

# CANOSSIAN SCHOOL

# REACH

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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January 2020

### From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to the start of a new decade. I hope you and your loved ones had a restful holiday and a blessed Christmas. We look forward to working closely with you and your child in 2020.

The new year beckons change at the school as we seek more ways of creating a more conducive learning environment for our students. Some of these changes are outlined below:

- Combined Communication Book from CS and Student Planner provided by CCPS. From this year, students will only be issued just one Student Planner that will be used by both schools. This will help minimise confusion for both students and parents. All homework and communications from teachers of both schools will be written in the Student Planner. Parents may use this book for writing messages to teachers as well.
- From this year, Form Teachers will be using a common platform for communication with parents. The app used is Remind and teachers will send out letters with a step-by-step guide on its installation and use.
- While using this to text messages to teachers, please respect the personal lives and time of teachers. Messaging teachers should only occur up to 8.00pm on week days. Avoid texting teachers over weekends, public of school holidays.
- Within this month, the school will secure the employment of a full-time security guard who will be stationed next to the side gate at Gate 1. Visitors and parents will have to sign in with the security for access into the school. Parents / caregivers should wait near the post for their children / ward when picking them up.
- For this year, the school will be working with one main bus operator (Six Eleven Transport Company) run by Mr Hee Look You. The same bus operator manages dismissal after school as well as after CCA. His fleet of buses will now come with enhanced security features that allows for live video streaming of the buses as they drive with our students on board. This allows us to monitor student behaviour on the school bus. Contact details of Mr Hee can be found in the Student Planner.

Wishing all of you a blessed 2020 and a year filled with joy, peace and love in your households.

God Bless.

Ms Christina Michael

Principal



## Focus on Students

- Support Programme (Tues & Thurs from 2.00 – 3.30pm) will begin from 14 January.
- CCAs will begin on 14 Jan for Art, Choir and the Gardening Club. Band members will get separate letters informing them of the schedule for the practices.
- P2 Swimming Programme will be conducted on Thursdays from 23 January.
- Oral hygiene: The school believes in teaching students the importance of personal hygiene. In line with this, there will be time set aside for students to brush their teeth after lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays when they stay back for support lessons. Please make sure that students pack their own toothbrush, toothpaste and mug on these days for this purpose.
- Parents are reminded that students who are unwell and not able to attend school, should have their absence covered by a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner. Families are reminded not to plan for overseas travel during the mandated school term. Cheaper travel fares are not an acceptable reason for having your child miss school.

## Focus on Staff

Mrs Deborah Lee will be leaving the school in January to continue teaching at another SPED school. We wish her all the best at the new school. Replacing her is Mrs Theresa Loo who was a former teacher with the school.

Chinese New Year (CNY) celebrations

The eve of CNY falls on Friday 24 January. School will be dismissed by 10.30am. Students only return to school on Wed 30 January, as Mon 28 and Tues 29 January are public holidays. We will have our annual CNY mass on that day.

