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Message from the School Board

We have reached the end of our academic year 2011/2012. It has been another year of commendable achievements, academic and non-academic, by our students and the school as a whole. They were achieved with teachers' dedication and commitment, students' diligence and perseverance and parents' co-operation.

For that, the Management would like to thank all students, teachers and parents for executing their respective roles well in contributing to yet another successful year. We hope the upcoming new academic year would open more doors to greater achievements.

Strategically, it is the policy of Austin Heights Schools to provide high quality international education whilst maintaining the school fees at an affordable level. Since the school first opened on 3 January 2011, we have worked hard to improve the school facilities, to enhance teaching resources and equipment, especially for subjects such as ICT, Music, Science and Physical Education, and most importantly to

recruit quality teachers, both Malaysians and expatriates.

However, in a new school such as ours, it does of course take time to establish the standards one aspires, but we firmly believe that we are already providing high quality education comparable to, if not better than, that of other schools charging similar fee level. We shall continue to improve the school and provide high quality international education.

Generally, it is the practice of International schools that parents are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the life of the school. This term has seen some active

participation of parents in school-organised activities.

The pre-school graduation lunch provided by a group of parents, the support of parents for the IPC activities and the fund raising activity for Amitofo Care Centre orphans, have all enhanced the life of the school and the education of our students.

We are extremely grateful for all the support extended to the school and our thanks go to all those who have made time and effort to partake in these activities. Similarly, we are also grateful to all parents for your unwavering support and trust in the school to provide the best possible education for your children.

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**FREE THE CHILD'S POTENTIAL, AND YOU WILL
TRANSFORM HIM INTO THE WORLD.**

-MARIA MONTESSORI

Learning to be,
learning to know,
learning to do
and learning to live together..

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Appointment of New Principal

We are pleased to inform you that Mr Alan Davidson Crombie has been appointed as the new principal of Austin Heights international School with effect from August 1, 2012.

Mr Crombie's vast experience in the academic field will be a valuable asset in leading our teachers to work towards the continued success and growth of our school. Mr Crombie, a Master's Degree holder from the Universities of Glasgow, Nottingham, Freiburg and Leningrad has worked for over 25 years in high-achieving independent schools both in the UK and internationally in the fields of Modern Language teaching, faculty and pastoral management, co-curricular development and professional training.

Mr Crombie spent six years as Head of Faculty of Modern Languages and Head of Professional Development at Alice Smith School, and is the former Deputy Principal of Tenby International School. Prior to joining us, Mr Crombie was a member of the Management Team and Head of Secondary at the International School of Moscow, leading the school in its introduction of the IGCSE curriculum. We believe with his vast experience and commendable academic credentials, Mr Crombie, together with our diligent teaching staff, will be able to elevate our school to the next level in education advancement.

Dato' Steve Chong will remain as the Chairman and Datin Low as the Chief Executive Officer of Austin Heights Schools, providing full support to Mr.Crombie and the school, advising on the continued development of the school. We are confident that, with an improved management team and with the additional teachers we have appointed, we will be able to move forward rapidly both in the development of teaching and learning at AHIS as well as introducing a wider range of activities in enhancing holistic education for the benefit of our students.

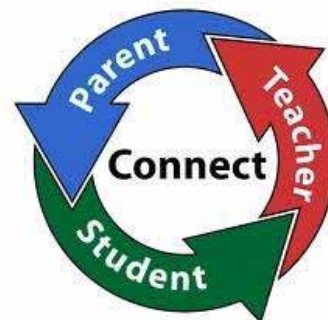
DEAR Reading Programme

Students who have read the required number of books and written their book reviews for Term 2 and 3 were given either Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. Gold Award badges were given to students who have read more than the required number of books during the weekly assembly on 23rd July. Students are encouraged to wear these badges every day.



PTC and Report Cards Day

The Parent-Teacher Conference held on 28th July was to inform the parents of their children's overall academic performance and to field questions that parents may have for the homeroom teachers. All students had received their report cards on PTC day. The reports, based on students' work over the course of the term, included formal assessments. An important dimension to our curriculum is that the assessment is an on-going process integrated into the programme of teaching and learning. Examinations have a role but other forms of assessment of students' work are equally important.



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When faced with a challenge,
look for a way, NOT a way out.

