

# From the Principal's Desk

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Dear Parents / Guardian

We had a very busy Term 2 with a slew of activities and competitions and Term 3 looks equally vibrant with the celebrations of National Day and Teachers' Day plus the different learning journeys and camps. Underscoring the many events and the daily routines of the school is a quiet revolution that we hope will nurture our young ladies to be Creative Thinkers, Lifelong Learners and Value-based Leaders.

## **New Mission, Vision & Values**

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of last year, the school embarked on an exercise to revisit our Mission, Vision and Values which was last carried out in 2007. We felt it was an opportune time for the school to go back to the basics and ask ourselves who we are and where we want to go given the changing external environment. The exercise involved the School Advisory Committee, Parent Volunteer Group and Alumni EXCO, Teachers and Administrative Staff and all students (P1 – P6 2016).

Taking all the inputs from the different groups, we have now a new set of VMV to guide us in the next few years:

Mission – Nurturing Women of Excellence, Leaders of Character and Service

Vision - A Vibrant Community of Creative Thinkers, Lifelong Learners and Value-based Leaders

Values - Creativity, Graciousness, Gratitude, Integrity, Responsibility & Resilience

We have started the conversations with SAC, PVG, Alumni and Staff on the new VMV since beginning of the year, and introduced the children on the new values of Gratitude and Resilience in several of the programmes. In the coming months, we will be doing more to imbue the new values into everything that we do. And we rely on your support to work alongside with us in this.

## **Safety within school and traffic matters**

As part of the school's continuous effort to enhance safety and security, we have issued all parents who drive into the school with 1 car decal per family in Term 1 and implemented the system of allowing only cars with school decal to drive in during afternoon dismissals. We are now ready to do so in the morning arrival with effect from 12 July Wednesday. If you need another decal, do ask your child / ward to purchase it at \$10 from the General Office between 8am – 5.30pm. I am afraid private hire cars without decal will not be allowed into the school.

As reiterated earlier, all cars will be allowed to drive in to the school when it is raining or when parents / guardian need to pick up a child who is unwell.

Since we moved back to Hillcrest, we have relied heavily on Phase 2B parent volunteers to help out with traffic duties especially at the zebra crossing at NJC Rise. It has been challenging for them to manage some parents who stop very near the junction to let the children alight or who are adamant on not doing the U-turns further up the slope, resulting in traffic build-up.

With effect from Term 3, the security guards have taken on to assist the children at the 2 zebra crossings outside school. However, this does not resolve the issue if parents do not exercise graciousness and road etiquette. We teach our children that it is important to always think of how their actions affect others positively, and parents play a powerful example to show how this is enacted in daily living, of which road etiquette is one.

Similarly, if parents driving into the school could move as far along to the lane next to parade square each time, we will be able to have smoother traffic flow. I am confident the girls know how to move to their respective assembly areas regardless of which part of the school compound they alight from.

### **Helicopter parenting**

There has been some discussion in the media on the above with regard to parents bringing items that the children have forgotten to school. In the March newsletter, I made mention of this and I would again like to reiterate that it would be good to let our young ladies learn to be responsible for herself. If they forget to bring what is needed, they need to be responsible to own up to their teachers and accept the consequences.

We will not be bringing the items to the classes nor disrupt lessons via intercom to ask the children to pick up their items from office. At most parents / guardians can leave the items in the office and the children will have to come by to pick them up on their own accord. As always for children who forget to bring their wallet for the day, they are advised to come to the office and we will provide snacks for them.

I would also like to add that parents should allow the P3 children who are in the midst of the swimming programme (which is part of the PE syllabus) to learn to be responsible for themselves. Learning to take quick showers after the swimming lessons and remembering to bring back with them their swim gear, for example, are things that the children have to learn. We will exercise every care with the children but parents must trust the teachers and coaches to do their job and let the children grow up. Only then will our girls become responsible and resilient.

### **School Achievements April – June 2017**

We applaud our young ladies' spirit of excellence and perseverance in all the competitions that they have taken part in. Each competition is a test of their resilience and sportsmanship, and they have done the school proud in the way they competed and we celebrate their efforts and display of character. My appreciation goes also to the parents and teachers for their support of the girls.

