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Our Vision

St Andrew's Village - Home of Servant Leaders who Bring Life to the Nations

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. Introduction

As we conclude the semester, the teachers are busy with the consolidation and analysis of pupils' learning. After having put in a lot of effort in their teaching, the teachers look forward to consolidate the learning with our boys and you at the Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC). Let us affirm the efforts of our boys as we encourage them to pursue the value of **Excellence** through their character and academic goals.

On the note of PCTC, I would like to sincerely apologise for the glitch in our communication on the booking of the meeting slots. I seek your grace and understanding as I work with my team to improve on the processes for the next round.

2. Strategic Thrust 1: Nurturing Holistic Thinkers and Skilled Communicators

By 2030, our Primary 5 boys will be 24 years old. What will Singapore will be like in 2030? Can we prepare them today for that society? We may not be able to predict the future but we can be certain that Singapore will face the "Silver Tsunami". 1 in 4 people in our city-state will be over 65. How will that impact our current Primary 5 boys? How can we prepare them for that future such that they can continue to be servant leaders to bring life to the nation?

The theme of the P5 Applied Learning Programme (ALP) is "Bring Life to the Elderly in Our Nation". We are thankful for the partnership of the Potong Pasir CC, Singapore Police Force, an alumnus and our parent volunteers who have contributed their time and energy to provide our boys with authentic learning experiences to walk in the shoes of the elderly at the launch of the P5 Applied Learning Programme (ALP) last week on 18 May. Below are some photos to highlight the boys' meaningful interaction with the elderly.



Learning Line-Dancing from the Elderly



Learning QiGong from the Elderly



Boys experiencing the elderly's difficulty in aiming accurately with a spoon.



Boys going through pass-a-message activity to simulate the challenges some elderly face in communication due to deteriorating eyesight and memory.



Boys were intrigued by Mr Andrew Chan's childhood experiences growing up during the Japanese Occupation and post war era.



Aunt Jenny, Chairperson of Potong Pasir, shared her life story that exemplifies the value resilience and thanksgiving.

Boys listened attentively and participated enthusiastically in all the planned activities. We were especially encouraged by the good questions raised by boys when interacting with Mr Andrew and Aunt Jenny. They demonstrated the school value of **Wonder** when they displayed interest in wanting to find out how catching 'longkang fish' and hunting spiders at the gardens were fun for the two invited guests. From the questions asked by the boys, we knew the boys left the session feeling inspired to find out interesting stories from their grandparents or elderly relatives at home too. Our desire is for our boys to be **Community Builders** starting from bringing joy to the elderly

at home, in school and through the Term 3 ALP project, we hope that they can apply **Holistic Thinking, Skilled Communication** and **Community Building skills** to bless the elderly at HCA Hospice Centre and Wan Min Community Services - Presbyterian Eldercare at Potong Pasir.

3. Strategic Thrust 2: Developing Exemplary Character, Growing Community Builders

3.1 Musical cum Band Performance

I am proud to announce that SAJS will be showcasing our bi-annual musical “Pearls of Wisdom” this year. This is going to be a very special event as we are having our inaugural Band Performance at the musical. Our team of committed teachers and instructors have been working very hard with our talented boys to provide you with a sterling performance.

The musical “Pearls of Wisdom” transforms an ordinary school library into scenes where mini-stories are enacted with lively music and energetic dance movements. As the stories unfold, the students learn that they can acquire vast knowledge from books and by managing, applying and sharing this knowledge, they not only enrich their own lives but those around them as well.

This musical has provided our boys with rare learning opportunities to hone their musical skills in an authentic context. More importantly, they are developing the values of **Resilience** as they invest many hours in demanding practice sessions and **Unity** as they work with their peers and teachers to put up the best show they can.

