



ANDERSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

A warm welcome to a new academic year!

As we move into 2017, I look forward to deepening ties with all staff, parents and stakeholders in building a strong and nurturing school culture, and in providing a robust and well-rounded education for our students.

In this new year, we would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new VP Administration, Mr Low Kah Shen, who was formerly VP (Administration) of Fuhua Primary School. We would like to express our appreciation to our former VP (Administration), Mdm Elsie Tan, for her past contributions to the school. Mdm Tan has been posted to Chung Cheng High School (Yishun) as VP (Administration) on 15 December 2016.

To keep our communication with parents/guardians as partners-in-education, we will issue a school newsletter to share some updates on alternate months. The following items are for your information:

1. 2016 – A Fulfilling Year

The school celebrates the wonderful achievements and effort of our staff and students in our quest for excellence in 2016. We congratulate our graduating cohort of 2016 for successfully completing their primary education with us and embarking on their new education journey in their respective secondary schools. In the non-academic arena, the school has continued to achieve stellar achievements in the 2016 Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation for our performing arts, and in the Zonal and National Sports Meets by our athletes. We are also proud to share that our performing arts CCA groups have put up their first public performance held at the Victoria Theatre on 17 November 2016, signifying a new milestone of their growth.

We remain committed in providing different platforms to bring about varied and meaningful learning experiences for all our students. These platforms include the wide array of CCA programmes, Anderson Gives Back Values in Action (ViA) programme, ANDventure programme, local and overseas learning journeys, student leadership programmes and other customised programmes planned, designed and organised for the students in Anderson.

2. School Vision, Mission and Values

The school looks forward to the collective support of all parents and stakeholders in making the Anderson experience a meaningful one for all our students. Together, as partners-in-education, we will continue in our endeavour to provide a student-centric and values-driven education for every Andersonian.

- *Vision : Learners with Passion. Leaders with Heart. Citizens of Character.*
- *Mission: A holistic education for all students to realise their potential with opportunities to excel*
- *Values : Passion for Learning, Quest for Excellence, Respect for All and Service to the Community*

“Learners with Passion. Leaders with Heart. Citizens of Character.”



3. School Theme for 2017 – Collaborate. Create. Innovate

Through our school theme for 2017, 'Collaborate. Create. Innovate', we hope to encourage each and every one of our Andersonians, as well as our staff and parents, to support one another and work together as a team to create new learning experiences and to scale the next new height. The school also hopes to equip our students with skills, knowledge and competencies that will help them to prepare for life, as well as current and future challenges, and to encourage all to live up fully to our school values and our school vision.

4. Partnership with Parents/Guardians & Communication Channels

We remain committed in building a strong home-school partnership, working closely with parents/guardians to enrich the learning experiences of our students. We value feedback from you and several communication channels are available. These include:

- Exchanging notes with teachers through the Pupil Handbook 2017
- Contacting the teachers or school at Tel: 6456 0340
- Emailing the school at *anderson_ps@moe.edu.sg* (generic email)
- Visiting the school website – *http://www.andersonpri.moe.edu.sg*
- Receiving school information via SMS Broadcast System
- Contacting the Admin Manager (AM), Heads of Department (HOD), Year Heads (YH) or Subject Heads (SH):

Appointment	Name	Email Address
Admin Manager	Mr Koh Wee Kwang	KOH_Wee_Kwang@schools.gov.sg
School Staff Developer	Mr Leow Kor Ming	leow_kor_ming@moe.edu.sg
HOD/English Language	Mrs Vimala Ratnaraja	vimala_ratnaraja@moe.edu.sg
HOD/Mathematics	Mdm Phua Ei Ling	phua_ei_ling@moe.edu.sg
HOD/Science	Mdm Er Siew Shin	er_siew_shin@moe.edu.sg
HOD/Mother Tongue Languages	Mr Eric Lee Seh Lat	Lee_seh_lat@moe.edu.sg
HOD/Information & Communication Technology	Mdm Suzanah Saparwan	suzanah_saparwan@moe.edu.sg
HOD/Character & Citizenship Ed	Miss Elaine Thai	thai_ee_lin_elaine@moe.edu.sg
HOD/Physical Ed & CCA	Mr Shaik Muzaffar	shaik_muzaffar@moe.edu.sg
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YH/Lower Pr	Ms Neo Hwee Hwee	neo_hwee_hwee@moe.edu.sg
YH/Upp Pr	Mrs Serene Soh	lim_jie_ling_serene@moe.edu.sg
AYH/P3 & P4	Mr Edmund Liang	Liang_shiau_ping@moe.edu.sg
SH/Social Studies & National Ed	Miss Angela Lee	lee_yueling_angela@moe.edu.sg
SH/Co-curricular Activities	Mr Choo Chee Keong	choo_chee_keong@moe.edu.sg

