



# ACS (International)

## NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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### Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As I write this the whole school is involved in exams – either public exams or school exams. The school always feels very different during exam time. To start with it is unnaturally quiet, at least until the exams have finished! For me it is a particularly poignant time as I begin to prepare for my move. More about that in the final Newsletter in December.

A big thank you to the parents who provided food for the students to keep them going during Study Nights. Attendance at study nights has dropped away now that exams have started and we no longer need the food supplies. But we are very grateful to those who have helped us over the term.

A reminder that school continues until the end of Speech Night on 26 November. Details of Speech Night are given below. This is the culmination of the school year and I hope all parents who can, will attend.

Only a very few parents attended the recent Parent Matters, the forum for parents to ask questions and raise concerns. But a number sent in questions. A report of issues raised and the answers given can be found on the PSP page of the school web site.

I mentioned in my last letter that my successor, Mr Kerr Fulton-Peebles is visiting this week for meetings with staff etc. There is an opportunity for parents to meet him on **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm**. Refreshments will be served. This will mainly be an informal occasion, but he will give a brief address to everyone at **7.30pm**. To help us with catering it will help us if you can let us know the number attending. Please email Charles Png ( [pngcharles@acsinternational.com.sg](mailto:pngcharles@acsinternational.com.sg) ).

Lastly can I appeal for those of you who can to help us with the BIZness club mentioned below. We particularly need parents who are prepared to share experience in Business or in Banking/Finance. Please contact Ms Jamuna.

**Yours sincerely,  
John Barrett**

**Forthcoming dates:**

27 Oct – 6 Nov	Year 3 School Exams
2 – 6 Nov	Year 1, 2 & 5 School exams
3 – 20 Nov	IBD exams
5 Nov	Parents' reception to meet new Principal
9 Nov	Marking Day
10 Nov	Lessons resume for years 1, 2, 3 & 5 students
14 Nov	Open Day for prospective parents (see below)
16 Nov	Year 1 'Cyber wellness' workshop Year 5 Aesthetics Workshops
17 Nov	Year 1 Aesthetics Workshops Year 2 Workshop – 'Building trust and cyber bullying'
18 Nov	Year 2 Aesthetics Workshops Year 3 'Resilience and Leadership' Workshop
19 Nov	Year 3 Aesthetics Workshops Year 1 Science Project
19 – 20 Nov	Year 5 Gp 4 Science Projects
20 Nov	FAREWELL for Dr BARRETT (see below) Year 2 Science Project
23 Nov	Year 3 Science Project
24 Nov	Science Fair
24 Nov	EOY reports for Yr 1, 2, 3, and 5
25 Nov	Parent/teacher meetings Years 1, 2, 3 & 5
26 Nov	4.30pm Junior Speech Night
26 Nov	8.00pm Senior Speech Night and Graduation End of term 4
27 Nov	Hari Raya Haji Holiday
27 Nov	Prom Night
30 Nov – 5 Dec	Service Trip to Cambodia
1-6 Dec	Service Trip to Thailand
4 Dec	Alumni Reunion

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13 Jan	Orientation for new students
14 Jan	Orientation continues
15 Jan	All students in school to receive timetables etc. 6.00pm Campfire to conclude Orientation
18 Jan	Lessons begin

## **Study Leave, Examinations and School Attire**

All students on Study Leave are reminded that they must wear school uniform at all times when returning to school for study, revision lessons or other reasons. Teaching staff have been instructed to send any students not in school uniform home. Your co-operation and support on this matter is much appreciated. Students are also required to be in school attire for school and public exams

## **Marking Day - 9 Nov**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November has been designated a marking day to enable teachers to get on top of their marking so that students can have their marks and grades as soon as possible. Students are not required to come into school on 9 November. Lessons resume on Tuesday, 10 November.

## **CCAs**

CCAs will resume after the exams.

## **OPEN DAY for Prospective Parents and students**

### **Saturday 14 November 11.00am – 3.00pm**

Please inform friends who may be interested in entry into year 1 or 2 or year 5 in January 2010. Please note the new format.

#### ***Programme:***

11.00 am Presentation and tour for those interested in entry into year 1 and 2.