I would like to appeal to all of you to support our boys in this journey. Come watch and cheer them on as they showcase what they have learnt through this musical. You can purchase your tickets directly from the General Office. I look forward to meeting you on **Friday, 30 Jun 2017 at the Cultural Centre, St Andrew’s Junior College.**

3.2 Sports Participation

SAJS prides itself in providing a balanced and holistic education to our boys. Many of you have played a big part in contributing to this holistic education by supporting our boys fervently in their CCAs. Our boys have done well and showed excellent performances in the various sports competitions they have participated in. We do our best to celebrate our boys’ achievements, whether individuals or school representations, in the previous monthly letters. This month, I would like to specially acknowledge the effort of all the boys who have represented the school in the competitions which have ended the season, regardless of whether they have won any trophies because what really matters is them doing their best. As the list is very long (refer to Annex A), we have done our very best to reflect all the participations accurately and I apologise in advance if we might have left anyone out. As we end Semester 1, I would like to once again express my **Thanksgiving** to you and the boys who have worked very hard to keep the school flag flying high.

3.3 Scouts

It is our pleasure to share that 6 Cub Scouts from Primary 5 and 6 have been awarded the Akela Award for 2016. This is the highest award for the Cub Scout Section, awarded to Cub Scouts who have demonstrated good leadership skills and scouting values. This award is a testimony of our Cubs’ **Resilience** and sense of **Excellence** where they led and worked with Cub Scouts from a combination of at least 6 other units over a 3 days and 2 nights Cub Scout Leadership Training Camp.

We are also proud to announce that our Cub Scout Unit was awarded the prestigious Frank Cooper Sands (FCS) Gold Award given only to the top 5% of the Scout Units in Singapore. In

addition, 10 of our Cub Scouts represented the unit for the Cub Scout Challenge and the team won the Silver Award. 15 Cub Scouts also took part in the 3R Derby Recycle Material Car Racing Competition and they had clinched the overall Silver Award. Once again, our Scouts demonstrated **Resilience**, **Integrity** and **Unity** in working together. Through these competitions, our Scouts had the opportunity to apply their **Holistic Thinking skills** in authentic contexts to deepen their learning.

These achievements would not be possible without the dedication of our teachers who have been walking this journey with our Scouts. We would also like to sincerely thank the parents and Singapore Scout Association for their support.

4. Strategic Thrust 4: Harnessing to Connect, Connecting to Harness

4.1 Educational Sharing

As the June holidays draw near, you may be thinking and planning for the enrichment courses for our boys to meaningfully engage their time. Can I encourage you to look beyond the typical enrichment courses in academic areas but to also invest time to grow our boys in social emotional skills such as **Empathy**, awareness of one's emotions and ability to have self-control.

I would like to share this article "**Learning Soft Skills In Childhood Can Prevent Harder Problems Later.**" Lifting a paragraph from this article *"There's a growing and new understanding of what it takes to be successful as an adolescent and an adult," Dodge says. "It used to be that what we thought all it took was academic skills. Reading and math are very important for tasks that require reading and math. Self-control is important for life tasks that require self-control — that's what avoiding arrest and violent crime is all about."*

You can access the article from:

<http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2015/12/17/459873281/learning-soft-skills-in-childhood-can-prevent-harder-problems-later>

To emphasize on the importance of character development in our boys, we would be encouraging our boys to reflect on their character goals and character development journey thus far at the PCTC. We hope to meet you and your boy on 25 or 26 May for a purposeful conference on this aspect.

4.2 Eat With Your Family Day 2017

"Eat with Your Family Day" is a nation-wide event initiated in 2003. This event is led by the *Centre For Fathering*, to encourage all Singaporeans to consciously set aside time on that day to be with their families. Through the simple ritual of having a family meal, we hope the event will serve as a reminder to families to encourage them to eat together regularly.

This year, "Eat with Your Family Day" is set to take place on **Friday, 26 May**. We encourage all our staff to support the initiative every year. As it falls on our second day of PCTC, we seek your cooperation to be punctual for your appointment and be disciplined to keep the conversation within the stipulated time. **We aim to end the last PCTC session at 5.10 pm and lock up the school by 5.20pm so that all of us can eat with our families.**

4.3 Travel Declaration

As we go off for the June holidays, we would like to remind you to declare your child's travel plans. This is to ensure that the school is aware of the whereabouts of our students in case there is any emergency. Travel plans can be declared via "My Task" in the [Learning Management System](#). Instructions on how to declare and submit the travel plans are available from school website [here](#). In the event that the plans change, do update accordingly. **Please note that a nil return is required.**

4.4 St Andrew's House Day Boarding Centre (SAHDBC)

SAJS works closely SAHDBC to provide the necessary support to our boys after school hours. We are pleased to inform you that an additional room that sits 20 students has become available and we are looking to offer a new P1 (or P2) class. Please refer to Annex B for more information.

