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Primary Matters

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**Happy New Year 2018 and
Welcome back to Semester 2.**

New Students

We would like to welcome the following new students to the school:

Name	Class	House
• Nathania Ho	KA Y	Oldham
• Hwang Jungwoo	KA B	Thoburn
• Leong Edric	4 H	Oldham
• Tan, Reuel	KB Y	Thoburn
• Tan, Leeron	KB B	Thoburn
• Tan, Shannah	4 T	Thoburn

We hope that our new students will quickly settle in.

School Production

The ACS Jakarta school production, *Exodus: A Journey of Faith* will hit the stage next month. The previous school production was a great success, and our students and teachers have put in a tremendous amount of effort to make this year's production even better. Let's show our support by purchasing tickets for the three

performances from the school shop.

Labelling all Belongings

We would like to remind students that their names should be written on every book as well as on all of their belongings, such as water bottles, clothes, etc. This practice should be applied to all personal items to avoid things getting mixed-up and to make it easier for these things to be returned when found.

School Uniform and Grooming

With regards to correct school attire, please be reminded that:

- Boys and girls are required to wear neat and tidy school uniforms. Students must tuck their shirts in at all times.
- Boys and girls are required to wear black leather shoes or trainers with white socks that are above the ankles.
- Girls may only wear plain stud earrings. Rings, bracelets, make-up and nail-polish are not permitted.
- Boys' hair should be of a conservative style (short, not longer than the collar-line) and girls with long hair should tie it back with a plain hair-scrunchy (plain school colour and style)

We ask your cooperation in following these rules and to kindly remind your child to dress appropriately.

Secondary Matters

Mr Carolus Sadsoeitoeboen
Acting Kepala Sekolah, Secondary

Happy New Year and Welcome back to School!

Parent-Teachers Conference

Thank you to all parents who came to the Parent-Teacher Conference on Wednesday, 17 January 2018. If you missed the conference and you still want to meet the teachers, you can still make an appointment with them via email.

Harvard Model Congress Asia (HMCA)

14 students from Grade 8, 10, and 11 attended the Harvard Model Congress Asia (HMCA) from 4-8 January 2018. During the congress, students participated in different activities where they learnt leadership and other important life skills. We would like to thank Mr. Antony Powell and Dr. Lee, who organized and accompanied the students during the trip.

Grade 7 Thailand Trip

13 students from Grade 7 participated in the Rural Empowerment And Development (READ) Program in Thailand from 10 - 15 January 2018. Thanks to Ms Carmen Choong, who organized and accompanied the

students during the trip, and also to the parents for their kind support.

Music and Visual Art Week (MIAW)

We will have our Music and visual Arts Week from 5-9 February. Different activities and competitions will be held during the week. The Music competition will be based on the following categories:

- Gr 7: Music Soundtrac (Disney)
- Gr 8: Pop & Rock from 1950s – 1960s
- Gr 9: Pop & Rock from 1970s – 1980s
- Gr 11: Pop & Rock from 1990s – today
- Teachers: Movie soundtrack (Non-Disney/ Animation)

We thank the Music and Art Department in advance for organizing the event.

Mock Examinations

Grade 10 and Grade 12 will have their mock examination from 9-27 February 2018. We encourage all students to prepare themselves carefully and seriously. We would also encourage parents to provide the ongoing assistance and support that their children may need in their study for these exams.

Grade 7 Rural Empowerment and Development



Photos taken by: Ms Carmen



Ms Carmen Choong

Mechai Pattana School (MPS), Thailand. 10 – 14 January 2018

Thirteen students from grade 7 participated in the Rural Empowerment And Development (READ) Programme from 10 – 14 January 2018 in Buriram Province in Thailand. The province is about 5.5 hours away from Bangkok, a

place with a cool weather ranging from 15 – 23 °C. The programme was a multi-cultural one with delegates from Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Brunei, Thailand and Indonesia. There were several cultural exchange opportunities such as 'Culinary of Sorts' where the participants prepared salads that were representative of their country. Our students prepared Gado Gado using sambal pecel. The judges and other delegates were full of praise for the Indonesian version of the humble salad. One of the objectives of the programme was for the participants to learn how Mechai Pattana School (MPS) empowers the poor with the necessary skills and knowledge for survival. As the land in that area is dry and infertile, it is unsuitable for farming. Therefore, students from MPS taught the villagers alternative agricultural methods such as stem cutting or even using

coconut husks which are aplenty in Thailand. The villagers learn how to rear chickens so that they can sell the eggs to earn a living too. Such were the agricultural and entrepreneurial skills that all the delegates learnt as well. The delegates learnt that helping the poor is not simply donating money. As much as money is important, it is necessary for skills and knowledge to be imparted so that the poor can survive generation after generation. As the saying goes, "Give a man a fish and he can eat for a day. Teach a man to fish, and he can eat for a lifetime". The delegates were also engaged in community service where they cleaned up and touched up different parts of the school. They swept the dried leaves along the walkway, removed the weeds amongst the crops, and cleaned the rafts, library, toilets and also the goats' pen. A lucky few even got to paint the walkway as well as the trees!