- DAVID WEATHERFORD



AUSTIN HEIGHTS' GOT TALENTS



Fourth July night saw some exceptional talents from across our schools on display at our "Austin Heights' Got Talent 2012" show. The show was held in our school auditorium and as night fell the atmosphere grew. The 16 finalists, comprising both groups and individuals appeared on stage during the event, which drew a crowd in excess of 800 parents and students.

This talent-time competition, held for the first time in the school, was to provide a platform for students to show their talents while encouraging them to be actively involved in non-academic development besides striving to excel academically.

The display of talents by the students was truly astounding. It was incredible to see how far the students have come in terms of their heightened self-confidence and level of determination to succeed since joining this school.

The competitors showed their talents in singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and skillful handling of Chinese yoyo (diabolo).

To add to the event for that night a group of 27 African orphans from a charity organisation, Amitofo Care Center (ACC) from Africa, who were on a world tour, were invited to attend the final and also to perform during the interval of the talent-time contest. They showed their talents in Chinese martial art display and singing. Some local and expatriate students from the school joined the African orphans in belting out the famous number "We are the world" much to the delight of the audience.

A big thank you to all staff and students who had worked hand in hand behind the scenes to help make this event a success.



Primary Winners:

1st Prize: Emily Lim (Singing 'Thank you for the music')

2nd Prize: "Break Dancers"

(Group members: Barry Tay Zhen Quan, Kevin Chong Ke Wen, Khoo Ming Shawn, Bryan Tan Jun Shen)

3rd Prize: Priya Rebecca Mohan (cello)

Secondary Winners:

1st Winner: "Malaysian Traditional Group" - Dance

(Group members: Tunku Aishah Johara Binti Tunku Abu Bakar, Yuushani A/P A. Magendran, Nurul Shafira Binte Sumardi, Mohamad Haryry Haiqal Bin Hanif, Sharan Raj A/L A Magendran, Aiman Kelvin Ng, Chio Zhi Hao, Saraswati, Najib Naseer)

2nd Prize: "The Miztory" - Dance

(Group members: Hoon Xin Yu, Hoon Wan Qin, Sin Jie Min, Lee Zi Qi)

3rd Prize: "The 60's Dancers" - Dance

(Group members: Lee Xin Yi, Eng Kah Sin, Tay Jing Ying, Khoo Ming Xian, Pua Kin Sin, Peggy Lim Jia Qi, Wong Rui Sien, Ng Ee Xuan, Kee Jia Wen, Hia Sin Che, Nur Ameera Aisyah Binti Zaid)

All the winners were invited to perform their acts again at the school's year end concert.

PRE-SCHOOL GRADUATION



Pre-School Graduation

Another school year has ended. This means the teachers must say goodbye to another group of our Reception pupils at Austin Heights International Preschool.

On July 13, these students attended their graduation ceremony and at the same time performed at a special concert held in the school. The children joyfully and excitedly displayed their talents on stage to their family members and friends who were proud of their great performance.

The audience was entertained with singing, dancing and drama performance by the children. The whole performance, themed 'I believe', showed that the children certainly believed in themselves and their capability to do well in this concert.

To top the occasion, the graduating class received their 'Diplomas' from Datin Low Peck Tim, the Chief Executive Officer of Austin Heights Education Sdn Bhd, and a souvenir bear each from the Deputy Principal Mr. Lui Lai Nam.



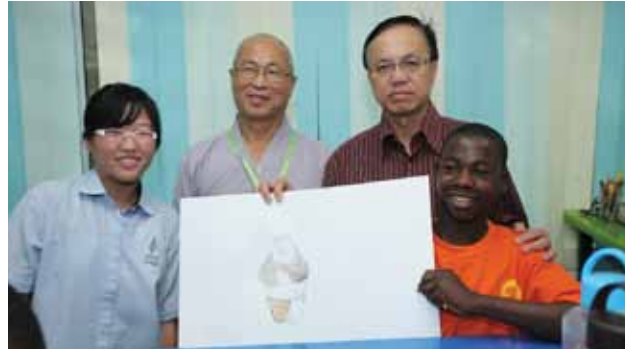
ACC Orphans' Visit to AHPIS

Visit by Amitofo Care Centre (ACC) Orphans to AHPIS

July 3, was a special day indeed in our school calendar when we played hosts to a group of 27 orphans from Africa who visited our school that morning. Our students, including 22 selected expatriate students waving their respective country flags, graciously welcomed our special guests and escorted them to the school auditorium to start the planned programme for the day.