5. Information Sharing with Parents via School SMS Broadcast System

Our school uses the SMS Broadcast System to enhance our communication with parents on important school information. For parents who have not received the text message from our school, please contact our administrative staff at 6456 0340. We would also like to request parents to keep the school updated on any changes to their mobile numbers.

6. Punctuality, Student Well-Being and Safety

As we begin the school year with strong home-school partnership, we would appreciate all parents/guardians to reinforce the school's efforts in character development and in ensuring student well-being.

- ***Punctuality***

Please ensure that your child/ward reports to school punctually by 7.20 a.m. for silent reading. Flag-raising ceremony will begin at 7.30 a.m.

- ***Students who are Unwell***

If your child/ward is unwell, please take him/her to see a doctor and refrain from having him/her attend school till he/she is well. A medical certificate should be handed to the form teacher upon return.

- ***School Bag Load***

To ensure students do not carry heavy schoolbags, all students have to pack their school bags according to their given timetable and pack only the necessary items every day.

- ***Road Safety***

We seek your cooperation in ensuring the safety of students coming to and leaving school. This is especially important as young children do not always fully understand the dangers presented. The school will advise and educate our students on the importance of road safety on an on-going basis. Please join us in educating our students on the need to use pedestrian crossing points and practise kerb drill when making their way to and from school. For more information regarding road safety along AMK Avenue 9, please refer to Annex 1. We appreciate your assistance in adhering to the traffic rules and regulations.

7. Consolidated Billing for Enrichment Programme & Learning Resource Materials

To provide a more convenient mode of payment collection for parents/guardians, the school will continue the practice of consolidated Edusave withdrawals and payment collection for a planned period, where students will be billed the Enrichment Programme (EP) and other charges. This billing will be done once with consolidated billing via GIRO as the preferred payment mode. Nonetheless, other modes of payment such as cheque or cash is also acceptable.

In addition to the EP, the school has also identified the cost of a few learning resource materials for payment by students. With the support from parents/guardians towards bearing the operating cost, the school will be able to channel its operating fund for more educational programmes to better enhance the holistic educational experience of students.

The details of the enrichment programmes and the charges for the learning resource materials will be given to students through their Form Teachers.

8. MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS)

The Ministry of Education provides financial assistance to needy Singaporean students in Government or Government-aided schools. Families with a gross monthly household income of \$2,500 and below or per capita household income of \$625 or below are eligible for FAS.

If your child/ward qualifies for MOE FAS, please obtain an application form from the school office. If you have any question regarding FAS, you may contact our Admin Manager, Mr Koh Wee Kwang.

9. P3 to P6 Scheduling of After-School Programmes

The overall scheduling of the after-school programmes can be found in Annex 1 for your reference. Students identified for the various programmes will be notified of the exact time and venue through their teachers by the end of week 4.

The following programmes will start on these dates:

Programmes	Start Dates
P5 and P6 HMT Lesson	Wednesday, 18 January
P3 to P6 Remedial/Supplementary	Wednesday, 1 February

10. P1 and P6 Photo-Taking Session for School Smart Card (Friday, 3 Feb)

A photo-taking session for the issue of the School Smart Card will be conducted on Friday, 3 Feb for P1 and P6 students. Students are reminded to be properly attired in their school uniform for the session. Should your child/ward be having PE lessons on that day, please let him/her bring along the school uniform for the photo-taking session.

