12 February. All students are expected to be at school when school re-opens on Monday 15 February.

Gong Xi Fa Cai.

Rob Burrough

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DID YOU KNOW ?

Lemons contain more sugar than Strawberries

NOTICES

Parents Prayer Meetings

Parents are encouraged to join the school's parents' prayer group which meets each month. Come pray for your children, students and school and be encouraged by the prayer support in the prayer group. Meeting dates are

- 8 April
- 6 May
- 8 July
- 5 Aug
- 7 Oct
- 4 Nov

The time is from 8:15 am to 9.30 am in the John Wesley Hall, 6th level Sports Block.

For more information, please contact Lorraine on 97592133.

Combined ACS prayer meeting Parents from all ACS schools also meet regularly to pray for the ACS schools. The first meeting of the year is at ACS (International) on 19 February from 8.15 to 10 am at John Wesley hall. All are welcome.

Parent Portal

The school parent portal

<https://parents.acsinternational.com.sg/api/login/>

will allow parents to access the child's time table, term results and discipline records.

If you have yet to receive log- in details and activation letter, please email to ITsupport@acsinternational.com.sg.

STUDENT SUCCESSES

ACS (International) IGCSE 2015 Examination Results

ACS (International) students in the November 2015 IGCSE examination continued the trend of recent years by exceeding the performance of the previous year. This trend was also observed in the IB Diploma results released two weeks ago. The results were released on 19 January.

ACS (International) students produced a 91.4% pass rate with 53% Distinction passes. This compares to 91% and 90% pass rates in 2014 and 2013 respectively; and 48% and 45% Distinction pass rates respectively. 80% gained entry to our IB Diploma programme by gaining at least 2xA; 2 x B and 2 x C passes (74% in 2014).

Seventeen students in the 133 strong cohort gained all Distinction passes (A * or A) – compared to 12 last year. These top performing students who each gained 100% Distinction passes were Evangeline Leong Li En, Zhu Mengqi, Dhruv Uppal, Chung Yungling Samantha, Chen Siye, Liam Kuok Ke Wei, Lee Hyun Ju, Purinat Atipas, Yang Xiyan, Wang Tianwen, Lyu Shijia, Eric Wen Bo Chao, Lim Jia Jing, Guo Shiyu ,Chen Kaiyuan, Xiang Zhecheng, Quek Xin Zhong Joshua and Hu Yanran.

Top performing subjects included Japanese, Music and Physical Education with 100% pass rates; followed by Mathematics 98%, English Literature 95%, Physics, 94%, Chemistry 94%, Biology 93%, and Business Studies 93%. The highest percentage of distinctions were in Chemistry (75%), Mathematics (70%), Music (67%) and Physics (61%).

Some Language subjects sat their IGCSE papers in May. Their results are very impressive. IGCSE Chinese as First Language had 100% pass rate with 97% Distinctions - 21 A*, 8 A and 1B passes. This is the best result so far since we initiated this subject two years ago. The two students in Malay as a Foreign Language each achieved A*. Chinese as Second Language (May only) also had a 100% pass rate and Mandarin as a Foreign Language (May only) achieved 65% Distinction.

Top of the World results are released later in the year. The school has gained 13 of these prestigious awards over the previous six years in English Literature, English Language, Economics, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Geography, Physical Education and Chinese.

The ACS (International) Admissions Office has seen a spike in Year 5 enrolments this year following its recent high 'value added' International Baccalaureate results and 98.7% pass rate. Parents are encouraged to talk to the Admissions Department about the very limited vacancies as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

We congratulate both students and staff on the impressive and improved IGCSE results.

International Student Singapore Experience

ACS (International)'s first Singapore Experience Programme (SEP) took place on the 30 January 2016. The aim of the Singapore Experience Programme (SEP) was to provide new international students with a genuine Singapore experience to aid their adjustment to their new school and new country. The school worked in partnership with Holland Village Methodist Church with church members as well as the school acting as hosts.

The new students were guided around the famous areas of Singapore and were also exposed to the colorful, unique culture of the people of Singapore. From the historical shops in Chinatown to the tradition-filled lanes of Little India and Kampong Glam, students were given a chance to get to know Singapore better, as well as gain some insight into the exciting history of Singapore.