Firstly, a short video presentation on ACC in Africa was shown to enlighten students of the ACC setup and activities. This was followed by a stage performance by the special guests and reciprocated by our students with their own performance to entertain our visitors. As a gesture to build friendship, the visitors and our students together sang "We Are The World" to cap the meaningful gathering in the auditorium.

For the next itinerary, 27 of our student ambassadors accompanied our special guests to the school computer lab where our visitors were shown the location of Africa using 'Google Map' application. Our young ambassadors also explained to them the basic rules and procedure to use a computer.



Our guests' next visit was to the Art room where one ACC member drew a picture of a bear, replicating that of a poster he saw on the wall. It surprised all who were present as his drawing was very similar to that on the wall. He certainly has talent. Due to time constraint they had to end the visit rather reluctantly, hoping that they could come back again very soon.



The next day, these visitors were invited to attend our Austin Heights' Got Talent finals as special guests to watch the talents of the finalists. During the interval, our guests took to the stage and performed a display of the Chinese art of self-defence 'Shaolin Kungfu' and their talent in singing.

This visit by the ACC members to AHPIS had provided a very good opportunity for our students to socialise with them and expand their knowledge and understanding about other citizens of the world and provide help to the needy where help is needed, especially to orphans and the destitute.





CHARITY EVENT

Fund Raising For Amitofo Care Centre (ACC) Orphans

Austin Heights Schools co-organized the "Spread the Seeds of Love Cultural Tour" performance, recently held in Johor Bahru, to raise funds for the Amitofo Centre (ACC) which is dedicated to helping African orphans.

The school management feels that helping the needy should not be limited to a certain race, culture or country. Doing good to help those who are suffering or facing hardship should be a universal concern. Hence, we should do our bit to help these African orphans too.

Within just a few days the sponsor, organizers and co-organizers of the Spread the Seeds of Love Cultural Tour from Africa, had managed to raise RM380,000 for the ACC funds.

The donation drives culminated with a special performance recently by a group of 27 African orphans who were among the more than three thousand orphans under the care of ACC.



The school is very appreciative and thankful for the efforts put in by our students, parents and staff to help raise RM12,900 in donations to help the African orphans who desperately need the aid in their struggle for a brighter future.

Special thanks go to all donors who have contributed to the fund-raising campaign activity sponsored by Austin Heights Sdn Bhd and co-organized by Austin Heights Education Sdn Bhd together with several other local non-profit organisations.



LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

Chinese Culture Week 2012

AHPIS Chinese Language Department held its Chinese Culture Week from 16th to 20th July with the aim to promote Chinese culture and tradition. Our students displayed their project works to enable other fellow students enhance their understanding and knowledge on the rich Chinese culture.

Various activities were held during the week which included Chinese Calligraphy Contest, Guessing Lantern Riddles Contest, and bookmark making. Each year group was given a different topic for their projects namely "Twelve signs of the Chinese Zodiac", "Appreciation of Classical Chinese Poetry", "Scenic and Historical Places in China" and others.

Prizes and certificates were awarded to winners of the various contests during the weekly school assembly recently. The school management appreciates the effort put in by the schools' Chinese Language Department, teachers and students to make the Chinese Culture Week a success.



SPORT NEWS

Starting next academic year, the school will implement a swimming programme whereby all primary and secondary students will have swimming lessons, 30 minutes each, every week as part of their PE programme. The swimming lessons, to be held in the morning, will continue until end of Term 1.

We are aware that many students enjoy swimming. Learning to swim well is important for one's health and safety in the water. It is a very effective form of physical exercise which can be continued even after leaving school. Students are encouraged to make good use of the school's excellent swimming pool to develop their swimming skills. The school intends to form a high quality swimming team next year.

Swimming is an important part of the school's physical education programme. It is a compulsory activity for all students. If a student is unable to take part in swimming for any medical reason, the parent or guardian must forward a letter to the PE teacher requesting for your child to be excused from attending the swimming lessons.

