Message from The School Board

A Happy New Year to all parents and students. We extend a very warm welcome to students who are new to our school community and welcome back to all our returning students and parents.

Inaugural Issue of Newsletter

Welcome to this inaugural issue of newsletter specifically published for all parents and students of Austin Heights Schools (AHS). The newsletter, serving as the main form of communication between the school and parents, keeps parents informed of the latest events happening in the school including news, student activities and important dates among others.

This being the first issue is comprehensive and covers issues and happenings in the past year. The first issue is distributed both “hard copy” and also by e-mail. If you are reading it on hard copy, please make sure that you have also received it by e-mail to ascertain that the school has your correct e-mail address. If you have not, please inform the school administration office about it.

Subsequent issues of this newsletter will be published at the end of each month during the school terms, and will only be circulated by e-mail, and not by hard copy via your child. Sending the newsletter by email is more reliable, faster and eco-friendly.

On 3rd January 2011 Austin Heights Schools opened its doors to the first batch of students comprising 400 students. This number was almost double that of our initial expectation a few months earlier. We now have 630 students in the schools and many more are in the waiting list, hoping to join when places are available. To all parents, we thank you for your support, entrusting your children to our care and your confidence in Austin Heights Schools.

Traditionally, it is part of the culture of international schools that parents are welcome and indeed encouraged to participate in the life of the school. Throughout the year we have seen some good examples of this. The Chinese New Year lunch provided by a group of parents to the students; the support of parents for the introductory sessions of the IPC topics; and the assistance that has been provided in the preparation of resources for the IPC classes, have all enhanced the life of the school and the education of our students.

We are extremely grateful for all the support we have received and our thanks go to all those concerned parents involved. This is the international standard of voluntary service that we cherish.

As a forward looking educational institution we are constantly striving to improve on the teaching-learning to keep abreast with the changes in the educational field.

Keeping The Community Informed

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GREAT EDUCATION, SWEETER JOURNEYS.

Formal education will make you a living; self education will make you a fortune.

- Jim Rohn

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CALENDAR YEAR 2011

Anniversary Review
In our first year of operation, other than the normal academic programmes, various activities were carried out in Austin Heights Private and International School (AHPIS), among them are:

Back to Nature Field Trip at Austin Heights Golf & Hotel Resort
Preschoolers, Year 1 and Year 2 students were taken on a “Back To Nature” trip to the Austin Heights Golf and Hotel Resort on 1 April 2011. The aim of the visit was to provide students with the opportunity to study and appreciate the beauty of nature, allow the children to gain first-hand experience in learning more about nature and to develop awareness of the natural environment through direct involvement.

Accompanied by teachers, the students had a leisurely nature walk around Austin Heights Golf & Hotel Resort and learn to get close to nature through discovery and exploration; took part in a treasure hunt to promote team spirit while learning through fun and exciting ways; and enjoyed themselves in a picnic while learning to share their food and serve each other in friendly spirit.

Fun Run
All students took part in the Fun Run which took the route from the AHS to Austin Heights Recreation Town Park and back to school on 8 April 2011. Though it was a short run, it was meant to encourage students to be active in outdoor physical activities for health benefits. Besides, taking in the fresh air, students got to strengthen bonding with their peers, at the end of the busy academic term.

Prefects’ Motivation Workshop
The first Austin Heights School Prefects have been put into place. A Prefects Motivation Workshop was held on 23 April 2011 mainly to boost the Prefects’ leadership skills. Throughout the one-day training course, students were involved in a range of activities, developed to challenge their thinking, and teach them to become strong leaders. Some of the topics covered included motivation, role-play and team building activities.

Then the election of Head Prefect were carried out, followed by a rehearsal on oath taking. The prefects ended the course armed with valuable relevant knowledge and confidence.

The Prefects’ role is to assist the school in ensuring that students comply with school rules and regulations, and help other students on a daily basis during lunch time. Such duties may include reminding students about school rules, expectations, offer help to fellow students when help is needed and participating in school events.

What is the IPC?