The programme kicked off at 9am with breakfast and ice-breaker games at Wesley Hall before we departed at 10am to tour Chinatown. There, students were shown around the first temples, churches and worship places. Then, we proceeded to the National Library of Singapore to be given a briefing on the library's application and book reference and borrowing procedures which are undoubtedly important to our knowledge-seeking students.

The girls with their freshly drawn Henna!



Bugis Junction was the next destination, where all the trip's participants enjoyed their lunches to replenish their much needed energy. We then headed down to Kampong Glam where we toured Malay heritage sites and witnessed the traditional "gasing" in action. Last but not least was Little India where students had the chance to have Henna drawn on their arms or hands as well as witness the making of garlands.

The tour was, in my opinion, an exhilarating experience filled with not only the laughter and smiles of the students or teachers but also with knowledge we may not ever have acquired if we did not embark on the outing in the first place. It has given me proper insight into the uniqueness of each one of my friends' cultures or religions. Thus, letting the students, including me, understand each other better and have an open-mind when it comes to cultural acceptance which plays an important role in a unique multiracial nation such as Singapore.

I would definitely say that there was not even a single moment wasted as we were constantly acquiring new information and experiences during the trip even while riding on the bus. And frankly, being a frequent visitor to Singapore, I did not realize how much knowledge I lacked about this nation until I embarked on this very outing. Do I regret using up a whole Saturday on one school outing? Not even the slightest bit. Despite the heat and tiring long walks, I'd definitely still say...it's worth it.

By Stefan Njoo Qi An (Malaysia)

Time Capsule – 10th Anniversary



The time capsule containing school memorabilia and information about the school in commemoration of the school's 10th Anniversary celebrations is now in place in the school Library. Our thanks to the 2014-15 Prefectorial Board for their leadership in this area. The capsule will be opened during the 25th Anniversary celebrations in 2030.

ASEAN Youth Taekwondo Camp

Congratulations to Bryan Yap (Year 2) who is one of five Singaporeans selected to train at the ASEAN Youth Camp in Muju Korea last week. Bryan trains regularly with the Cadet Squad of the Singapore Taekwondo Federation.

Singapore International Schools' Debate League 2016

The Debate and Public speaking CCA was proud to organize and host the 2nd Singapore International Schools' Debate League on 16 and 17 January 2016. It was two months in the planning, under the able leadership of the President of the CCA, Sangnapa Sriweerawanidchakun (6 LSG), with enthusiastic assistance from Kyohei Hayano (6 TCT), Dhruv Uppal (5 GHK), Naveen Venkat (5 THO), Lim Mun Yiang (5 SVM), Leo Koo Ja Hyun (5 TCT) and Jeriel Lim (5 OLD). Mr. Peter Thompson provided guidance and support to the executive committee.

With eager responses from international schools around Singapore, the event began with a prepared motion debate, followed by two impromptu rounds. On the following day, a semi-final and grand final were held.

St. Joseph's Institution (International) emerged as worthy grand champions.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that Hawn Yan Ren (6 THO) was the 7th best speaker in the tournament. Our three ACS (International) teams competed courageously and articulately.

Inter-House Results

Results from last week's exciting Inter-House Netball and Football competitions follow. Unfortunately the Junior Boys Football competition was postponed until after Lunar New Year due to lightning warnings.

Senior Girls Netball	Junior Girls Netball	Senior Boys Football
1. CKS	1. CKS	1. TCT
2. TCT	2. TKK	2. CKS
3. THO	3. THO	3. LSG
4. SVM	4. LSG	4. TKK
5. TKK	5. SVM	5. GHK
6. LSG	6. TCT	6. SVM
7. OLD	7. OLD & GHK	7. THO
8. GHK		8. OLD

Chinese New Year Market at Chinatown

At Chinese New Year the Chinese Department takes the students to visit the Chinese New Year Market at Chinatown. This year the Year 3 and Year 5 students were exposed to a wide range of food and decorations that are only available during the Chinese New Year period. Students were asked to find out what each Chinese New Year food symbolises and how the local people celebrate the New Year. Students also got to taste some of the food! Immersed in the sea of redness, bak kwa and couplets the students enjoyed the alternative teaching environment and are now ready to celebrate the Chinese New Year.



