

# From the Principal's Desk

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Dear Parents / Guardian

A month into 2015 has passed and soon we will be welcoming in the Lunar New Year of the Goat / Sheep. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that we are at Mount Sinai site and most, if not all the students and staff, are now familiar with the different venues within the school premises. Though one container block C had to be torn down because of BCA regulations, the school grounds are by and large 'intact'.

## School Achievements 2014

1	28TH YMCA Plain English Speaking Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Aayushi Tarafdar, P4D -<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1st Runner-Up in the Lower Primary Category &amp; Silver Honour Roll</li></ul></li><li>▪ Zhou Xin Yan, P6R<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bronze Honour Roll in the Upper Primary Category</li></ul></li></ul>
2	2014 International Competition & Assessment for Schools (ICAS)	<b>English Medal Winners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Faith Lim, P3A</li><li>▪ Sara Yong Jing Ann, P5R</li><li>▪ Chiang Yee Ting Isabelle, P6P</li></ul>
3	National Creative Chinese Reading Competition organized by Popular & NLB	Lee Hui En, P6B -1 <sup>st</sup>

## Traffic & Road Safety Matters

During the Dec holidays, MOE provided funding for works to widen Gate 1 in response to the feedback from school. This has facilitated the movement of cars and buses through Gate 1.

I want to thank parents / guardian who have co-operated with the school in complying with the drop off & pick up times for the students at the various gates and role-modelled consideration and graciousness for the girls.

## SG50 @ RGPS

To celebrate Singapore's golden jubilee, the school has drawn up a series of events that will sharpen the girls' sense of gratitude to the contributions of our founding fathers and

pioneer generations, strengthen their resolve to preserve the harmony that we enjoy as a nation and inculcate positive mindsets in the students to do their part to lead Singapore to another 50 better years.

In fact the SG50 @RGPS celebrations were launched last November. The events this year include a SG50 Passport which consists of 5 tasks across different subjects for the students to complete, a SG50 collar pin, Talentime featuring songs by local artistes, Arts Fest & a showcase of Singapore's friendship with different countries. We will also be inviting our pioneer staff, both current and past, to a tea celebration sometime in May/June.

### **Update on Hillcrest Upgrading Works & 2016**

The school's upgrading works at Hillcrest are on track and we should be able to move back in early December this year. It is pretty exciting as we look forward to going home to a brand new school, and each class having its own dedicated classroom.

There are a few non-standard items which we will need to raise funds for such as lockers and intercom system for the new classrooms and new block and others. As the existing facilities in Hillcrest are also pretty old, we may also need to have some items replaced. We will keep parents informed when we launch our fund-raising exercise. I hope parents / guardian will come on board strongly to assist us in this as you have always done.

With the exception of this year's P6 parents, the school has also shared the proposed plans for next year when we move back to Hillcrest. Your feedback on the start times and other matters would be useful for us to decide as a school. We will keep you updated on the plans once things are finalized.

The RGPS Community is a strong community. We share a common goal to nurture the RGPS Girl who will lead and serve others. And this year will be a great year for all of us as we work together because there is no challenge too difficult that the RGPS Community cannot overcome.

Have a fantastic year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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Principal