Dear Parents

1. Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebration

The Mother Tongue Department has organised a special CNY concert. Pupils are encouraged to wear their own ethnic costumes to school. Those without ethnic costumes are encouraged to wear red-coloured shirts/T-shirts with their school skirts or shorts.

On Wednesday, 18 February, the school will celebrate CNY with the P1-P6 students in the school hall. After the celebration, the students will return to their classrooms, where they will have some time with their form teacher and co-form teacher. Dismissal is at 10.00 a.m.

19 and 20 February are public holidays. The students will come back to school on Monday, 23 February 2015.

On behalf of the school, I would like to wish everyone good health, happiness, and prosperity.

Happy Lunar New Year!

2. Character Value for Term 1 – Respect

In line with our school’s focus on character education, all pupils will embark on a structured character education programme. This programme is founded on the school values of Respect, Integrity, Care and Excellence (RICE). One value is introduced each term to the students and the value for Term 1 is Respect.

Below is a brief outline of the outcomes for the character value for Respect.

P1 and 2 - Respect for self and being courteous and polite in manners, actions and speech.

P3 and 4 - Demonstrating respect for school, family and society and learning to accept differences in others.

P5 and 6 - Recognising the value of people, property and demonstrating respect for the environment.

We are confident that you will continue to partner the school in our efforts to bring out the best in our pupils by reinforcing the above outcomes at home.
3. President's Award for Teachers

The President's Award for Teachers (PAT) gives national recognition to the critical role that teachers play in moulding the future of our nation. These excellent teachers prepare their pupils for life. They are models of commitment to continual learning and enterprise. They are those who, through word and deed, inspire both their students and peers. The school would like to invite nominations from parents for PAT 2015. The nominations for the PAT 2015 will close on 24 February 2015.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the website of the Academy of Singapore Teachers. Nominations may also be made online at the Academy’s website.

4. Students’ Achievements

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5. Articles on Parenting

You may access the latest article on parenting, ‘Every Parent A Supportive Partner’ on Schoolbag: [http://schoolbag.sg/story/every-parent-a-supportive-partner](http://schoolbag.sg/story/every-parent-a-supportive-partner)

You can also access other useful articles on parenting at: [http://parents-in-education.moe.gov.sg](http://parents-in-education.moe.gov.sg)

Please also read the article on Page 6 and 7 at: [http://www.moe.gov.sg/corporate/contactprint/pdf/contact_oct14.pdf](http://www.moe.gov.sg/corporate/contactprint/pdf/contact_oct14.pdf) which tells the story of how one teacher, helped her student to pursue his passion in music. Music teacher Lennie Chua’s mother wanted him to pursue engineering during his Junior College; she wanted him to do something ‘useful’. His then teacher, Mrs Constance Loke, persuaded her to see the son’s talent and passion in music, and to understand that following one’s interest is good for the child. Today, Mr Chua has a meaningful career, teaching music and planning arts programmes at the Singapore Teachers’ Academy for the aRts..

Warmest regards

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Vision
A Leader in Every Child - with Talents and Strength of Character

School Values
Respect, Integrity, Care, Excellence