The International Primary Curriculum is a comprehensive, thematic, creative curriculum with a clear process of learning and with specific learning goals for every subject, international mindedness and for personal learning.

What kind of world will our children live and work in?
Teaching and learning is exciting (and difficult) because it looks both forward and back. We look back because, in part, learning is about taking on the heritage of our culture and learning about what has made us who we are. We look forward because we know the world is going to be different than it was and we accept the challenge of making the best judgements we can about what that world will look like.

What kind of children are likely to succeed in the world?
We are tasked with making the best predictions possible about the state of the world in the future. We have to do this because it guides our thinking about what kind of people we need to be. Their personal dispositions will be the key to whether children can make the best of their learning in the years to come.

What kind of learning will our children need and how they learn it?
A view about the future world and the personal qualities that will matter helps us decide what kinds of learning children will need. Knowing what kind of learning they need guides us to what learning should look like in the classroom.
IPC Reception’s Entry Point – Shopping

The children from Reception were introduced to their entry point to the new IPC topic “Shopping” by visiting Tesco at Desa Tebrau on 9 February 2012. The children were extremely excited about the visit and had a fabulous time. They enjoyed being escorted around the supermarket and learning the set-up of supermarket with the merchandise arranged in rows whilst on their own private tour. The students were also treated to a presentation on the making of croissants by the staff of Bakery Department of Tesco.

The tour ended with the children doing their own shopping in the toy and stationery section where they had the opportunity to choose the items they needed for less than RM10.00 which they had brought, used the price checker, place their chosen items in a trolley and paid for them at the checkout counter.

The students were given complimentary gifts by the Tesco Management before heading back to school. A big thank you to the management of Tesco, all the teachers and admin staff who helped out on that day.

(Contribution From Ms Anderina)

IPC Year 1 Entry Point - Celebration

In line with our IPC topic of ‘Celebration’ covered this term, Year 1 & 2 students experienced the joy of Chinese New Year celebration on 20 January 2012, as well as learning to respect each other’s beliefs, culture and heritage. Parents also participated by providing home-made goodies such as Chinese New Year traditional cookies, cupcakes, fruits and drinks. Also, the students dressed themselves in their traditional costumes or wear the festive colours of red and sang songs to add more flavour to this joyful experience.

Students from other countries also took this opportunity to expose themselves to this age-old festivity by actively participating in the activities hands-on in appreciating cultural differences.

Many thanks to the parents who had unreservedly contributed specially prepared food, helped to dress their children for the occasion, supported the event. (Contribution by Ms Meera)

IPC Year 4 - Chocolate

As part of Year 4’s IPC topic on “Chocolate”, the Year 4 children brought from home a variety of food made from chocolate. The aim of this was to allow the children to try as many different types of food made from chocolate. The students contributed food containing chocolate such as chocolate chip muffins, chocolate cupcakes and chocolate buns etc. The children appreciated and enjoyed the various flavours available. The students also organized a mini Chocolate food sale during break and lunch time on 28 March 2011. This activity also enabled the young students to learn the basics of doing business, managing their finances, to be independent in decision making, and to be responsible for their own decisions.

From the sales, 20% of the collection was then donated to the Tsunami and Earthquake victims in Japan to help the homeless and suffering victims.

Thank you very much to everyone for making such a great effort, particularly to the parents who helped us out, contributing towards the event. The children had a great time.

IPC Year 5 & 6 - “Halloween Day”

Halloween Day originated from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as dressing in costumes and trick-or-treating.

The theme for this Halloween Day event on 31 October 2011 was scary, funny, creative or beautiful whereby students dressed up according to their fancy to suit the occasion. Winners for best costumes from each category were presented with a Halloween Awards Certificates. Some parents helped to design their children Halloween costumes, enhancing interactions and bonding among family members.
How to be RICH
It’s as simple as that...

R- Respect / Responsible / Result-oriented
I- Interest / Involve / Integrate
C- Care / Courtesy / Courage
H- Honor / Humble / Honest

TOGETHER WE EXCEL
2011 Pre-School Graduation Ceremony

This meaningful ceremony was held on 14 July 2011 to mark the completion of Pre-school for our Reception Students. It was well attended by the parents of these graduates. After the presentation of awards, the audience was entertained by a number of young, gifted children who showcased their talents in front of their parents.