11. Information for P1 Parents

We are pleased to welcome our P1 students and parents to our Anderson Family. We would also like to thank the parent volunteers, teachers and students who will be helping to ensure that their well-being is taken care of. We will continue to give special attention to our P1 students to ensure that they have an engaging learning experience in our school. For any clarification on P1 matters, please contact our YH/Lower Pr, Ms Neo Hwee Hwee.

12. Chinese New Year (CNY) Public Holiday (Monday and Tuesday, 30 and 31 Jan)

School will close for CNY on Monday and Tuesday, 30 and 31 Jan, and **resume on Wednesday, 1 Feb**. There will be a school CNY celebration on Friday, 27 Jan. The school hours on that day will be from 7.30 am to 10.30 am.

13. Calendar of Events for Term One, 2017

For more information on events for Term 1, you may refer to the school website for the updated Calendar of Events.

For information on the school terms and school/public holiday 2017, you may refer to Annex 2 or this web link: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/school-terms-and-holidays#pri-sec-sch-term-2017>

14. Andersonian Parent Support Group (PSG) Updates

• PSG CNY Cookies Fundraising

As part of our ongoing partnership efforts with PSG to support the school, PSG will be selling cookies as part of its annual CNY Cookies Fundraising Project for the FAS students. To place your order, please fill in the order form prepared by PSG in Annex 3. You may give the order form and the payment to the PSG members at the CNY Cookies Sale booth located at the front school concourse from 4 to 6 January 2017, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. You are welcome to sample the cookies at the booth. All sale proceeds will go to the school FAS fund. For more information, please contact Ms Julie Heng at 9845 2241. We look forward to your generous support.

• PSG Membership Drive for Parent Volunteers (PVs)

We would like to extend a warm invitation to all parents/guardians in joining the PSG family to support the school in areas such as road safety, canteen safety, learning and development. The additional support from PVs will further enhance a safe and conducive learning environment for our students. If you are able to offer your assistance to the school, please fill in the PSG Membership Form in Annex 4. You may submit the completed form to the PSG members at the CNY Cookies Sale Booth on 11 and 12 January, 12.00 nn to 1.30 p.m. For more information, please contact Ms Sylvia Kiew at 9668 6743.

With your continued support, trust and belief in the school, we aspire to realise our next phase of excellence to provide the very best for our students; and in building a strong sense of school identity and belonging for all.

Thank you for being our supportive partners-in-education. Wishing all an enriching and purpose-filled 2017!

Warm regards,

Mrs Tan-Ng Wie Pin
Principal

ANDERSON PRIMARY SCHOOL - ROAD SAFETY ALONG ANG MO KIO AVENUE 9

Since the operation of the new access at the Ang Mo Kio Thye Hua Kwan (AMK THK) Hospital on 30 April 2016, the school has been working closely with the hospital in managing the pedestrian crossing as well as the traffic at the access during the arrival and dismissal hours of the school.

Road safety is everyone’s responsibility and we seek everyone’s support in continuing to ensure the safety of our students when arriving and leaving school.

For Parents Who Drive

The school has observed that the traffic flow along AMK Ave 9 has been slow and congested especially during the school’s dismissal hours as a result of vehicles parked along AMK Ave 9. The public bus services have also been affected as vehicles were observed to be parked at the bus stop located outside the AMK THK Hospital.



To ensure the safety of our students, all road users and the smooth movement of vehicles, buses and ambulances along AMK Ave 9, we would like to seek the full co-operation of all parents/ guardians who drive to observe the following:

- a) To park your vehicles at the neighborhood HDB car park while waiting for your child if you are early. **Do not park your vehicle along AMK Avenue 9.**
- b) To arrange to pick up your child at the pick-up area in the school compound on the following timing, after the buses have left the school premises.

Day	Pick up Time
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	After 1.55 pm
Thursday & Friday	After 1.25 pm

For Pupils Travelling on Foot

We seek the support of all parents/ guardians to role model good road safety measures and to reinforce the correct road safety behavior such as taking instructions from the traffic marshals, and observing traffic rules when coming to and leaving school.

