



FAIRFIELD METHODIST SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

FMS(P) NewsLink

Term 1 / January 2009

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back!

On behalf of the staff at Fairfield Methodist School (Primary), I would like to wish you and your families a blessed and joyous new year. Indeed, we were very glad to welcome your child/ward back to school and we hope that he/she will have a fruitful and exciting year ahead of learning and friendship building.

We begin the new year with a change in name of the school to reflect the common founding, heritage and Methodist ethos of both the Primary and the Secondary schools of the Fairfield family. Accompanying the change in name is the change in the school crest to one that is common to both schools. As we are mindful that you should not bear any additional financial burden due to the change in the school name, your child/ward will be allowed to continue using any existing merchandise he/she has purchased that bears the old school name in 2009. In addition, all pupils will be given a new school badge in January 2009.

In the first morning devotion with the pupils, I spoke to them about how God has blessed each of them with different talents and unique gifts. With these talents and unique gifts, they can be a blessing to others. While the school will help each pupil discover and develop his/her talents, he/she would also need to do his/her part to hone their skills and use these gifts to bless others. This message to the pupils is aligned to our school vision :

***Leaders of the future pursuing excellence
Upholding strong Christian moral values and having a heart to serve***

Our school vision represents our priority in developing each Fairsian to be ready for the future and to be equipped for the 21st century, which is characterized by new knowledge, new technologies, high mobility and globalization. Equally important is the emphasis the school places on preserving and valuing traditions and heritage as they provide a strong sense of identity and rootedness. In the light of rapid changes in the world, and more so during difficult times such as the current global economic crisis we are facing, we will need to leverage on our Christian values and principles to provide a firm foundation for our pupils to overcome the unexpected.

I look forward to getting to know you as we work closely to bring up each child to be an outstanding Fairsian in his/her unique way and as defined by our mission :

***The mission of the school is to work with the community
to bring about a thinking, disciplined,
patriotic and responsible citizen who loves God.***

As such, I hope to meet up with you at the upcoming Meet-the-Parents sessions this term. During these sessions, you will also have the opportunity to meet with your child's/ward's form teacher. **Kindly indicate in the Acknowledgement-cum-Feedback Slip attached if you will be attending this session.**

Primary 6 Meet-the-Parents Session, Friday 16 January

1900 - 2015 h : Parents/Guardians of Primary 6 Pupils

Primary 2 to 5 Meet-the-Parents Sessions, Saturday 17 January

0800 – 0915 h : Parents/Guardians of Primary 5 Pupils
 0900 – 1015 h : Parents/Guardians of Primary 4 Pupils
 1000 – 1115 h : Parents/Guardians of Primary 3 Pupils
 1100 – 1215 h : Parents/Guardians of Primary 2 Pupils

Primary 1 Meet-the-Parents Session, Friday 13 February

1900 - 2015 h : Parents/Guardians of Primary 1 Pupils

New Staff

With us this year are 5 new teachers to further boost our teaching force. We warmly welcome Mr David Yong, Mrs Veronica Choo, Mrs Hannah Tan, Mdm Esther Thon (Mother Tongue) and Miss Li Na (Mother Tongue). Their wealth of experience will certainly benefit our pupils.

PSLE Performance

We are thankful for God's faithfulness in guiding our pupils during the PSLE and the performance of our pupils bear testimony of this. We performed significantly better in most subjects as compared to the national average. The details are as follows:

FMPS and National 2008 (%)					
Subject	No.	A* - A		A* - C	
		FMS(P)	National	FMS(P)	National
English	330	70.2	44.4	99.6	97.5
Maths	330	60.2	43.5	93.6	83.1
Science	330	69.6	43.3	95.4	90.9
Chinese	307	72.5	81.4	97.4	98.1
Higher Chinese	114	14.9	18.2	100	99.6
Malay	6	50.0	75.3	100	98.1
Higher Malay	1	0	13.1	100	97
Tamil	8	100.6	78.5	100	98.4
Higher Tamil	4	16.7	23.8	100	98.9

For a smooth transition into the new school year, I will also be seeking your co-operation to take note of the following matters :

In Partnership with You

- *Pupil Handbook 2009*

Your child/ward would have received a copy of the Pupil Handbook 2009. Please read through the Pupil Handbook with your child/ward so that you are familiar with its content. The handbook also serves as the primary communication channel between you and the teachers. This helps establish a mutual understanding on your child's learning and progress in school.

- *Timetable and the Use of Lockers*

The timetable of your child/ward has been made known since the first day of school. Please ensure that your child/ward prepares the necessary books and materials for his / her daily lessons. In addition, each pupil is allocated a locker so that his / her school bag can be kept at a manageable weight.

- *School Calendar for 2009 Term 1*

A copy of the Term 1 School Calendar and Programme Highlights are attached herein for your reference.

- *Pupils who are unwell*

We would like to advise all parents/guardians that pupils who are unwell should see a doctor and not come to school until certified fit by doctors. In addition, the medical certificate should be handed to your child's/ward's form teacher when he / she returns.

- *Oral Digital Thermometers (ODTs)*

As a preparatory measure, please note that all pupils are required to have a personal ODT by end January 2009. ODTs will be issued free of charge to Primary 1 pupils as they have not been given one before. As for pupils in other levels who have lost their ODTs, they are required to replace it. They may buy it at \$5.00 per piece from the school bookshop.