Wishing you a blessed holiday as you spend quality time with your family.
Up and On!

With warmest regards,

Ms Patsy Neo
Principal

Sport Boys who have completed their competition in Semester 1**BADMINTON U11**

1	KOH YANG EN EKKLESIA	P4 Thanksgiving
2	ONG WEI FENG	P4 Resilience
3	OWEN LEE RONG	P4 Empathy
4	LIM ZHENG HONG	P5 Thanksgiving
5	WONG EE SENG, MAX	P5 Thanksgiving
6	NATHAN NG	P5 Unity
7	NIHAL HAMID S/O HAJA NAWAZ	P5 Unity
8	TEO ZHI HERNG, JOVAN	P5 Unity
9	CHAM TAO JOE	P5 Integrity
10	KAYDEN TAN YOU WEI	P5 Integrity

BADMINTON U13

1	JEREMY TAN JIA LE	P6 Thanksgiving
2	WENG YI SONG CAELAN	P6 Thanksgiving
3	ETHAN MU JIN NIAN	P6 Resilience
4	IAN LEE KHANG	P6 Resilience
5	SAADMAN HABIB	P6 Resilience
6	SIA JING HENG JEVAN	P6 Resilience
7	CHAM TAO SAM	P6 Integrity
8	NICODEMUS ONG ZHENG YI	P6 Self Discipline
9	REYES QUEK PINHUI	P6 Self Discipline

Rugby U13

1	ANG RUI LIANG, TRISTAN	P6 Thanksgiving
2	ENZO SENNA MCCULLY	P6 Thanksgiving
3	SAMUEL ALEXANDER SNG	P6 Thanksgiving
4	THAM QI FENG JIREH	P6 Thanksgiving
5	ALASTAIR LIM ENLE	P6 Resilience
6	YEOH YONG JUN	P6 Unity
7	ZACK JAMIE LONGBOTTOM	P6 Unity
8	BIJAN LAI JIN WENG	P6 Wonder
9	ELLIOT ETHAN HENG YONG ERN	P6 Wonder
10	MUHAMMAD RAYYAN	P6 Wonder
11	TAN YI KAI ASHER	P6 Wonder
12	BRANDON NGIAM WEN KAI	P6 Integrity
13	LIAM YAU TZE YANG	P6 Integrity
14	TREVOR NG HON KAI	P6 Integrity
15	RANEN SEOW YU-GIN	P6 Self Discipline

Football U11

1	HUI JEN KHAI	P4 Thanksgiving
2	T SHRIDHAR	P5 Thanksgiving
3	AARON GOH ZHE YANG	P5 Resilience
4	AJAY SRINIVASAN	P5 Resilience
5	ASHER GOH CHENG KHAI	P5 Resilience
6	CHANG HAN XI KENDRIC	P5 Resilience
7	JOSHUA CHAN YEE KIT	P5 Resilience
8	DHILLEN GIRI	P5 Unity
9	AIDAN SIM YI MING	P5 Wonder
10	ANEIL SINGH	P5 Wonder
11	ILHAN DANİYAL MUHAMMAD YAZID	P5 Wonder
12	JOASH JOSHI S/O PARDEEP JOSHI	P5 Wonder
13	MUHAMMAD RAQEEB	P5 Wonder
14	AIDEN ZACHARY CHOY YI-LEUNG	P5 Integrity
15	CHUA SHAO WEN, JOSH	P5 Integrity
16	MOHAMED RYAN ZAHIRULHAQ	P5 Self Discipline

Football U13

1	CHOW JIM AN	P6 Thanksgiving
2	NG JINGMIN, JERALD	P6 Thanksgiving
3	CHAN YI ZHENG, ETHAN	P6 Resilience
4	JEDEDIAH HO	P6 Resilience
5	N M ANANTHAKRISHNAN	P6 Resilience
6	ONG E JAY	P6 Resilience
7	REYES TIN SHAO HUI	P6 Resilience
8	TAN KADEN	P6 Resilience
9	JOSIAH LIM	P6 Unity
10	LOOI CHAI WEI, RYKEL	P6 Unity
11	T RUHAN	P6 Unity
12	AIDAN LIAN JU HERN	P6 Wonder
13	STEFAN EE-SHANE YAU	P6 Wonder
14	NIRAJ SINGH	P6 Integrity
15	JOSIAH MOO CHIAN EN	P6 Self Discipline

