



JING SHAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

September Principal's Letter

1) Public/School Holidays

Please note the following Public Holidays and School Holidays in September:

Date	Day	Event	Remarks (if any)
4 September	Friday	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
5–13 September	Saturday – Sunday	September School Holidays	School Holiday
10 September	Thursday	Day before Polling Day	School may be closed by 1 pm (To check school website for updates)
11 September	Friday	Polling Day	Public Holiday
18 September	Friday	PSLE English & Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension	School Holiday for P1 - P5 pupils. P6 pupils will take their PSLE EL & MT Listening Comprehension Examination in school.
24 September	Thursday	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday

2) Parents' Involvement in Emphasizing Values

In alignment with the school's vision, mission and values, and to foster a quality school culture, the school places special emphasis on our school values of **Respect** and **Responsibility** throughout the year. For Term 4, the value of **Generosity** will be emphasized. The school hopes that all parents can support the school's efforts and reinforce these values at home.

Respect: All pupils need to be respectful of self, others and our environment. Pupils who are self-respecting present themselves well and are neat at all times. Pupils show their respect to others by politely greeting their peers, elders and teachers. They are also kind with their words and actions towards others. Pupils undertake green efforts in school and at home to demonstrate their commitment to respect our environment.

Responsibility: All pupils are to practise responsibility by taking care of themselves, taking care of one another and taking care of the school. Pupils who are responsible in taking care of themselves will make sure that they come to school punctually and submit their assignments on time. Pupils who are responsible in taking care of others will go out of their way to help their peers. Pupils also have the responsibility to take care and maintain the cleanliness of the places that they use or visit.

Generosity: All pupils are expected and encouraged to show generosity at all times. They must be able to give and expect nothing in return. Pupils can demonstrate the value of generosity by



Loyalty
Integrity
Generosity
Enthusiasm
Respect &
Responsibility



participating actively in all Values-in-Action activities. They are also encouraged to voluntarily help their teachers and peers.

3) **School Achievements**

We are pleased to share with you the following achievements of our staff and pupils in the past month.

- a) Our Senior Teacher for Chinese Language, Mdm Tan Chor Hoon, was awarded the National Day Commendation Medal
- b) Seah He Yue (P4/1) received the Merit Award at the 9th National Inter-Primary On-the-Spot Chinese Poetry Writing Competition
- c) Guo Xiang Dong (P2/5) and Zhang Bei Er (P2/2) received the Commendation Award at the Primary School Chinese Calligraphy Competition.
- d) 44 of our P5 pupils participated in the 16th International Chinese Language Competition 2015 for Primary Schools.

4) **Updates on Staff**

We would like to welcome the following staff who joined the school in Term 3. They are:

- a) Ms Regina Goh Caiping
- b) Ms Kana Inoue
- c) Ms Ng Wei Eng
- d) Mr Roy Huang Chow Kang
- e) Mdm James Philomena Sashikala (Mrs Mohan)

The following staff have left the school to further their studies. They are:

- a) Mdm Wang Manli
- b) Ms Adeline Tan
- c) Ms Niroshini D/O Ramasamy

5) **Nomination for Jing Shan Caring Teacher Award**

In conjunction with Teachers' Day Celebration, the school is inviting nominations for the annual Jing Shan Caring Teacher Award in 2015. The award is aimed at acknowledging and rewarding deserving teachers in our school who show care and concern for the holistic development of his/her students and go the extra mile to ensure that they grow up to be confident and independent learners.

Nominations from parents and pupils for deserving Jing Shan teachers can be done online at <http://tinyurl.com/jscaring2015>, from Tue 1 Sep 2015 to Mon 14 Sep 2015.

6) **Sports Carnival and Teachers' Day Celebration (3 September 2015)**

All P1 to P6 pupils will be having their Sports Carnival followed by a Teachers' Day Celebration on Thu 3 Sep 2015. We hope to develop in pupils a lifelong love for safe and healthy physical activities through games and activities.