Remind your child/ ward to practise the **kerb drill** before crossing - “look right, look left, look right again, ensure all vehicles have stopped, and raise your hand high up and cross the road briskly”.

Parents/ Guardians as Role-Models

We would like to thank parents for your partnership in educating our children on the importance of road safety. As the role models for our children, let us demonstrate our care and responsibility as road users through our actions.

Please contact Mr Muhd Khairul, Operations Manager or Mr Low Kah Shen, Vice-Principal (Admin) at telephone number: 6456 0340 if you have any further queries.

Anderson Primary School
- Schedule of P2 to P6 After-School Programmes for 2017

(A) P3 to P6 Remedial/Supplementary/ Enrichment and P5 to P6 HMT Schedule

	P3	P4	P5	P6
Monday	MT Remedial 2.05 pm to 3.05 pm	MT Remedial 2.05 pm to 3.05 pm	EMS Supplementary 2.05 pm to 3.35 pm	EMS Supplementary 1.35 pm to 2.05 pm 2.35 pm to 3.35 pm
Wednesday	EMS Remedial 2.05 pm to 3.35 pm	EMS Remedial 2.05 pm to 3.35 pm	MT Supplementary 2.05 pm to 3.35 pm	MT Supplementary 1.35 pm to 2.05 pm 2.35 pm to 3.35 pm
			HMT 2.05 pm to 3.35 pm	HMT 1.35 pm to 2.05 pm 2.35 pm to 3.35 pm
Thursday	Enrichment 1.35 pm – 3.35 pm			

Note:

- Remedial: Support programme for selected P3 to P6 students.
- Supplementary: Compulsory programme for all P5 and P6 students.
- Enrichment Programme for selected P3 to P6 students.

(B) P2 to P6 CCA Schedule

	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6
Tuesday	Chinese Dance & Gymnastics	Brass Band, Badminton & Football			
		Art Club, Basketball (Boys) & Volleyball			
Thursday	Basketball (Girls) & Guzheng				
		Brass Band (Percussion Ensemble), Football & Volleyball			
Friday	Angklung, Basketball (Boys), Brass Band, Guitar & Guzheng				
		Badminton, Bowling, Chinese Dance, English Drama, GAIA, Gymnastics, Infocomm, International Dance & Robotics			

Anderson Primary School
- Primary School Terms and Holidays for 2017

A) School Terms for 2017

Semester 1	
Term 1	Tuesday 3 January to Friday 10 March
Term 2	Monday 20 March to Friday 26 May

Semester 2	
Term 3	Tuesday 27 June to Thursday 31 August
Term 4	Monday 11 September to Friday 17 November

B) School Holidays for 2017

Semester 1	
Between Terms 1 and 2	Saturday 11 March to Sunday 19 March
Between Semesters 1 and 2	Saturday 27 May to Sunday 25 June

Semester 2	
Between Terms 3 and 4	Saturday 2 September to Sunday 10 September
At the End of School Year	Saturday 18 November to Sunday 31 December

C) Public Holiday & Scheduled School Holidays for 2017

Holiday	Date
Chinese New Year	Saturday 28 January & Sunday 29 January
	Monday 30 January will be a public holiday
	Tuesday 31 January will be a school holiday (School will resume on Wednesday 1 February)
Good Friday	Friday 14 April
Labour Day	Monday 1 May
Vesak Day	Wednesday 10 May
Hari Raya Puasa	Sunday 25 June
	Monday 26 June will be a public holiday (School will resume on Tuesday 27 June)
Youth Day	Sunday 2 July
	Monday, 3 July will be a scheduled school holiday (School will resume on Tuesday 4 July)
National Day	Wednesday 9 August
Day after National Day	Thursday 10 August
Teachers' Day	Thursday 31 August
Hari Raya Haji	Friday 1 September
Children's Day	Friday 6 October
Deepavali	Wednesday 18 October
Christmas Day	Monday 25 December

* There will be scheduled school holidays for PSLE Marking Exercise in October. The confirmed dates will be made known later.

