

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all our pupils for the New Year after the year-end school vacation. We want to start the year by emphasizing the importance of Values Education. The school will be introducing a 6-year Values Education Programme based on our school values of **SPiRiT** (**S**olidarity, **P**erseverance, **I**nnovation, **R**espect and Care, **I**ntegrity, **T**eamwork). Together with our continuous quest to provide an all-round education, the school hopes to live up to its name, 士林, which means “A Garden Where Scholars Bloom”. We believe that all our pupils can become Scholars by being diligent in their studies and displaying good character and values at the same time.

This year will be another busy year for the school as the staff work hard to help our pupils to perform to the best of their abilities in their cognitive, affective, social and physical domains. The school will look into providing more opportunities for our pupils to excel in their areas of strength and also help them in their areas of weakness. Multiple channels of help will be available through the Student Development Team, which includes the school leaders and the Year Heads who will oversee the various levels.

In line with the Ministry of Education’s initiative to enhance the quality of primary education by upgrading the infrastructure of primary schools to support the delivery of holistic education, our school will be undergoing PERI upgrading. The upgrading work, which includes the construction of a new 5-storey block, will begin in January 2015 and is scheduled to be completed by December 2016.

Upon the completion of the upgrading, we can look forward to new facilities that will support education approaches which encourage more interaction and self-discovery and facilitate experiential and hands-on learning to meet the learning needs of different groups of pupils. These facilities include an indoor sports hall, redesigned classrooms, teaching laboratories; subject-based banding rooms and learning support rooms.

During the upgrading, the school will continue to operate at its current location. I would like to assure parents that there will not be any disruptions to the curriculum during this period. However, I would like to seek parents’ understanding that some noise and inconveniences are unavoidable. Nevertheless, the school will take all possible measures to minimize noise and ensure the safety of our pupils. The construction site will be hoarded up and construction workers will not be allowed in the school premises. We seek your assistance to remind your children to adhere strictly to the safety measures put in place by the school during this period.

We would like to thank you for your understanding and support in this matter. Together, we can look forward to new and enhanced facilities that will aid our pupils’ learning and development once the upgrading is completed.

Lim Chew Hiong Richard
Principal
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