Congratulations and thanks to all the proud parents and special guests who had graced the occasion, unreservedly contributed specially prepared food, helped to dress their children for the occasion and supported the event whole-heartily.

International Community Response to the Red Crescent Appeal in Japan Tsunami

On 2 March 2011 morning, it was reported that some parts of Japan were badly hit by Tsunami and earthquake. As an International community, many of us have connections with Japan in some way or another. During the school assembly, the School Management announced that AHPIS would raise fund for the victims. Within a few hours, contributions from students, teachers, parents and kind support from the School Board, totaled RM10,000 was collected towards this noble cause. The donation, presented in a cheque, was handed to the Red Crescent Society at a ceremony held at Persada Convention Hall on 14 March 2011.

Young Entrepreneur Club members in collaboration with Johor International Chamber (JCI), participated in a few public events in 2011.

JCI Charity Carnival – 7 Jul 2011

The Johor Chamber International Charity Carnival was held at our school hall to cultivate healthy living and to raise fund for the needy. The Young Entrepreneur Club members participated by setting up a stall to sell some local delicacies. From the sales, 50% of the profit was donated to JCI. There were several activities held during this event such as traditional games, musical, junior colouring contest, Chinese traditional treatments, creative body painting and some booths were also selling organic food.

Young Entrepreneur Club’s Field Trip to YHL Trading

The Young Entrepreneur Club (YEC) arranged a field trip to YHL Trading, a rice mill, located at Tampoi, Johor Bahru on 1 October 2011. This field trip was made possible with the assistance of the Junior Chamber International Johor Bahru.

The main aim of this excursion was to provide the YEC members a rare opportunity to see for themselves first-hand the daily operation of a business enterprise which helped to enrich the students’ knowledge and experience with such exposure to the business world. The YEC members also gained knowledge on business organization, working systems, basic criteria required for excellent performance and also the factory’s current practices.

Academic Award

At the end of the 2010/2011 Academic Year, academic awards such as Academic Excellence Award, Academic Achievement Award, Most Improved Awards For Individual Subjects Awards and Perfect Score Awards for all subjects were presented to the deserving students in recognition of their outstanding achievements.
Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration – 16 Sept 2011

In conjunction with the Mid-Autumn Festival, the Hakka Association of Johor hosted the Mid-Autumn Celebration at our school hall on 16th September 2011. AHPIS co-sponsored this event. Our students performed cultural dances, musical performances and song folk songs in addition to the lanterns competition. Some expatriates, parents, teachers and students joined in to celebrate this festivity. Tasty moon cakes, chinese tea, and pomeloes, which are an integral part of the occasion, were served. Young children were also presented with beautiful lanterns to carry around to further enhance the festive mood. The students presented a wonderful performance.

End Of Term Concert- “Austin Heights’ Got Talent”

Many Thanks to Mr Rolando and his team for the End of Term Concert held on 2nd Dec, 2011. This event was the Music club’s culminating activity for the first term and also served as their training ground to fulfill the essence of being in the performing arts club.

The school had decided that students should showcase their talents in a term-end production; hence the event, Austin Heights’ Got Talent, was held.

A range of talented musicians, dancers, singers and even wushu enthusiasts performed for almost two hours delighted the parents who graced this event, making it a great success. One of the highlights of that presentation was the inclusion of some talented teachers who performed very well alongside the Senior Choir. The teachers also showcased a Bollywood dance for the audience. Some students were so taken aback that they, at the spur of the moment, joined the teachers on stage for a dance.

Glee News

Glee (Austin Heights Schools) was brainstormed to be an inter-house competition due to the popularity of the TV series, Glee. Glee is an American musical comedy-drama television series that aired on Fox in the United States, and on Global TV in Canada. It focuses on the high school glee club New Directions competing on the show choir competition circuit, while its members deal with relationships and social issues.