Swimming costumes and kit

All students will require a navy blue bathing costume, flip-flops, swimming goggles, sun-cream and a towel. Costumes for girls must be one-piece. Boys' costumes may either be 'speedo' style or above-the-knee swimming shorts. 'Full-suit' swimming costumes may also be worn.

Swimming instructors

The swimming instructors appointed by the school are Mr. Hong Meow Liang and his colleague. They are both qualified swimming instructors and life-savers. The school teaching staff will also be present during swimming lessons to ensure lessons are carried out smoothly and safely.



YEAR END ACADEMIC AWARDS & CONCERT DAY



Academic Awards & Concert Day

The very meaningful award ceremony cum concert day was held on 27 July to mark the end of the 2011/2012 academic year.

In recognition of the students' outstanding achievements in the academic and non-academic fields in the past one year, deserving students were presented certificates and awards by Austin Heights Schools founder and chairman Dato' Steve Chong. These recognitions had brought much happiness on the faces of the recipients whose hard work had come to fruition. The recipients' parents, sitting among the audience, were beaming with pride and joy of their children's achievement.

The prestigious awards comprised the Top Academic Awards, Subject Awards, Sport Excellence Awards, Checkpoint top scorers and CCA Achievement Awards.

The school's outstanding achievers were:

Lower Primary: Lee Yang (Year 1U)

Upper Primary: Chai Xian Tian (Year 4A)

Secondary 1: Benjamin Hon Qi En (Year 8U)

Secondary 2: Carmen Lim Kar Mun (Year 10A)

The concert, the other highlight for the day, showcased students' talents in singing, dancing, playing musical instrument and their other capabilities. The performers displayed spectacles of creativity and diversity from Zapin to Indian and modern dances, to ballet and an awe-inspiring magic show. Students from differing backgrounds and languages, exhibited their ability much to the delight of the audience. Not to be left out, some teachers sportingly joined in and showed their skill in dancing, performing some captivating moves. What a memorable day it was!

The school management highly appreciates the presence of parents and guests who had taken time off to grace this year-end award ceremony cum concert.



Year 6 Graduation Trip to Malacca

Year 6 students accompanied by teachers made a three-day graduation trip to Malacca from 13 July.

The graduation trip to Malacca the historical city was meant for the pupils to enhance their knowledge on the history of Malacca by visiting many historical sites and places of interest. Meanwhile they also had the opportunity to interact with their teachers and fellow Year 6 schoolmates to strengthen their social interacting skills. It also served to provide the students with fond memories of their primary education prior to their progression to secondary level.

Among the famous historical sites the students visited were the Stadhuys and Christchurch buildings, famous relics of Dutch architecture; the Hang Tuah Well; the Baba Nyonya Heritage Museum to understand the local culture, traditions and history. The students also gained some knowledge on snakes, seals and many other animals at the wildlife theatre, and learned how honey was processed at a bee farm.

They also experienced a river cruise and viewed buildings painted with murals showing Malaysian culture, along the river banks.

Further, they also enriched their knowledge on the structure of Malay houses, how rubber is produced and local practices when they visited a Malay village. A word of special thanks to the teachers who had organised and accompanied the pupils on the trip and ensured that the students' interest and safety were well taken care of.



RECEPTION YEAR GRADUATION TRIP – UK FARM, KLUANG

To mark the graduation of the Reception Year pupils, the preschool and the management team decided to bring the graduating class on a trip to UK Farm Kluang, Johor.

The trip was on 5 July. The pupils arrived at the school early in the morning full of excitement as it was their graduation trip in the company of their classmates and teachers. During the bus ride, the teachers briefed the children about the farms.

Upon arriving at the UK Farm, they were warmly greeted by the staff of UK Farm. The children were then taken on a tour around the farm on a bus. The first visit was to the goat farm, where the children had the rare opportunity to feed the small goats and watched them drinking from milk bottles. Some children even tried to carry the kids for the first time. It was a wonderful experience for them.



From there, the pupils visited an Orang Asli village inhabited by the Jakun tribe, followed by visits to a mushroom farm, a vegetable farm, an ostrich farm, a lavender farm and a passion fruit farm.

The pupils had an enjoyable time in all the farm visits and felt that the most exciting and memorable moment of the day was feeding the kids with milk. The Pupils also had a chance to taste ice cream made with goat milk. "It was so yummy," said the children.

