



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

2 April 2007

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Warmest Greetings! This letter serves to give you an update of March events and upcoming school events.

SUCCESSFUL TERM 1 SCHOOL OUTINGS

A BIG THANKS to the parent volunteers who have helped out at the recent Term 1 Outing.

Our younger students who went for the Musical Performance “Under the Dragon Moon” by i Theatre have enjoyed themselves tremendously. The older students have learnt much about Singapore’s history from the Fort Canning Park Heritage Trail. They also had fun snapping pictures away for their scrap book.

SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND CONTRIBUTING TO SOCIETY : PATHLIGHTERS @ SHARE A MEAL EVENT

As per our school song, Pathlighters are also expected to serve others. Students from P5 and P6 levels donated their services by counting monies raised from the Share-a-Meal event with MILK Fund volunteers on 9 March 2007.

The event aims to raise funds for families experiencing crises due to sudden death of breadwinner, illness or accident. With a proper work system drawn up for them, our students did their work in super-speed and won the admiration of their co-volunteers!

SOCIAL INTEGRATION : FINE DINING @ RI BOARDING SCHOOL

Some students from our Secondary level were once again invited to join Raffles Institution Boarders for their quarterly formal dinner.

The dinner event is an occasion for the entire boarding school community (comprising local and foreign students from RI and many top schools in Singapore) to interact. The dinner allowed Pathlighters to deepen the friendships that were initiated at earlier dinners. You will be proud of them if you had seen them in their formal shirt and tie attire.

SOCIAL INTEGRATION : CCA AND HAVING FUN WITH PAYA LEBAR METHODIST SCHOOL (PLMGS)

Students from the P4 and P5 level were invited to join the PLMGS students in learning hand painting and balloon sculpting. Their first workshop on Hand painting was held on 22 March 2007.

Pathlighters took a while to warm up to the PLMGS students. With some ice-breaker games like "Blow wind blow" and "What is the time Mr Wolf?", the students became more comfortable. Soon, they were happily painting the hands of their PLMGS friends using various patterns and colours.

FACE-TO-FACE INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANNING (IEP) SESSIONS

All students will have their written IEPs developed with inputs from families. However, a segment of the students eg those in critical years and other reasons have started face to face IEP sessions.

These sessions are tightly scheduled because the teachers have to still teach for the rest of the day. We found that some parents have forgotten or wish to change the meeting schedules. This has created a lot of difficulties in planning for the teachers and delayed the finalizing of the IEPs.

Please help us to help your children better. We regret to inform you that we will not accede to any request for change of timing unless there are good valid reasons for doing so.

NO SCHOOL ON 11 MAY 2007, FRIDAY : STAFF STRATEGIC PLANNING DAY

Please be informed that your child need not come to school on **11 May 2007 (Friday)**. All staff will be having a school-wide Strategic Planning Session for the whole day.

As we have grown so much bigger, we need everyone to plan and focus on some critical areas so we can still provide a quality education for our students. Your understanding is deeply appreciated.

CHANGE IN PARENTS' COMMUNICATION AND TRAINING NIGHT: NOW 25 MAY FRIDAY EVENING

Please note that the Term 2 Parents' Communication and Training Night will be changed to **25 May 2007 (Friday) from 7.30-9.30 pm.** More details will be given later.

SCHOOL FEES FOR MAY AND JUNE 2007

A gentle reminder - June 2007 school fees will be collected in May 2007. For those who are paying by GIRO, kindly make sure that you have sufficient funds in your bank account by **14 May 2007.**

Those who are in financial crises and can justify why they cannot pay 2 months of school fees in May should approach Ms Anne Chew.

SNEAK PREVIEW : PORT OF SINGAPORE TERM 2 OUTING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

PSA Corporation has graciously agreed to host some of our Secondary level students for an educational visit to the Singapore Port on 25 May 2007. The outing promises to be very exciting as Pathlighters will be given a first hand tour of the Port's operations.

We thank PSA Corporation for their generosity and their remarkable show of corporate volunteerism.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Best regards,

Ms Anne Chew
Head, Students Affairs & Operations

Ms Denise Phua
School Supervisor/Acting Principal

Cc Ms Loy Sheau Mei, Ms Annie Tan & Mrs Mary Gilbert, Track Heads
Mrs Jean Koh, Head, Café Operations
Ms Alina Chua, Head, Outreach Therapy, ARC
Ms Sylvia Yap, Head, Corporate Services
All Staff