



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

From the Principal's Office – July 2015



A warm welcome back to Jing Shan Primary School this second semester!

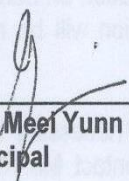
The highlight of the first six months was our 70th Anniversary, or JS70 celebrations. We celebrated with a big bang on 30 May 2015. We had a huge turnout that day, and many ex-Principals, pioneer educators and alumni took the opportunity to attend the event and catch up with one another. I am grateful for the support of all our parents, students and key stakeholders, without which the event could not have been such a success. This week, we have also distributed our special edition JS70 commemorative book, which captures the stories by our ex-Principals, former and current staff, and alumni. I would like to encourage you to take time to read the stories with your child/ward and learn more about Jing Shan's rich heritage.

The first six months of this year has been busy but exciting for my staff and me. As part of our school-wide curriculum innovation, we have piloted the use of thinking routines (which are short, easy-to-learn mini thinking strategies) in some classes. Through this, we hope to extend and deepen our students' thinking in the classroom and beyond. Semester 2 will see extended efforts of introducing the thinking routines across more subjects and levels.

Our students have done us proud in the first semester across all domains. In particular, we are pleased to highlight the following achievements: 2nd place in South Zone Inter-School Badminton Competition, 2 Puan Noor Aishah Gold Awards by our Brownies, Frank Cooper Sands Silver Award by Scouts, and 3rd Prize in South Zone Inter-School Malay Scrabble Competition.

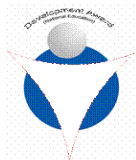
In the second semester, we are looking forward to host some overseas guests. These include over 100 students from Changshu Shi Mei Primary School (Suzhou, China) and Singapore International School (Thailand). We are confident that both our staff and students will benefit from these visits.

We are committed to delivering our mission of realising your child's/ward's full potential through a values-driven holistic education, and look forward to another semester of rich interactions and learning at Jing Shan Primary School.


Goh Meel Yunn (Mdm)
Principal



Loyalty
Integrity
Generosity
Enthusiasm
Respect &
Responsibility



July Principal's Letter

1) Public Holiday

Please note the following Public Holidays in July:

Date	Day	Event	Remarks (if any)
17 July 2015	Friday	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
27 July 2015	Monday	Youth Day	School Holiday

2) School Open House 2015 on 4 July 2015

Jing Shan Open House 2015 is scheduled on Saturday 4 July 2015, from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. The Open House provides an opportunity for interested parents to know more about the school's programmes and view the school's facilities. Highlights include presentations by the Principal Mdm Goh Meei Yunn and Director of Alphajoy Student Care Centre Mr Spencer Tan, activities for the children and a school tour led by staff and parent volunteers. More information, including registration details, can be found on our school website.

3) Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight from 6 to 17 July 2015

A series of activities has been lined up for all students through the MTL Fortnight from Monday 6 July 2015 to Friday 17 July 2015. The Mother Tongue Language Fortnight aims to promote the love of learning Mother Tongue Languages through various activities in an engaging learning environment. Pupils will be exposed to various language activities during curriculum lessons, recesses and also through after-school Learning Journeys or enrichment activities. To promote the love of reading, there will be sale of Mother Tongue story books in the canteen on Wednesday 15 July 2015 & Thursday 16 July 2015. A brochure of the books on sale will be distributed prior to the sale. Students are highly encouraged to purchase the books to read.

4) Racial Harmony Day on 20 July 2015

We will be celebrating Racial Harmony Day on Monday 20 July 2015. Students will learn the importance of making choices that promote and advocate inter-cultural understanding, and build strong relationships between people of all races, cultures and nationalities, to strengthen our distinctive identity as Singaporeans living in a multi-cultural Singapore. There will be classroom activities as well as recess activities organised to enhance the students' learning experience.

5) School Health Service – Health Check and Immunization from 30 July to 5 August 2015

The School Health Services will be visiting our school to conduct the annual health screening from Thursday 30 July 2015 to Wednesday 5 August 2015. During this visit, the health team will need all relevant past and current medical information about your child/ward, and your consent to give the immunization, where indicated. Please submit the necessary health booklets and consent forms to the form teachers when requested.

6) Parent-Teacher-Child Conference and Parent-Teacher Meeting on 31 July 2015

A Parent-Teacher-Child Conference for Primary 2 pupils and their parents, and a Parent-Teacher Meeting for parents of Primary 3 to 6 pupils will be held on Friday 31 July 2015 from 2.00pm to 6.00pm. The Parent-Teacher Conference for parents of Primary 1 pupils is scheduled at a later date on Friday 16 October 2015. A separate letter with more details will be given to pupils nearer the date.

7) Collated Activities for Term 3 2015

Attached with this letter, we have included a list of school activities and events in Term 3, for parents'/guardian's information. We hope the detailed collation will provide all parents/guardians with a good idea of what your child/ward is experiencing across all subjects in the ten weeks this term, so that you can better support your child/ward at home. We will inform by letter if there are any changes due to unforeseen circumstances.