

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents,

The summer holiday is approaching and the school term is coming to an end. I would like to take this opportunity to sum up and report the work of the past year. The school has started a new development cycle during this school year. As life planning education has been implemented in the school for nearly three years, and regular curriculum revision and updates were done by the Education Bureau, the school conducted a curriculum review and started the investigating work of building a "JC Pathway". During the period, we have initially constructed the framework of the process and drew up several areas that need to be closely followed to further improve student's holistic development and learning experience. Moral and civic education will be key projects of the coming year. We are convinced that apart from subject knowledge and life skills, the development of students' moral standards and positive values is equally important for the students' transition to adult life. Therefore, the school will intensify the development of these areas in the coming year. The overall planning, teaching content and student experience will be focused to optimize the overall development of students.

In addition, teaching and learning have always been the core of the school. During the past year, the school has selected language learning and information technology as another development focus. The work includes strengthening the relevant elements in curriculum, environmental arrangement, individualized teaching and activities in recesses. Good outcome was achieved. On the other hand, for the communication needs of the autistic students, we introduced the CRAFT model under the leadership of the Association to enhance the motivation of students to communicate. As the concept and pattern are still in the trial stage, we mainly carried out pre-training for students in the past year. I am confident that with the leadership of the Association and inter-school experience exchange, the effectiveness of this pattern will be more significant on motivation of autistic students' communication.

We had finished the third External School Review at the beginning of the school year. The report is encouraging and it confirms the effectiveness of the school's work in the past cycle. More importantly, it acknowledges the good progress of students' self-reliance and self-confidence. Students' abilities obtain recognition from various sectors. Apart from the staff's efforts, the co-ordination of parents is equally important. I would like to thank parents for your trust and support to the school. We have been working together for the growth of our students. The report is now available at the school office. To meet the needs of non-Chinese parents, main points of the report has also been translated into English. Should parents are interested, please feel free to borrow it from the school office.

Owing to their physical and endurance restrictions, most students looked very tired after a whole day of study and after-school activities. Moreover, some parents voiced that their students had to spend a long time travelling long journey back home. Taking into account the school-based situation and the parents' opinions, school dismissal time will be adjusted to 3:35pm from the school year 2017-2018. Mainly reducing the time on classroom duties and after-school activities, we ensure that student learning, recess activities and lunch process will not be affected. Regarding the arrangement, the school will carry out timely reviews and parents' opinions are welcomed at any time.

Through recitation training in the past few years, not only can we see students' enhancement in recitation, memory and pronunciation, but also we see the improvement in their self-confidence and self-expectation. Some students even took the initiative to approach teacher to express their wish to participate in training and recitation competitions. It will be the annual parents' day tomorrow. We expect parents to come together to witness students' learning results in the past year. In addition to the students' recitation and music performances on that day, there is also a display of the DIY books made for the family hiking organized by the Parent Staff Association. Hope to see you all on that day!

Yours sincerely,

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