

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are deeply saddened by the passing away of our founding Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew on 23 March 2015. Mr Lee will be fondly remembered for his selfless contributions and sacrifices made for Singapore. During this week of national mourning, the national and school flag are flown at half mast, and the whole school observed a minute of silence as a symbol of mourning and respect for Mr Lee. Form teachers are conducting two sessions of CCE lessons to allow pupils to appreciate Mr Lee's dedication and sacrifice in building up our country, Singapore, as well as to inspire them to emulate him in living by his values. The school is also sending a delegation team of pupil and staff representatives led by me, the School Principal, to pay homage to Mr Lee at the Parliament House on 26 March 2015.

We would like to encourage all parents to continue to impress upon your children the great contributions of Mr Lee to make what Singapore is today.

The staff and I have relooked at what we hope our pupils will be like at the end of six years of education at Si Ling Primary School. As our school's name means "a garden where scholars bloom", the staff and I have the hope that all our pupils will become the scholars who will excel in the best of their potential. We envisioned our pupils to be the scholars who lead and serve with good values. Thus with concerted effort, we came up with the school vision "Every Si Ling pupil a Scholar who Leads and Serves". As we would like them to lead and serve with good character and values, the school has implemented our 6-year Values Education (VE) package based on the school values – SPIRIT – Solidarity, Perseverance, Innovation, Respect and Care, Integrity and Teamwork.

As we look at the life of our beloved founding Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, we realise that these were also the values that he has displayed throughout this life. We hope our pupils will also emulate our founding father's scholarly example.

Lim Chew Hiong Richard

Principal

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