The children had a really fun time with their classmates and teachers, experiencing new things in the short trip back to nature and most of all rekindled the love and care for animals.



Camping for Scouts & Red Crescent

On 13th and 14th July, Scouts and Red Crescent members camped at the school field. There were 27 participants from the private and international schools. The camp started on Friday at 3.30pm and the students were divided into four patrols. Each patrol was given a tent and for those who were having a hard time pitching one up, the Scout leaders demonstrated to them how it was done. The highlight of the activities was the cooking competition. They were given chickens, fishes and some vegetables to prepare three dishes. Surprisingly, most of the dishes turned out to be delicious and mouthwatering. The owling night games were great as it was a surprise; the students were blindfolded walking around the school compound and ended up in a pool.



The campfire was the most exciting part of the camp. It was the first experience for all the students and some of the teachers. It was a perfect campfire: full of warmth and friendship between all the campers sitting around the bon fire.

Campfire songs were sung and games were played around the fire. The camp had raised their awareness, understanding and appreciation of the things around them.

The presence of leadership and cooperation among the patrols were truly amazing during the camp. It taught the students self-reliance and teamwork. This camp had built a bond between students and the teachers.



Year 2 – Petrosains Playsmart Johor Bahru Trip

On 23rd July, Year 2 students visited the Petrosains Playsmart Johor Bahru. The aim of the visit was to enable these young students to gain more knowledge and understanding of the world of Science. The visit also provided students with the opportunity to get close to the wonders of Science and Technology via the various exhibits related to the petroleum industry.

These students had a fun-filled educational experience at the Petrosains Playsmart viewing a host of interactive and hands-on Science exhibits.



Heat on normal air balloon;
Will it burst, not burst or expand?



Year 7- Learning Journey To Desaru Fruit Farm

On Thursday, 12th July, a group of 74 secondary students accompanied by 6 teachers went to Desaru Fruit Farm on a learning journey. The students were introduced to the various fruit trees; exposed to the different techniques of pesticide management; had a hands - on experience reproducing plants using the 'marcotting' technique; given an educational talk on bee farming and the health benefits of honey. There were also games and quizzes. The students had a wonderful and enjoyable time. The trip was an invaluable and memorable experience as it was an opportunity for both students and teachers to bond and understand more about each other. The experiential learning that had taken place outside the classroom aroused the students' interest and desire to learn more about the glorious nature around them.



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Plants are shaped by cultivation and men
by education.

- JEAN JACQUES ROUSSEAU



CCA Information

- The school recommends that every student should choose two CCAs, of which at least one is a sport. If a student wishes to have more than two CCAs, his/her parent should write to the CCA Coordinator for consideration.
- CCA Form should be submitted on before 23rd July. The confirmation of CCA for respective students will be put up on the notice board on Wednesday 29th August.
- Students are not allowed to change the CCAs allocated to them. They can only change their allocated CCAs on the following term.
- Please make payment before 3rd September.

Sports

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Football
- Golf
- Netball
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Taekwondo
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wushu

Clubs & Societies

- Art Club
- Band & Music Club
- Chess Club
- Choir Club
- Dance Club
- Drama Club
- ICT Club
- Photograph Club
- Young Entrepreneur Club
- Mandarin Society
- Science & Maths Society
- Scouts
- Red Crescent

Facilities

- 6-lane swimming pool
- Performing arts studio
- Multimedia ICT Laboratory
- Science Laboratories
- Library with wifi connection
- Outdoor Field & Sports Facilities
- Air-Conditioned Multi-purpose Hall
- Cafeteria & Parent Coffee Lounge
- CCTV & 24 Hours Security System
- Interactive Smart Boards in specialised subject rooms

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EXAMINATION & INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

May/June 2012 IGCSE Results

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our Year 10 students who sat their IGCSE examinations in Foreign Language Malay, Foreign Language Mandarin and/or First Language Mandarin Chinese examinations in May/June this year. Most of the students scored an A* or A. Overall they have achieved excellent results.

Although education is not measured based on and limited to examination results, it is, however, very encouraging and satisfying that our students have attained success in the examination. The students and teachers concerned should be very pleased with their achievements.