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Though these activities involved our students getting their hands dirty, they enjoyed the process as they got to interact with peers from other countries, and experience what students in MPS do on a daily basis. Such life skills are something they do not usually get to experience in school.

The camp ended with a Gala Night where all the delegates put on a performance that was representative of their country. Our students sang 'Halo Halo Bandung' with Jonathan Kamdani leading the performance with an introduction explaining the significance of the

song. To enhance the experience, both Jonathan and Nathan learnt and performed the ukulele. The song was well-received, and it was truly a moment full of national pride for our students as Indonesians.

We hope that this trip has taught our students how to contribute to their own community by giving their time and effort to help the less fortunate around us. As the lyrics of the song goes, "We are the world, we are the children. We are the ones who'll make a brighter day, so let's start giving".

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Food for Thought

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Chinese cuisine is widely seen as representing one of the richest and most diverse culinary heritages in the world. A meal in Chinese culture is typically seen as consisting of two general components: a carbohydrate source which is typically rice, noodles, or mantou (steamed buns), and accompanying dishes of vegetables, fish, meat, or other items. The Chinese diet therefore offers a healthy style of eating. Today, our canteen vendor spotlight is on Wu Kitchen.

CANTEEN VENDOR SPOTLIGHT WU KITCHEN

1. Please tell us more about your stall and the food that you sell?

Wu Kitchen specializes in Chinese Foods. The name "Wu" comes from our family name. The hygiene and quality of food ingredients are our top priorities. We serve a wide range of dishes including Panda Noodles, Pempek, Hainanese Chicken, Combo Rice such as KungPao chicken and broccoli as well as Hot Soup with meatballs on a daily basis. We also offer special menu items such as Fried Rice, Fried Noodles and Lontong Cap

Goh Meh from time to time.

Besides the main meals, we have snack items such as Butter, Red Velvet and Carrot cake as well as traditional cakes, Chicken Bao and Fried Meat Balls. Everything is prepared from scratch by us with priority to cleanliness, quality ingredients with correct and safe cooking process.

2. What are your signature dishes?

Our signature dishes are Panda Noodles, Pempek, Hainanese Chicken Rice and Hakoong Hainanese Rice.



- Panda Noodles: Everyone's favourite noodle made topped with shredded free-range chicken meat.
- Pempek: Palembang's native fish cake served with yellow noodle and cucumber.
- Hainanese Chicken Rice: Asian top Chinese food especially in

Ms Kadek Beni Spv, Library

ACS Reader of the Month - January, goes to Michael Richard Pontan/Grade 7H:



Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes: "This book is about a man with special needs, who has experimental surgery. When he is conscious he realizes about

what has happened. Can he overcome these life changes? This is a touching, heart-warming story. It could happen to anybody. I recommend reading this book"

Thank you Richard for your recommendation you get a free meal voucher from Jadi Food – Our Japanese Food Vendor as our January Sponsor, *Arigato gozaimasu!*



Photos taken by: Ms Kadek Beni

Singapore and Malaysia

- Hakoong Hainanese Rice: Kalimantan Chinese food (Hakoong) served with Hainan Rice. Suitable for students who are trying Chinese food for the first time.

3. As a food vendor, how do you contribute to students eating healthy good food?

As a parent, I always emphasize on a healthy eating habit to ensure the wellbeing of our family. This is the same mindset we have when we set up Wu Kitchen. We strive to provide healthy food to our school community. We insist on serving vegetables on our daily menu even though it is challenging to make the students consume them regularly. Last but not least, we always keep the working area clean and our staff in good health.



Photos taken by: Mr David

Open Day

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you that we will have our Third Open Day on Saturday, 20 January 2018. The event is from 9 am – 11 am. For further details, please contact the Admissions Department. Thank you.

Important Dates

2 - 3 February 2018
School Music Production

5 - 9 February 2018
Primary SMILE Week

9 - 27 February 2018
Mock Examinations
(G10 IGCSE & G12 IBPD)

15 - 16 February 2018
Chinese New Year School Holiday

23 February 2018
PTC (EC & Primary)

1 March 2018
ACS Founder's Day
Inter-House Athletics (Pri)
Inter-House Swimming (Sec)

14 March 2018
Issue of Q3 School Reports
(G7, G8, G9, G11)
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(EC & Primary)
School Excursion Day
(EC & Primary)

15 March 2018
Teacher's Day Celebrations

16 March 2018
Q3 Ends

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