- *Remedial & Supplementary Lessons*

Please note that remedial and supplementary lessons for selected groups of P3, P4, P5 and all pupils of P6 will start in week 3 (for P6) and week 5 (For all other levels). These lessons are scheduled on Wednesdays (Mother Tongue) and Fridays (English, Mathematics and Science) unless specified. A consent form will be issued to your child through the form teachers if he / she is required to attend the lessons.

- *Update of profile and email in CCA portal*

Please log on to <http://www.fmps.sg> and update any change to your email address in "My Profile" by **9 January**. This is to ensure that you get the latest information regularly and quickly with regards to CCA / school matters.

- *Sale of School Uniform and T-shirts*

To facilitate the purchase of the school uniform and T-shirts, Yangtze Kiang Tailor will be selling the items at the school's Covered Play Area from 12pm to 2pm on the following dates in Term 1:

8 Jan 09 (Thu)

9 Jan 09 (Fri)

23 Jan 09 (Fri)

27 Feb 09 (Fri)

- *Security Matters*

The safety and security of our children is always a priority for us. As such, should you need to come in to the school to see your son's/ward's teachers, please continue to observe our security procedures and to sign in at the school general office. Kindly park your vehicles at the public carpark as there are limited parking spaces in the school and they are reserved for our staff members. Please refer to the Pupil Handbook page 14 for the timing for the vehicles' access into the school to drop off or pick up your child/ward.

- *Appointment with the teachers*

If you need to see a teacher, please make an appointment with the teacher concerned before you come in as our teachers will not be able to see you if they are in class or engaged in CCA activities with the pupils.

Throughout the year, if you have any pressing concerns, suggestions or constructive feedback, kindly email me (Chaillan_mui_tuan@moe.gov.sg) or my Vice-Principal (David_Chan@moe.gov.sg). We look forward to an enriching year for your child/ward at FMS(P) and thank you for your continued support and prayers of encouragement.

Yours sincerely,

Chaillan Mui Tuan
Principal

Term 1 Programme Highlights!

For Term 1 in 2009, we have lined up the following programmes:

- *House Practices and Sports Carnival for P4 – P6*
Fairfield Sports Carnival returns this year on 13 March 2009. In preparation for the event, House Practices will be conducted on 13 January and 11 March for Blackmore and Eveland Houses while Martin and Olson will have theirs on 14 January and 10 March from 1.30pm to 3.45pm. House practices are compulsory for all P4-P6 pupils. When necessary, additional sessions may be arranged by the House Mistress/Master and parents will be informed accordingly. The event aims to achieve 100% participation of all pupils in a variety of games and sports, and to build teamwork, cooperation and a sense of camaraderie among House members. We look forward to your support in making our Sports Carnival 2009 an enjoyable and successful event by encouraging your child/ward to participate fully in all House practices as well as joining us on 13 March 2009 itself.
- *P1 Games Day*
Primary 1 pupils will be having their Games Day on 6 March 2009 during the curriculum time. Their (Physical Education) PE teachers will train them in preparation for the event. The Games Day aims to provide a learning platform for these children to display the skills learnt during PE lessons.
- *P2 Education Gymnastic Programme*
The aim of this programme is to develop in children an enthusiasm for physical activities and to provide the fundamental skills for further skills development across all aspects of the PE programme. The gymnastic coaches are equipped with either local or overseas coaching certificates. There will be a total of 16 sessions to be conducted during the PE lessons in Term 1 and 2. The whole process will be closely monitored by the coaches and the PE teacher. Upon completion of the programme, each pupil will be awarded a certificate. The programme will end with a Gym Talent Day on 22 May 2009.
- *Adventure Camp for P5*
This annual camp (26-28 March 2009) is an anchor programme for Primary 5 which aims to build self-confidence and resilience. In addition, the camp seeks to build team spirit in and among the P5 classes.
- *Revision of Science Syllabus*
With the revised Science syllabus implemented for P3/P4 in 2008 and P5 in 2009, the contents of the curriculum are organized in THEMES (Diversity [for P3/P4 only], Interactions, Cycles, Systems and Energy) by 2 levels (P3/P4 and P5/P6). This gives flexibility to schools to pace their curriculum to enable teachers to use more engaging teaching and learning approaches.

As such, please keep all the books purchased till your child / ward graduates from Primary 6.

Please also note that the current P6 pupils will not be affected in this change.

Acknowledgment-cum-Feedback Slip(To be submitted to Form Teacher by all pupils by 7 January 2009)

I, parent/guardian of _____ (name of child/ward) of Primary _____ (class), acknowledge the reading of FMS(P) NewsLink and the School Calendar for Term 1.

In addition, I would like to raise the following feedback:

I can be contacted through the following means to discuss the feedback I have raised:

- a. Handphone no.: _____
- b. Email address: _____

☐ I have ensured that the email address in "My Profile" in the CCA portal is updated.
(Please tick)

☐ I will be attending the _____ Meet-the-Parent Session.
(Please tick if attending) Child's Level

Name and Signature of Parent

Date

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(i) Response by P / VP: _____

(ii) Follow-up by: ☐ P / VP ☐ _____ HOD ☐ Subject / Form Teachers

(iii) Date: _____