We hope that they will continue to work hard and able to perform equally well for the other subjects in their IGCSE May-June 2013.

| Subject | Pass | Grade A* & A | Grade B | Grade C |
|---------------------------------|------|--------------|---------|---------|
| Foreign Language Malay | 100% | 90% | 5% | 5% |
| Foreign Language Mandarin | 100% | 100% | | |
| First Language Mandarin Chinese | 100% | 65% | 35% | |

Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)

The details for the international competition are as follows :

| Date | Venue | Time | Competition |
|------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| 2 Aug (Thursday) | Multi-purpose Hall | 11.00am Registration 11.15am Competition | Year 3 – 6 (60min) - calculators are required Year 7 -11 (75min) - calculators are not permitted |

*All students are required to be in full uniform during competition.

PMR Revision Class & Trial Examination Timetable

| Intensive Revision Classes for FORM 3 Students | | | JADUAL PEPERIKSAAN PERCUBAAN SELARAS PMR (PERINGKAT NEGERI JOHOR 2012) | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Date | Time | Subject | Date | Subject | Time | Duration |
| 30th Jul (Mon) | 8.15am – 10.00am 10.20am – 12.00pm | Chinese Sejarah | 9th Aug (Thur) | Bahasa Malaysia – K2 Bahasa Malaysia – K1 | 8.15am – 10.15am 11.00am – 12.00pm | 2 hours 1 hour |
| 31st Jul (Tue) | 8.15am – 10.00am 10.20am – 12.00pm | Maths Geografi | 10th Aug (Fri) | Sains – K1 Sains – K2 | 8.45am – 9.45am 10.30am – 12.00pm | 1 hour 1 hour 30 min |
| 1st Aug (Wed) | 8.15am – 10.00am 10.20am – 12.00pm | English Bahasa Malaysia | 13th Aug (Mon) | Pendidikan Islam Kemahiran Hidup | 8.00am – 10.00am 10.30am – 12.00pm | 2 hours 1 hour 30 min |
| 2nd Aug (Thur) | 8.15am – 10.00am 10.20am – 12.00pm | Kemahiran Hidup Sains | 14th Aug (Tue) | Geografi Bahasa Inggeris 1 | 8.00am – 9.15am 9.30am – 10.30am | 1 hour 15 min 1 hour |
| 3rd Aug (Fri) | 8.15am – 10.00am 10.20am – 12.00pm | Sejarah Maths | 15th Aug (Wed) | Sejarah Matematik 2 Matematik 1 | 8.00am – 9.15am 9.30am – 11.15am 11.40am – 12.55pm | 1 hour 15 min 1 hour 45 min 1 hour 15 min |
| | | | 16th Aug (Thur) | Bahasa Cina 2 | 8.30am – 10.30am 11.00am – 12.00pm | 2 hours 1 hour |

Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.

- ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.

- ABIGAIL ADAMS

STUDENT APPEARANCE & UNIFORM

Austin Heights Schools, other than striving to achieve students' academic excellence, place no less importance on developing their leadership quality, discipline and public speaking ability.

Such desirable personal attributes need to be trained and acquired early while they are in school. As part of their training, students are required to always abide by the school rules and regulations in line with the school's programme to mould them to be leaders of tomorrow.

To achieve the above goals, the school is implementing a smart wear policy starting next term. This policy requires all students to be smartly dressed, be it their school uniform or the clothes they wear while playing games, doing PE or involving in club/society activities. The school will, beginning academic year 2012/2013, strictly enforce these rules.

Students without the standard school-approved attire will not be allowed to participate in PE lessons or CCA activities. Parents, please take the opportunity over the holiday to ensure that your children return to school with the correct uniform, black leather shoes, white socks, house T-Shirt, black shorts and white trainers.

Students must change into appropriate clothing and footwear for all physical activities. Actions will be taken on those who flout the rules.

Shoes – Year 3 to secondary students must wear black leather shoes with shoe laces;
- Year 1 & 2 students must wear black canvas shoes with or without laces.
- sneakers, plimsolls etc. are not allowed.

Socks - Students from Year 1 upwards must wear only white ankle-high socks.

Hair - Hair should be neat, tidy and of natural colour
Boys' hair should be above the collar and girls with long hair must tie their hair with a blue or black hair band.

Make-up & Nail Varnish - Make-up and nail varnish are not allowed in the school. Fingernails must be kept neat and short. Body piercing and tattoos are not allowed.