We at AHS believe that a holistic learning is the new frontier for the education world. Hence, Glee was introduced to let students get a feel of show choir and stage performance. It was truly remarkable to see students dance, sing, cheer and clap their way through the competition.

I have learned...

I’ve learned—

that maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you’ve had and what you’ve learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you’ve celebrated.

By Omer B. Washington

Intensive Programme For Year 7 Students

A four-week programme was conducted during the December 2011 holidays for the newly enrolled Year 7 students who were not able to join us in the first term of the current academic year.

Lessons on English Language, Mathematics, Science, Information & Communications Technology (ICT) and Accounting were taught through the four weeks from 5th to 28th December 2011. The objective of the programme was to help these students acquire the necessary knowledge and skills so that they would be able to catch up with their peers who have been with us since last term.

Feedback from the students was very encouraging. The students felt that the programme was beneficial as it not only enabled them to gain more knowledge but also helped build up their confidence to face the new term. These students were given Certificate of Attendance at the end of the programme.
Austin Heights International School Scholarship Programme

At Austin Heights International School, we believe in providing students the opportunity to experience an international education in a culturally diverse environment.

Besides, Austin Height International School also offers full scholarship to Malaysian students who are keen to enrol in Year 7 and Year 10 in the School, leading to the IGCSE (International General Certificate of Education). The scholarship awards are based on the strength of the student’s academic performance, co-curriculum involvement, communication skills and financial situation.

Words of the First Scholarship Recipient - Carmen Lim

It was under the watchful eyes of a few concerned people that I succeeded in being the first scholarship recipient of Austin Heights Private and International Schools. No measure of my gratitude for the recognition bestowed upon me by the school can fully denote the credit of what the school has done and impacted me as I progress in my studies here.

A year has passed and I’m still studying hard, maintaining high good grades. I love schooling here because I get to be constantly involved in school activities among my peers who inspire me greatly.

This school is invariably a lively environment and for that matter I’m blessed to be granted credence to the freedom of an academically conducive culture and its challenging competitions. The school always stresses on the care for students which I think perhaps no other students know better than I do. In fact, the more I achieve in my studies the more I realise the impacts of a scholarship on my academic and personal growth. It gives me such an importance to evolve around my purpose as a student, a learner in the midst of wise teachers who work together for the betterment of an educational institution. I learn so much every day that I have started keeping journals to keep track of my school life. I have also learned in my past year with the much beloved Austin Heights Private and International School that knowledge would change a person. I am now experiencing the depth of growing sensibility and enlightenment the school instills in its students.

Upon recollection of my experiences in this school, I realise that this school teaches me things my previous schools did not. So I feel very fortunate to have gained much support from such an amazing school, and to understand that my formal education is important to others too besides myself. I’ll definitely do my very best to repay the school for its generosity that I benefit so much from.

Last but not least, my humble salute to our befitting school logo ‘Together We Excel’.

By Carmen Lim

New Students and their parents attended a half-day Orientation Programme in the school on 15th January 2012. The orientation included a briefing for parents presented by the Principal and Deputy Principal on the school systems and practices. As for the children, they took a tour of the school, attended a briefing on the expectations of Austin Heights students, and participated in some ice-breaking activities to get to know their classmates and peers before the start of the school term. The children adapted very well and they all looked forward to start school on 3rd January 2012.

Chinese New Year Celebration With Special Guests

On 20 January 2012 AHPIS played hosts to some 200 residents from the Long Hua Home (for old folks) and the Johor Area Rehabilitation Organisation (for the physically and mentally challenged) in celebrating the Lunar New Year with the aim to instil moral values in the young minds of AHS students. The students learned to share what they have with the less fortunate, to respect the elderly, and other people’s multi-cultures and beliefs.

The students entertained our special guests with special performances such as traditional Chinese dance, choir, Chinese yo-yo tricks and our very own live-band. Not to be left out, kindergarten students drew loud applause from the audience with their dragon dance. Goodie bags
Examinations & International Competitions

The Mid-Year Examination was held for Year 1 to Year 10 students from 13th to 24th February 2012. The Examinations were conducted smoothly without any disruptions and students were very co-operative throughout the whole examination period.