ANNEX 4

Anderson Primary School - Parent Support Group (PSG) CNY Cookies Fundraising Project

PSG would like to wish all parents of Anderson Primary School a bountiful and prosperous Chinese New Year. As with every other year, PSG initiates a CNY Cookies Fundraising project to raise funds for our students under Financial Assistance Scheme. We look forward to your support in purchasing these delicious handmade cookies and imported Love Letters cookies too.

Orders will be collected together with cash sealed in an envelope on the following dates outside the General Office. Orders after these dates will not be accepted. All orders are subjected to availability of the stocks.

Date of Placing Orders: 4-6 Jan 2017
Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm

Date of Collection of Cookies: 23-25 Jan 2017
Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm

Kindly bring along the acknowledgement slip for verification.

PSG would like to thank all parents for their support in this meaningful fundraising project.

ITEMS	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Pineapples Tarts (approximately 20-25 pieces) (Small)	\$9.00		
Love Letters (300g)	\$12.00		
Peanut cookies, Kok Zai (250g) (Vegetarian)	\$12.00		
Choc Chip cookies (450g) (Halal)	\$11.00		
Oats cookies (450g) (Halal)	\$11.00		
Cashew Nut (450g) (Halal)	\$11.00		
M & M cookies (450g) (Halal)	\$11.00		
Spicy Shrimp Roll (500g)	\$14.00		
Chicken Floss Samosa (500g)	\$14.00		
GRAND TOTAL			\$

NAME OF STUDENT: _____ **CLASS:** _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ **CONTACT NO:** _____

To TEAR =====

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT ORDER AND CASH COLLECTED BY:

DATE:

ITEM NO: _____

ANDERSON PRIMARY SCHOOL
- PARENT SUPPORT GROUP APPLICATION FORM

Registration is ONLY \$5

Name: Mr / Mrs/ Mdm _____

IC No: _____

Contact No: (HP) _____ (Using Whatsapp Y/N)
(O) _____ (H) _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____
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If your spouse is interested to join in as a member, please complete the following:

Spouse: Mr / Mrs/ Mdm _____

IC No: _____

Contact No: (HP) _____ (Using whatsapp Y/N)
(O) _____ (H) _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Name of child /children in Anderson Primary School:	Gender	Level/ Class (2016)
1. _____	M/F	_____
2. _____	M/F	_____
3. _____	M/F	_____
4. _____	M/F	_____

In view of DNC regulation, I still wish to receive SMS/CALL for future PSG events.

Language preferred : English / Chinese / Malay / Tamil

For official Use	
Confirm collection of \$5 registration fee	YES / NO
Date checked:	Checked by :

Anderson Primary School

- Parent Support Group: Parent Volunteer Interest Area Survey

Kindly tick (✓) the areas where you can assist the school. Thank you.

(A) FOR THE CLASS: I could help by -		Tick
1	Story-Telling Sessions : English	
2	Story-Telling Sessions : Mother Tongue Language	
3	Support Programme for Learning: - English, Maths, Science, Mother Tongue Language (circle subject)	
4	Assist teachers during school learning journey	
5	Sharing a special talent or occupation: _____ (pls state)	
6	Other areas/suggestion: _____ (pls state)	

(B) IN SCHOOL: I could help by -		Tick
1	Assist in canteen duties (Circle preferred day for duty : Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri)	
2	Assist in traffic warden duties (Circle preferred day for duty: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri)	
3	Attending regular bus bay duties (Circle preferred day for duty: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri)	
4	Other areas/suggestion: _____ (pls state)	

(C) OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES: I could help with -		Tick
2	P3 to P6 Sports Carnival	
3	National Day Celebration & P1/P2 Sports Carnival	
4	Teacher's Day Celebration	
5	Children's Day Celebration	
6	Workshop, Seminars or other PSG-organised bonding events	
7	Other areas/suggestion: _____ (pls state)	

(D) PROFESSIONAL AREAS: I could help with -		Tick
1	Conduct Talks for Students / Parents / Teachers eg. Career, Information & Technology, Medical, Social Skills, etc Others: _____ (pls state)	
2	IT / AVA Systems	
3	Others (Please indicate):	