1.00 pm Presentation and tour for those interested in entry to year 5.

Light lunch available.

## **Years 4 and 6 End of Year Reports**

A number of reports for the students in Years 4 and 6 have not yet been collected. If you have not received your child's report, please collect it from Ms. Seet Eng Neo in the school office.

Please note that students will be asked to sign for their reports themselves. Reports will not be issued to anyone other than the individual student or their parents / guardians.

## **IGCSE and 'O' Level Certificates**

Students who sat examinations in November 2008 and June 2009 should collect their certificates from Ms. Manley's office.

## **BIZness Club**

### **HELP URGENTLY NEEDED**

In collaboration with JA organization the Business club is offering a new life skill learning program “**It’s My Business**” to our year 2 and Year 3 students. JA It’s My Business is an engaging, academically enriching, and experiential learning sessions in entrepreneurship. The program is delivered through volunteers from VM Ware to provide a real-world perspective as well as be role models to the students.

The Business club is also planning to offer various other programs like **NEFE Financial planning program, JA Company program and JA Titan Program**. Following participation in the programs, students will be able to apply their Managerial, Marketing and Entrepreneurship skills in local and international competitions like **NTU -THE NEXT FUND MANAGER, FedEx – International Trade Challenge, PITCH IDEAS ALIVE and YES challenge Business Plan competition**.

We are looking for parent volunteers, preferably with business world working experience, to jointly conduct the workshops. Please contact [Jamuna.madhav@acsinternational.com.sg](mailto:Jamuna.madhav@acsinternational.com.sg)

## **PARENTS PRAYER GROUP**

Praying Parents’ Group (combined Mothers and Fathers Group) meets every first Tuesday morning of each month. *The meetings will start at 8.30am and end by 10am and are held in the Conference Room.*

## **FAREWELL DR BARRETT - 20 November 2009**

*Message from the VP (Pastoral):*

All Students are to required to attend Dr Barrett’s Farewell celebration on 20 November 2009. The celebration will be from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

Parents who wish to attend, please email to [pngcharles@acsinternational.com.sg](mailto:pngcharles@acsinternational.com.sg); to register your attendance.

## **Parent-Teacher Meeting – Wednesday, 25 November**

The Parent-Teacher Meeting will take place **Wednesday, 25 November at the following times: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**. This event will take place in the Multi-Purpose Hall and rooms 2-1 and 2-2 at ACS (International). Parents will receive an official invitation to this event in due course. Please return the reply slip indicating whether or not you are able to attend by Monday, 16 November at the latest. This is an important occasion to meet with your child’s teachers and discuss their progress and strategies to develop their academic work.

## **End of Year Speech Night**

### ***JUNIOR SPEECH DAY, - 4.30pm***

Guest of Honour: Bishop Dr Robert Solomon  
Bishop of the Methodist Church, Singapore

### ***SENIOR SPEECH NIGHT & GRADUATION – 8.00pm***

Guest-of-Honour: Mr Ho Kwon Ping  
Executive Chairman, Banyan Tree Holdings Ltd

**Thursday, 26 November**  
**Multi-purpose Hall**  
**ACS (International)**

Students in Years 1, 2 and 3 attend the Junior Speech Day and need to report to school by 3.30 pm in their formal attire. There is no morning school on this day.

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 attend the Senior Speech Night & Graduation and need to report to school by 6.30 pm in their formal attire

Parents and students in all year groups are invited to a buffet dinner at 6.30 pm in the canteen.

Parents are requested to park their cars in the public car parks indicated on the invitation;

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Parents are requested to indicate whether they are coming to the ceremonies and the number attending as soon as possible via the response slip issued to students. (Year 6 will receive theirs this week).

All students are to be attired in their formal blazer attire on this day. This can be obtained from Bibi Baba at Shaw Centre.

## **ALUMNI REUNION - 4 December**

Repeat notice – the first reunion of ACS (International) alumni will take place on **Friday, 4 December**. It will be held at the school **from 7.00 – 10.00pm**. Buffet dinner included.