Level	Sports Carnival Programme
P1/P2	Telematch and Zumba
P3/P4	Tchoukball and Handball
P5/P6	Archery and Mixed Martial Arts

The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on the same day with a concert. The Parent Support Group will be serving coffee and fruit to the teachers on that day. Parents and pupils are advised not to purchase any expensive gifts for our teachers. We encourage our pupils to be creative in making cards as tokens of appreciation for their teachers.

There will not be any academic curriculum conducted and pupils should come in PE attire. School hours on this day will be as usual but all remedial/supplementary lessons and CCA will be cancelled.

7) **Sale of Cookies by the Brownies (14 to 17 September 2015)**

Jing Shan's Brownies will be launching the Girl Guides Cookies Sale as part of their annual fund-raising activity and in conjunction with World Thinking Day. The sale of cookies will be from Mon 14 Sep 2015 to Thu 17 Sep 2015 during the 3 recesses.

The cookie tins will come in three flavours, Chocolate Cream, Chocolate Mint, and Chocolate Malt (SG50 special). Each tin costs **\$12**. The Girl Guides cookie tins, both in form and function, represent and promote the theme and value of "Recycling".

If you are interested to make a purchase, please indicate your choice and quantity in the form attached. Your child/ward can hand in this form and the money at the canteen during his/her recess from Mon 14 Sep 2015 to Thu 17 Sep 2015 to make the purchases. We thank you for your generous support.

8) **PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination (18 September 2015)**

The P6 pupils will take their PSLE English Language & Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examination on Fri 18 Sep 2015. P1 - P5 pupils need not attend school on this day. Pupils will be given home-based assignments instead.

9) **South 1 Cluster Heartland Heritage Ang Mo Kio Trail (19 September 2015)**

As part of South 1 cluster schools' efforts to celebrate SG50, four heritage trails were conceived to provide the pupils of the schools, residents in the community as well as members of the public an opportunity to learn about Singapore. Jing Shan is involved in conducting the Ang Mo Kio Trail together with Mayflower Secondary School.

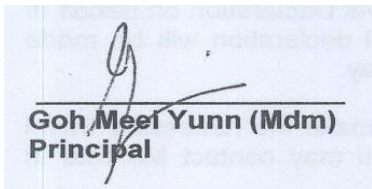
Ten of our Primary 5 student docents will take participants on this trail on Sat 19 Sep 2015. During the trail, participants will take in the sights and sounds of Ang Mo Kio while learning about the many 'firsts' in the neighbourhood. The 2-hour walking trail will begin at Ang Mo Kio Garden East, the first town garden in Ang Mo Kio before proceeding to Ang Mo Kio MRT station – one of the first stations built along the North South Line. Next will be a visit to one of the first mosques completed in Singapore under the Mosque Building Fund Scheme Phase I – Al Muttaqin Mosque, before participants finish their journey at Ang Mo Kio Central Market and Food Centre. Participants will have opportunities to observe the daily livelihood and routines of the residents of Ang Mo Kio, while also exercising their minds and limbs by participating in the quizzes and games on the technology-facilitated trail.

If you are keen to support our pupils' efforts and join in this trail, please sign up at the following link <http://tinyurl.com/sqtrail>. We look forward to your active participation.

10) **Updates on National Library Board (NLB) Activities**

The school collaborates with NLB to tap on its vast reading resources to encourage our pupils to read. Research has shown that for children who read regularly and widely, their language and content skills are often enhanced, leading to better holistic outcomes. We encourage our pupils to participate in the following library events in school:

- Read, Swap, Share (P3): Month of September 2015
- Books 2 Go (P1-6): Tue and Wed, 29th & 30th September 2015
- Storytelling (P1-3): Tue and Wed, 29th & 30th September 2015



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SALE OF COOKIES BY THE BROWNIES

Name of Child/Ward: _____

Class: P_____

Flavours:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Chocolate Mint	Qty: _____ x \$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chocolate Cream	Qty: _____ x \$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chocolate Malt	Qty: _____ x \$12.00

Total Amount: \$_____

Amount Received by: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____