Year 5 IB Induction Programme

The Year 5 Induction Programme aims to orientate our new batch of Diploma students on the IB programme focusing on Creativity, Activity, Service, Excel and ICT skills, Basic CPR and AED skills. Students went on a Service Trip outing to Kallang Waterways to pick up litter at the riverside and to better understand how to conserve water in Singapore. They were enlightened to the dangers posed to marine animals such as turtles and sea otters, when people litter in rivers and seas.



Students were also appreciative of how in Singapore, we get access to potable drinking water whereas this is considered a luxury in many other countries in the world. After the lecture on water conservation, the students were given trash bags and tongs to pick up litter along the Kallang River.

Many were surprised at the number of cigarette butts that were strewn on the ground and drink cans left in the river. It was an enriching and enlightening experience for them.



Student Laptops

Although the school does not require students to use a particular operating system, one of our partners, Network Hub has offered a student bundle for MacBook Air 13. You may use the attached form to make the order with Network Hub.



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Intel Iris Graphics 6100
8GB 1866MHz LPDDR3 SDRAM
128GB PCIe-based Flash Storage
Force Touch trackpad
Built-in battery (10 hours)

S\$ 1,637
Usual S\$1,758

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2.7GHz Dual-Core Intel Core i5
Turbo Boost up to 3.1GHz
Intel Iris Graphics 6100
8GB 1866MHz LPDDR3 SDRAM
256GB PCIe-based Flash Storage
Force Touch trackpad
Built-in battery (10 hours)

S\$ 1,920
Usual S\$2,058

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Section B / Personal Particulars:

Student Name:

Parent Name:

School/Course:

Class:

I/C No.:

Address:

Postal Code:

Contact No.:

E-mail:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY	EVENT
8 – 12	• School Closed for Lunar New Year
15	• School re-opens and lessons resume
19	• ACS Combined Prayer Meeting • LSG House Camp
20	• LSG House Camp • T-Net U20 Basketball Tournament • Lunar New Year Dinner for International Students
26	• Year 6 IB Conference (NUS)
27	• T-Net U20 Basketball Tournament

MARCH	EVENT
1	• Founders Day
5	• House Leaders Camp • T-Net U20 Basketball Tournament Final
10	• Inter-House Music Competition
11	• ACS Unplugged (Student Council Event) • End of Term
12	• Thinkers Day • Overseas Ski Trip to Japan Departs
21	• Term 2 Begins



World Vision
Singapore



Ethical Leadership in a Globalized World

What is Ethical Leadership?

How is ethical leadership critical to cultivating personal and corporate social accountability necessary in our information – rich, seamlessly-connected and socially-charged globalized world today? As a member of an inclusive world, how can future (students) leaders of one global family and parents lead the change for a better world?

Join Tim Costello as he shares valuable insights and personal anecdotes, how World Vision utilizes ethical leadership as it tackles the biggest humanitarian challenges that our world is facing today. This is followed by an audience engagement session.

Date : 2 April 2016
Time : 2 – 4pm
Venue : ACS International
For parents and students

To register, please go to
www.worldvision.org.sg/leadership

For more info please contact Elvin Chia at
6922 0113 or email elvin_chia@wvi.org

Speaker Profile

Tim Costello is Chief Executive of World Vision Australia since 2004 and is one of Australia's leading voices on social justice, leadership, ethics and global poverty. He is also a highly sought after speaker at international business conferences.

Prior to joining World Vision, Tim was a trained solicitor and has served as a Baptist Minister, Australian Mayor, and National President of the Baptist Union of Australia. He holds an Honorary Doctorate, and was awarded the Australian Peace Prize in 2008.



University Visits In School Term 1

University of California, Riverside
Thursday , 18 February
11.40 am-12.30 pm
Booth in the School Canteen



Arizona State University
Thursday , 25 February
11.40 am-12.30 pm
Booth in the School Canteen

USA Universities Tour:
Monday , 29 February
11.40 am-1.00 pm
Booth in the School Canteen



Some of the participating institutions:
(University of San Francisco; Utah State University; Virginia Tech; University of Alabama; Shoreline Community College; Shoreline Community College; North Seattle College; Abilene Christian University; Baruch College – City U of New York; New England Institute of Technology)



University of Manchester
University of Kent
Friday , 04 March
11.40 am-12.30 pm
Booth in the School Canteen

Queen Mary, University of London
Wednesday , 09 March
11.40 am-12.30 pm
Booth in the School Canteen