1	Badminton	<b>National Inter-schools Championship</b> Senior Division – 4 <sup>th</sup>
2	Chess	<b>South Zone Championship</b>  <u>Lower Junior Division</u> Kalista Kwok Xin Ru P1E – 1 <sup>st</sup> Amelia Chua Zhi Xin P2G – 2 <sup>nd</sup>  <u>Junior Division</u> Sun Shilian P3C – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Madeline Ng Zhi En P3C – 3 <sup>rd</sup>  <u>Senior Division</u> Isabel Koh Wei Shi P5P – 1 <sup>st</sup> Cadence Loh P5Q – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
3	Golf	<b>National Inter-schools Championship</b> Girls Division – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tatiana Ang P5D & Laelle Chng P4G
4	Rhythmic Gymnastics	<b>National Inter-schools Championship</b> 'C' Division Team – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 'C' Division Overall – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 'B' Division Team – 1 <sup>st</sup> 'B' Division Overall – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 'B' Division Group Freehand – 3 <sup>rd</sup>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kaitlyn Joy Chia P5P 'C' Div Ball – 3<sup>rd</sup> 'C' Div All-round – 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>▪ Olivia Clare Low P5D 'C' Div Stage 1 Ribbon -2<sup>nd</sup> 'C' Div Stage 1 Ball -3<sup>rd</sup> 'C' Div Stage 1 All-round - 2<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>▪ Teo Rei-Ann Ariel P5G 'B' Div Club – 1<sup>st</sup> 'B' Div All-round -2<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>▪ Low Yu Yenn P6G B' Div Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> 'B' Div All-round -3<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>▪ Vera Tay Xiang Yu P5Q 'B' Div Stage 2 Hoops – 1<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>

5	Sailing	<b>National Inter-School Championship (Junior White Fleet Optimist)</b> Annika Chui P5A – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
6	Softball	<b>National Inter-schools Championship</b> Senior Girls – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
7	Swimming	<b>National Inter-schools Championship</b> 'C' Division overall – 4 <sup>th</sup> 'C' Division 4x50m freestyle – 4 <sup>th</sup> - Yeann Yeoh P5F, Jaime Yap P5C, Ng Shue Wen P5C, Henrietta Tjan P5Q  <u>'B' Division 50m breaststroke</u> Chen Rae Lynn P6A – 4 <sup>th</sup>  <u>'C' Division</u> Yeann Yeoh P5F 50m freestyle – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 100m freestyle – 3 <sup>rd</sup>  <u>'D' Division</u> Tan Reanne P4E 50m breaststroke – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100m breaststroke – 4 <sup>th</sup>
8	Taekwondo	<b>National Inter-schools Championship</b> Senior Division Kyorugi – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Junior Division Kyorugi - 2 <sup>nd</sup>  <u>Senior Division Poom Belt</u> Chuai Sen Min P6C -2 <sup>nd</sup>  <u>Junior Division Poom Belt</u> Kenzie Li Zhi Xian P5Q – 1 <sup>st</sup>
9	Table Tennis	<b>South Zone Championships 2017</b> Junior Girls – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Senior Girls – 1 <sup>st</sup>  <b>Crocodile Challenge Cup 2017</b> P1 & P2 Girls Singles: Eu Kei Yi 2A - Top 8 Placing  <u>P3&amp;P4 Singles</u> Dana Heng P3A – Top 4 Placings  <u>P5 &amp; P6 Singles</u> Chloe Tan P6E – Top 4 Placings

10	Wushu	<b>National Inter-schools Championship</b> 5-Duan Changquan Senior Girls Ynez Chng Chyi Suan P6F – 4 <sup>th</sup>
11	Girls' Brigade	<b>Low Guat Tin Challenge</b> Gold Award
12	National Chinese Challenge	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dai Ai Lin P6F, Wang Yujie P6G, Liu Jia Jia P6P and Lim Ying Zhi P6Q
12	The RHB-ST National Spelling Championship 2017	Eashaa Pillai P5P - National Champion
13	Future Problem Solving International Conference (USA)	Saara Katyal P6R –International Champion for Individual & On-site Scenario Writing Competition
14	Singapore Math Olympiad	Jamie Lim Jia Sin P6P - Platinum Chloe Ong Si Yi P6R – Gold Teo Gi Min P6R – Gold Tiara Lim Rou Ying P6R – Gold
15	Say It Out ( Chinese public speaking contest)-	National level ( top 10) Samushkova Anastasiya P5Q
16	'My Army Idol' Art Competition	Sarah Lim Li En P5E – 1 <sup>st</sup>
17	SYF on-site exhibition	<b>'The Elephant Orchestra'</b> - artwork done by Sarah Tan P3A, Jolin Woo P3B, Andrea Hou P3C, Kayla Khoo P3C, Foo Yong Lee Reanne P3D, Natalie Ng P3D, Natalie Ann Lee P4E, Sim Jin Yen P4E Ranya d/o Nadara P4F
18	Tamil Language and Cultural Society	Abineshwari P4P - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
19	Wits and Words 2017	<b>Good Speaker Award:</b> Wong Chin Wen, Rachel P6P

### **School Calendar 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

A copy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester school calendar of events was sent out in end May. Do make reference to this for school activities, examination dates and non-school days when PSLE Oral and Listening Comprehension Exams are conducted.

I told the 2017/2018 Phase 2B Parent Volunteers at last week's induction programme that RGPS is a special school because we are able to offer diverse experiences to our children as a result of a high level of support and trust from our parents. And I know I can continue to rely on our vibrant community in the many activities planned for our young ladies. Let's have a great Semester 2.

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Yours sincerely

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