AHIS Remedial and Tutorial Sessions

Teachers have arranged structured remedial and tutorial sessions for all students to prepare them for the Mid-Year Examination. Remedial sessions are meant for coaching the weak students whereas tutorial sessions are for revision of all the topics taught. These remedial sessions will be carried out during the lunch break and CCA session whereas tutorial classes for the whole class will be an hour session from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

AHIS Mid-Year Reports

Mid-year Reports will be given to students on 17th March 2012 during Parent Teachers Conference day. Please note that students who joined at the start of Term 2 will not be receiving the Mid-year Report. However, parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers for an update on their child’s progress during the Parents Teachers Conference.

Year 9 IGCSE Information and Options

(Contributed by Deputy Principal Mr Lui)

There will be an “IGCSE Information and Options Session” on Saturday 17th March at 2 p.m. in the Activity Room for parents who have children in Year 9. The event will begin with a briefing regarding the selection of subjects for IGCSE, a detailed presentation on Cambridge IGCSE and post - IGCSE examinations and criteria for options in line with global trends and professional expectations. Thereafter, parents will have the opportunity to discuss with teachers the content of the IGCSE syllabus and career opportunities.

I have learned...

I’ve learned—
Your Attitude, not Your Aptitude, will determine your altitude.

By Zig Ziglar

Have a passion & patient to teach future generations?
Please visit www.austinheights.edu.my for any job openings.
Tutorials for Examination Classes - PMR Students (AHPS)

Teachers teaching Form 3 this year have the important responsibility of preparing the students to sit for the Penilaian Menengah Rendah (PMR) Examination in early October.

To assist students to achieve good grades in the PMR, the school will hold extra classes for Form 3 students every Friday afternoon from 14:30 - 15:40 beginning February until end September 2012. Tutorial paper for the week will be distributed to students and they must revise the topics before attempting to answer these questions. During the classes, active discussion of the questions will be carried out. Students who have CCA on these days must ask for a change of CCA.

Students' attendance is compulsory. Parents are reminded to provide alternative transport home for their children on Friday afternoons.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Austin Heights Schools will be participating in a few international competitions and assessments during 2012. The three major competitions and administrators are as follows:

1. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), administered by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) from the University of New South Wales, Australia.

2. The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC), administered by a non-profit organization, Australian Mathematics Trust.

3. The Canadian Mathematics Competition (CMC), administered by the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing from the University of Waterloo, Canada.

The details of the competitions will be made available to the students in due time. If you would like to register your child for these competitions, please complete the enrolment slip and return it to your child's class tutor. Payment should be made via a cheque made payable to 'Austin Heights Education Sdn Bhd'. Please attach the cheque together with the Enrolment Slip.

Language Support Programme

The school Language Department is currently conducting a programme to help some non-English speaking international students in improving their command of the English language. This programme has been initiated to help these students to understand and to communicate more effectively using basic oral English. This will help the students in their studies.

English Development Programme

Throughout the entire term beginning 20 February 2012, the English Department has organised a number of activities for students at different levels. These activities range from Essay Writing, Story-telling, Spelling Bee to Public Speaking etc. Prizes will be given to the winners of each category of competitions.

Words of the Week - Spelling Bee

Each week, students in each class will decide on the 10 words to be used for the "Words of the week" programme which will be posted in their respective classrooms. All students and teachers are encouraged to use the words as many times as possible weekly or even daily to enhance students' vocabulary while having some fun at the same time.

At the end of every week, a spelling competition will be held for students within the class and the best students will be selected to represent each class or year group for the School Spelling Bee Competition.

5 tips for Public Speaking

Know your material
Pick a topic you are interested in.
Know more about it than you include in your speech. Use humor, personal stories and conversational language that way you won't easily forget what to say.

Practice, Practice, Practice!
Rehearse out loud with all equipment you plan on using. Revise as necessary. Work to control filler words; Practice, pause and breathe.
Practice with a timer and allow time for the unexpected.

Know your audience
Greet some of the audience members as they arrive. It's easier to speak to a group of friends than to strangers.