Jewellery - Jewellery should not be worn to school for safety reason and to prevent loss.

Physical Education Kit

For every PE lesson, students must use the appropriate PE kit which includes white trainers, white socks, house T-shirt and black shorts. If a pupil is ill or

Calendar Update

| Date | Event |
|-----------------|--|
| 30 Jul – 3 Aug | PMR Trial Exam (Percubaan Selaras PMR) |
| 30 Jul – 17 Aug | English Enrichment Classes for Year 9 Students |
| 4 Aug | AMC Competition |
| 9 – 16 Aug | Form 3 Intensive Revision Class |
| 19 & 20 Aug | Hari Raya Puasa |
| 23 – 25 Aug | Professional Development (Teachers) |
| 25 Aug | Orientation Day for New Students |
| 27 Aug | Term 1 (AHIS) & Term 3 (AHPS) starts |
| 31 Aug | National Day |

injured and unable to take part they should bring a note from their parent/guardian detailing this and hand it to their PE teacher.

Outdoor/Indoor Activities

- Black shorts and house T shirt;
- Suitable footwear for indoor and outdoor activities.

Society & Club Activities

- Either collared school T shirt or the respective club/society T shirt;

Personal Belongings

- All items should be clearly labelled with pupil's full name and class.
- Bringing any item of value (mobile phones, i-pods etc.) is not permitted unless authorised by a member of the academic staff.

The photos below show the types of shoes and socks students are allowed to wear to school.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Teaching Staff

We would like to welcome the following teachers to our academic team.

Mr Won Sang Jon, a retired school Principal join us as a Senior teacher in English language. Mr.Won has more than 30 years teaching experience and more than 10 years in a Senior Management position.

Ms.Goh Yi Zheng, a Masters' degree holder in Computer Science and previously working as an ICT lecturer at Multimedia University, joined us as a Senior teacher. She will responsible for developing the ICT curriculum together with our existing team.

Ms. Lim Chia Yee has a degree in Chinese Literature from National Taiwan University. She joined us as a Chinese Language Teacher.

Update of Contact Information

If you have changed any details of your contact information e.g. change of mailing address, telephone number or email address ect. there is a form available at the Reception Desk for you to fill in. This form, when received, will be passed to the person concerned for updating.

Newsletter Delivery Problem

There have been cases of some parents failing to receive the past issues of newsletters because the e-mails have been bouncing back. This is due to folder to receive the large-volume newsletter. However, the newsletters can still be obtained via the school's website: www.austinheights.edu.my

New Security Car Sticker

All parents are reminded to exchange their existing car stickers for new ones at the administration office during office hours before the new term starts. New car stickers should be displayed on your vehicles beginning the first day of next term.

Meal Plan for Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

There is a separate dining area for the key stage 1 students so that they can have their set meals free of disturbance by older students. Parents are requested to pay for the set meal in advance on termly basis. Key Stage 1 students are not allowed to purchase food by themselves from the cafeteria operators. Parents may, however, request for preferred choice of food for their children if advance arrangement is made with the cafeteria operator.

AHIS: Classes for Primary & Secondary

It is the school policy to re-arrange the primary and secondary classes at the beginning of each academic year. The reason is to enable students to have new classmates in a new setting each year, thereby allowing them to get to know more students within their year group.

The selection is a long and very careful process that the teachers will undertake. Various factors will be taken into consideration to ensure that each class has a balance of student ability, gender, nationality and learning needs. We will do our best to provide students with exposure to both expatriate and local teachers.

August Holiday Intensive English Enrichment Class

This revision class, compulsory for selected Year 9 and Year 10 students, will be held from 30th July to 17th August from 9.00 am till 12.00 noon from Monday to Friday.

Our English teacher Ms Bronwyn Kelly, will be conducting special classes to help these students to improve their command of the English Language so that they are better prepared to face the challenges next academic year. With this intensive revision classes, it is hoped that the students will perform better in their new academic year.

Happy Holiday

Have a pleasant and enjoyable school holiday. Our sincere thanks to all staff and parents for supporting the school. School will resume on 27th August. We look forward to seeing you in the new term and at the same time extend our warm welcome to the new students and staff. Happy Holidays!

We wish all our Muslim students, teachers & staff **"Selamat Berpuasa & Selamat Hari Raya Aidifitri"**.