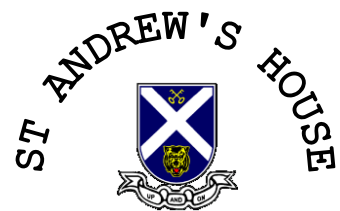
Hockey U13

1	MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM	P6 Thanksgiving
2	SEAN LOW TZE HAN	P6 Thanksgiving
3	SHAMS BIN ISLAM	P6 Thanksgiving
4	SUTHARSON S/O UTHIYASURIAN	P6 Thanksgiving
5	JEDEDIAH HO	P6 Resilience
6	WONG YEAN MIN JOACHIM	P6 Resilience
7	ALEX HO EN LI	P6 Empathy

8	JOEL KOK ZI LIANG	P6 Empathy
9	JERALD LEE CHENG EN	P6 Wonder
10	LIM JIA YU, JONAS	P6 Wonder
11	MATTHEW NG CHEE WAI	P6 Wonder
12	VIN KUMAR WEI YING	P6 Wonder
13	CHEW JUN RUI DARIUS	P6 Integrity
14	TIMOTHY CHUA JIN EN	P6 Integrity
15	DARIUS LIM JUN HERN	P6 Self Discipline
16	MOHAMED QAISYH	P6 Self Discipline

Swimming

1	BENJAMIN TAN	P2 Unity
2	LIM ZI JIE DYLAN	P2 Empathy
3	ETHAN YEO GONG YI	P2 Excellence
4	NEVIN PAL SINGH RANDHAWA	P2 Excellence
5	JACOB RYAN YIMING KUAN	P3 Thanksgiving
6	ISAIAH PATRICK YONG EN	P3 Resilience
7	JOHANN MIKAIL LOH BIN	P3 Resilience
8	ELIJAH HO TAO JEK	P4 Resilience
9	NG RUI KAI, REYES	P4 Resilience
10	SOO YIK HOI DAMIEN	P4 Resilience
11	LEONG WEN JIE, GABRIEL	P4 Unity
12	NICOLAS KOH U-LIANG	P4 Empathy
13	YEO YEE JUN, DAVIER	P4 Empathy
14	LEONG SHON	P4 Wonder
15	TIMOTHY FOO ZEE KYE	P4 Wonder
16	JASPER WEE WEIJUN	P5 Thanksgiving
17	MARC LIM QI XIAN	P5 Thanksgiving
18	PEK YUE HENG	P5 Thanksgiving
19	MIKA CHONG JUN WEI	P5 Wonder
20	CHAN ZHI YANG, SEAN	P5 Integrity
21	EZRA HO TAO JER	P6 Thanksgiving
22	YONG LE KEANE	P6 Resilience
23	GAVINPAL SINGH RANDHAWA	P6 Unity
24	ONG TENG HWEE	P6 Unity
25	WONG YI YONG, GIDEON	P6 Unity
26	TAN GUAN TING QUENTIN	P6 Wonder
27	ASHVIN RAJU	P6 Integrity



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Dear Parents and Guardians of SAJS students,

1 April 2017

New P1 Class

Greetings from St Andrew's House Day Boarding Centre!

It has been our joy and privilege to be able to provide student care services every year to more than 200 boys from SAJS.

Due to the limited classrooms available, we have not been able to meet the demand for placements at the start of each year, especially with our P1 and P2 classes. As of 1 March 2017, we have 53 P1 boys and 54 P2 boys.

However, we are pleased to inform you that an additional room that sits 20 students has become available and we are looking to offer a new P1 (or P2) class. Please contact our office at 62881762 if you are interest to enroll your son with SAHDBC.

If you have an older child or know of fellow parent with one in SAJS, we would also like to highlight that there are still limited places available for P3-P6 classes.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Yoong Kwek Chau
Centre Manager
St Andrew's House Day Boarding Centre