Dear Parents/Guardians,

SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Greetings! To continue our communication with you as our valued partners, we would like to share the following information with you.

1. CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS’ ACHIEVEMENTS

Our students have done well in both the academic and non-academic domains. Heartiest congratulations to our students and teachers in-charge. We would also like to thank the parents/guardians for your support in these programmes.

- **Singapore International Band Festival (SIBF) 2016**
  Our Brass Band has done us proud, achieving Gold Award at the biennial SIBF Competition for Junior Category. Besides being the band’s maiden competition on an international platform, the festival also allowed our members to participate in exchange programmes with overseas school bands and a masterclass with the maestros. The experience was nothing short of wide eyed wonder for our Anderson Brass Band.

- **Lions Cub Golf Championship 2016**
  Wong Kit Yoi Gareth (P2.2) and Sim Jun Ze (P4.2) achieved Bronze and Gold respectively in this championship.

- **National Schools Bowling Championship 2016**
  Dang Thanh Ly Althea (P6.3) attained Second in the Singles Event and Third in the Masters Event in the Senior Girls Division.

- **National Public Speaking Competition 2016**
  A group of our young Andersonians participated in this public-speaking competition organised by Speech Academy International. With confidence and conviction, they shared their winning speeches at SunTec Singapore Convention Hall.

  - **Overall Champion:** Anderson Team 1 – Eva Ng Ya Xuan (P2.4), Natalie Quek Rui Ling (P2.5) and Ryan Ng Yiheng (P2.6)
  - **2nd Runner-Up:** Anderson Team 2 – Janani Balamurugan (P2.2), Hillerie Yeo Lee Teng (P2.4) and Jovan Lim Chen Yu (P2.5)
  - **Consolation:** Anderson Team 3 – Lennon Mah Jun Yuan (P2.4), Helene Cousin (P2.4) and Kayla Chong Jin Ying (P2.4)
    Anderson Team 4 – Akanksha Basu Mallik (P2.4), Fernando Nicholas Lim (P2.4) and Asher Ng Chen Hern (P2.7)

Babble and Speak Competition 2016
Ng Yu Xin (P5.6) clinched the Silver Award at this public speaking competition organised by Nanyang Girls’ High School. She attained this award after beating nine other finalists with her speech entitled “The Train of Tomorrow”.

8th Zhao Yang Bei Poetry Recital Competitions (Local and International)
Our school, together with the Singapore Chinese Teachers Literary Recital Society and SG Writings, hosted the 8th Zhao Yang Bei Poetry Recital Competitions for local schools and international schools from China and Malaysia. Kudos to Ng Yu Xin (P5.6) for coming in First in both the local and international inter-schools Primary Category.

National Primary Schools Chinese Essays Writing Competition
Li Bo Wen (P5.4) and Ng Yu Xin (P5.6) achieved the Merit Award in this writing competition organised by Foo Chow Association.

Singapore Youth Science Fair 2016
A team of P5 students participated in this biennial celebration of Science learning co-organised by the Science Teachers Association of Singapore and the Science Centre Singapore in conjunction with the Singapore Science Festival. They have done our school proud by achieving the Distinction Award.

15th Elementz Science Project Competition and Exhibition
Three teams took part in this event organised by Anderson Secondary School to share their scientific study through investigative-type projects in Science. They achieved the following accolades:

- Gold Award: Kumaravel Deepanaakash (P6.2), Alden Soo Weijie (P6.2) and Andrew Kailer Pung (P6.2)
- Gold Award: Lyn Guok Kai, Tristan (P6.2), Phua Jun Kai (P6.2), Balasubramanian Abhinav (P6.2) and Chuah Jie Xun (P6.2)
- Silver Award: Lashirah Ebansha Aaisha (P3.5), Sanjay Balasubramanian (P3.5), Regan Boon Yi Quan (P3.6), Bethany Grace Eng Li Lin (P3.6) and Josiah Delroy Huang (P3.6)

Innovation Programme 2016 Project Judging
A team of P5 students participated in this annual Innovation Programme organised by the MOE Gifted Education Branch. J. Yoga Lakshmi (P5.4) and Anusha D/O Seeralan (P5.5) achieved the Certificate of Commendation for their project which was showcased at the 24th Young Innovators’ Fair 2016.

2. P1 Reading Under the Stars (19 August, Friday)
Our EL Department organised this meaningful activity, ‘Reading under the Stars’, for the P1 students and their parents on 19 August. It was a casual evening event filled with purposeful activities such as book reading, drama and students’ recitations to further inculcate the love of reading in our young children. Appreciate the strong support from our parents in making this event a success.

3. PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination (16 September, Friday)
P6 students will sit for their PSLE Listening Comprehension on 16 September.

P1 to P5 students do not need to report to school on that day. The teachers will prepare some work for them to continue their learning at home.
4. 2016 PSLE Written Examination (29 September to 5 October)
The 2016 PSLE Written Examination will take place from 29 September to 5 October. Please refer to the booklet, Instructions to Candidates which was issued to all P6 students in May 2016 for the full PSLE timetable. The timetable is also available at the following SEAB website:

- http://www.seab.gov.sg/content/examTimeTable/2016PSLEExamTimeTable.pdf

5. P1 Home-based Learning (HBL) (30 September, Friday)
P1 students will have HBL on 30 September and do not need to report to school. Lessons will be prepared by our teachers to enable P1 students to experience an alternative form of learning at home. Further details will be provided nearer the date.

6. P2 Swim Safer (29 September, Thursday and 3 October, Monday)
P2 students will participate in the SwimSafer programme on 29 September and 3 October. The objective of this programme is to develop important life skills such as water confidence and water safety in our young. More details will be provided nearer the date.

7. P3 Programme for Healthy Body and Mind (29 September, Thursday and 3 October, Monday)
P3 students will embark on this special sports learning journey on 29 September and 3 October. Through this authentic learning experience, our students will learn essential fundamental movement skills and desired values such as resilience, diligence, respect and integrity. These skills and values are essential building blocks for them to lead a healthier lifestyle that would benefit their body and mind. In addition, they will also have the opportunity to interact with professional Basketball players in Singapore. More details will be provided nearer the date.

8. P4 Social Studies Learning Journey (30 September, Friday)
In line with the P4 Social Studies curriculum, P4 students will go on a learning journey to Maritime Experiential Museum at Resorts World Sentosa on 30 September. P4 students will experience Asia’s rich maritime history and discover Singapore’s past as a trading port in this interactive and multisensory museum. More details will be provided nearer the date.

9. School Holiday - Children’s Day (7 October, Friday)
Our school will celebrate Children’s Day with a special assembly programme on 6 October, Thursday. School reporting and dismissal time, and all scheduled after-school programmes on that day remain unchanged.

7 October will be a school holiday for Children’s Day.

10. PSLE Marking Exercise & P1–P5 HBL (17 – 20 October, Monday - Thursday)
PSLE Marking Exercise will be conducted from 17 October to 20 October. There will be no lesson for all students during the PSLE Marking Exercise.

P1 to P5 students will have HBL assignments set by their teachers to keep them meaningfully occupied with their learning during this period. More information about HBL will be provided at a later date.
11. **Final Session for P3-P5 Supplementary/Remedial Lessons & Suspension of CCAs**

The final session for P3 to P5 Supplementary/Remedial Lessons for the year will be 5 October, Wednesday.

CCAs will be suspended from 10 October to 27 October, and will resume on Friday, 28 October.

12. **P2 to P5 Semester Assessment 2**

The P2 to P5 year-end assessment for Composition will be 10 October and the written papers will begin on 24 October. A separate letter informing parents/guardians of the SA2 details will be given through the Form Teachers at a later date. All files and books will be returned to the students for revision by 2 October.

P1 to P6 students will be dismissed earlier at 12.30 p.m. during the SA2 period from 24 October (Monday) to 2 Nov (Wednesday). Parents/Guardians who are driving to fetch your child/ward will be allowed to drive into the school from 12.45 p.m.

The usual dismissal time at 1 pm will resume from 3 November (Thursday) onwards.

13. **Administrative Day (11 November, Friday)**

The teachers will have the Administrative Day on 11 November to process the year-end results. There will be no lesson for all students.

14. **Year-end Concert (17 November, Thursday)**

We are pleased to share that we will have our inaugural public concert at Victoria Theatre on the evening of 17 November. Themed 'People. Passion. Poise!', our Andersonians will come together in brilliance to celebrate their passion for the arts through the multi-genre performances. As a special commemoration, there will also be an arts publication to mark the growth of the arts in Anderson since our inception. Tickets will be on sale in September and more information will be coming your way.

15. **Annual Prize-Giving Day (18 November, Friday)**

The last day of school for all students for this academic year will be 17 November.

On 18 November, we will have our Annual Prize-Giving Day. More details will be given out at a later date to students who would need to be present for the event. For the other students, there will be no school on that date.
16. Term 4 2016 Upcoming School Calendar
The following tables are summary of the Term 4 school events and school/public holidays for your reference.

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Thank you for all your support in our various school programmes towards the holistic development of our students. We look forward to your continuous support as our partners-in-education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tan Wie Pin
Principal