



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER - 5th FEBRUARY 2010

I thought that it might be useful to write more frequently partly to avoid burdening my long-suffering secretary with huge letters to write but also to keep you informed more regularly of life in the School. Not surprisingly, it has been a busy start to the academic year and I am very pleased indeed to have witnessed the commitment, energy and sense of purpose that is evident in our community.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

This sense of purpose was heightened by the recognition I was able to give to those of our students who did particularly well in the IGCSE examinations. I was delighted to be able to congratulate in assembly of the following students and who achieved five or more passes at A* level:

KANCHANA MNIRUTTAN ADHUBASHINI
SARAH ANG LI TING
DIVYA SAIGAL
RATCHAPHONG TANGKIJVORAKUL
NGUYEN NHAT HA
JOSHUA PETER DAVID GRIFFITHS
MEYI DWICAHYANI

TRAN MINH HOANG
NUR AISHAH BINTE MUHAMMED SAID
NEHAL TREHAN
REGINALD JAMES KENT
SAM MUN TUNG
AMOS CHOO ZHONG SHENG

Of course our academic programme is not just about examination results and we hope to enrich the experience of our students through trips and visits. Our geographers have visited the rainforest and they will also be visiting the Singapore Science Centre during the week 22nd to 26th February to study the aspects of climate change which will complement their current studies. In addition, our Chinese students in Year Three will be visiting Chinatown to add to their understanding of the Chinese culture.

I have also had the privilege of visiting several classes as part of my programme of lesson observation to gain an understanding of the teaching and learning which is completed here. I have been impressed by the variety of activity, the commitment of teachers and the willingness of our students to engage positively in their lessons.

THE CO-CURRICULUM

It has also been heartening to see the commitment of students in their various activities in the CCA programme which started properly this week. Our teams in tennis and rugby have just been formed but they have taken part in competition already. Although success in terms of results has not been forthcoming, I am glad to hear of the willingness of our students and their support of each other. Brennan Tan, the captain of the 'B' Division tennis team showed excellent leadership and was the most successful player completing three sets; Anthony Lauw also played particularly well.

It has been good to learn of the various trips which will take place in the next few months: an additional trip has been organized to Germany and France which will take place in June. Students have heard of this in assembly but further details are available from Mr. Ronald Smith at ronald.smith@acsinternational.com.sg

The students have been active in their pastoral role: the student council organized a very successful *Pinata Punch* afternoon of music, food and fun to welcome all back to the school. I have to say how good it is to see students organizing and running events like this so successfully.

PARENTS

Success of a different sort has been evident in the parents' meetings held over the last week. It has been good for me to meet so many parents and to share my thoughts about – and hopes for – the school; I hope, too, that parents who attended derived considerable benefit from the evenings. I am sure that you were also impressed by the excellent hosting provided by our prefects and ambassadors.

Finally, may I remind you that the Christian parents in the School meet for a regular prayer meeting on the **first Tuesday morning of each month** from **8:30am until 9:30am**: full details are available from Mr. Ang Eng Hieang on 97550261, or hieang88@yahoo.com

I look forward to meeting many more of you at the many events which will occur here as the term unfolds.

With my warmest good wishes

Yours sincerely,

P. Kerr Fulton-Peebles
Principal