The theme is: **'GOODBYE DR B'** - A night of fun, food and friendship for all former students of ACS (International) to say farewell to our Principal, Dr Barrett.

To register your interest in attending, please email Joanna MacDonald.

[jo.macdonald@acsinternational.com.sg](mailto:jo.macdonald@acsinternational.com.sg) . Please make this known to former students.

## LOST PROPERTY

Mr Charles Png, VP (Pastoral) has a great deal of lost property, including several unclaimed mobile phones. Students should see him to reclaim lost items.

## 2010 DESKTOP CALENDAR

Barker Road Methodist Church Preaching Point will be selling a 2010 desk calendar, with photos of flowers taken by Rev David Wee while in the UK. The Calendars are priced at \$10.00 each. You can place your order with Ivy Teo during school hours. Money raised will help pay for the fitting out of the new Church offices. Stocks will arrive on 4th November.



## MISCELLANEOUS FEE

It is necessary to increase the Miscellaneous Fee from January 2010. The Miscellaneous fee will rise to **\$650** and for years 5-6 there will be an additional \$200 towards the cost of the CAS programme (this does not include the cost of Service trips and Camps). This additional \$200 will be deducted from the initial deposit paid to the school.

## ADVANCE NOTICE OF PLANNED TRIP

A cultural trip is planned to Kyoto, Japan in March 2010.  
Tentative details are as follows.

**Date: 12 - 19 Mar 2010**

**Duration: 7D5N**

**Number of students: <25 (open to 2010 Y3 to Y6 students)**

**Cost per person: ~S\$2500 (flying on SIA or equivalent)**

### *Planned Highlights:*

Sightseeing - Mount Hiei, Arashiyama; Ninja town in Iga, cosplay shops in Nagoya, samurai castle in Kyoto Religion - Shinto shrines, Buddhism temples

Museums - Toyota museum, Miho museum, Ninja museum, Kimono museum, Manga museum (Manga culture)

Accommodation - traditional Japanese hotel (ryokan), 5-star hotel (Rhiga royal hotel)

Contact persons: Mr Chin Chee Kin ([cheekin.chin@acsinternational.com.sg](mailto:cheekin.chin@acsinternational.com.sg));  
Mdm Cheng Wei ([Wei.Cheng@acsinternational.com.sg](mailto:Wei.Cheng@acsinternational.com.sg));

## **SPORTS and COMPETITIONS**

### **NYAA (D of E International Award)**

ACS (International) has received its first Gold NYAA award. Joan Chang from class 6X last year has successfully completed the Gold programme, passed the interview with the NYAA panel and received her Gold Award at a national ceremony on 2nd October.

We have a few other students who are currently near to completing the Gold Award.

Update of NYAA awards achieved in Y2009:

Bronze Awards = 137

Silver = 16

Gold = 1.

### **BASKETBALL**

The boys basketball team had further convincing wins in the international schools' basketball league against OFS(B) 54-30, SJI International 26-13 and Presbyterian High School 32 - 25. They now play the Canadian International School in the semi- finals of the league cup.

### **NETBALL**

ACS (International) sent in 2 teams consisting of Year 1 & 2 students for Under 16 street netball competition at West Coast Park. Our girls played in extremely hot weather and against older and more experienced sides, and succeeded in taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places in the competition.

### **SOCCER**

The under-16 team made up of years 1, 2 & 3 students played against SJI (International)'s under-17 team and won 1-0. Goalkeeper Victor Ng from year 2 was the man of the match.

### **RUGBY**

Boys' Rugby Training

Rugby training for all A, B and C Division Boys restarts immediately after the Exams – Training will be on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5pm until 7pm. As we start back at School so late next year the National School Championships will be commencing almost immediately. It is therefore imperative that all boys **MUST** train after such a long lay-off. Those involved in IB and IGCSE must return to training immediately after the completion of their exams.

## **External CCAs**

Students who currently have an external CCA are to report to VP Pastoral to have their external CCAs endorsed for the year. A report of attendance from the external organisation or coach is necessary for verification. Please do so by 12 November 2009. For clarification, please email [pngcharles@acsinternational.com.sg](mailto:pngcharles@acsinternational.com.sg)