Relax
Begin by addressing the audience. It buys you time and calms your nerves. Pause, smile and count to three before saying anything.

Visualize yourself giving your speech
Imagine yourself speaking, your voice loud, clear and confident. Visualize the audience clapping - it will boost your confidence.

I have learned...

I've learned that even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength to help.

By Omer B. Washington
Austin Heights Lunch Hour Activities

From February 2012, we will be holding many interesting activities during lunch hour. These include Science Programmes, Broadcasting and the Reading Programme. These activities provide good opportunities for our students to improve and explore new experiences.

Parents, please help your children in attaining our literacy goals! The English Department will conduct its Reading Programme on every Tuesday for all students. The students will have the last 20 minutes of the lunch time devoted to reading. So please help your child to get a story book or novel of his or her choice.

To encourage students to read more books, certificates for the Golden, Silver and Bronze reading awards will be given based on the number of books read since this programme started on 19th January 2012.

Scholastic Book Club

We have distributed leaflets from the Scholastic Book Club to all students in the school. The aim is to promote reading amongst our students. If you wish to purchase any books, please fill in the Order Form indicating the quantity and the total price. Payment can be made via cheque made payable to Grolier (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd (details to be filled in the order Form).

No cash will be accepted for ease of organisation. All orders need to be in by 10th February 2012 and handed to the homeroom teachers. Books will take approximately four weeks to arrive.

Checking Students Diaries

Please note that any matters pertaining to pastoral or academic issues must be dealt with via the class teacher and/or a point of contact via the Student School Diary. Please ensure that you check your child’s Student Diary every day or at least once each week. This document is the single most important medium of communication between the school and parents. By acknowledging that you have seen your son/daughter’s diary will help ensure that you are aware of your child’s homework assignments and any messages forwarded to you from their teachers. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Professional Development Programme

We are constantly upgrading our professional staff at our school with in-house and external training. There are several programmes scheduled for teachers in line with their respective portfolios.

Some of our teachers will be attending IPC South East Asia Summer School and International Middle Year Curriculum Information Session organized by the UK based education group, Fieldwork Education, and these seminars will be held in Singapore on 7th, 8th & 9th March 2012.

These seminars would definitely be a good exposure for our teachers to upgrade and improve their teaching knowledge and concepts.

Going Green Tips:

1. Do give away all the items which you will no longer use to organizations who will distribute them among those people who need them.
2. Reuse old furniture for other purpose instead of keeping it in the storage. This way you can turn your old furniture into something useful.
3. Anything that is made of plastic, steel, glass or paper should be given to recycle companies.
4. All food waste can be conveniently turned into compost and you can use it as manure for your garden.
5. Don’t discard anything; be creative and make something nice out of everything. It is a very simple idea that can do wonders.

Medical Services

We are pleased to inform parents that we have now appointed a qualified and experienced school nurse.

Nurse Esther joined us at the start of this term and is based in our new medical room situated behind the administrative office next to the pre-school. Please make sure that the school is kept informed of any medical conditions affecting your children.
UPDATE YOUR PROFILES

Update your profile information such as email, mailing address and contact numbers, to ensure that you continue to receive our latest newsletter.

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Co-Curriculum Activities (CCA)

We have a good mix of clubs and societies which form a holistic and comprehensive education system that encompasses the students' physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual development. In partnership with parents and the community, we hope to prepare our students to achieve their full potential in an environment that is nurturing yet challenging. A list of our clubs and societies are listed below:

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Mini Junior Sports Day

The Pre-School Year 1 & Year 2 students had their first sports day this week at the school field. The students performed well and tried hard in all their activities. It was such a pleasure to see so many students taking part in the physical activity and performing skills that they had been learning throughout the year. The students engaged in the activities with fantastic spirit, supporting their house and having fun. It was also lovely to see parents take interest in coming along to support and cheer their children. Thank you very much to all staff and parents who helped to make this event success.

MSSD (Majlis Sukan Sekolah-Sekolah Daerah)

We are proud that some of our students participated in several events in MSSD & MSSJ and took back some trophies!

Archery

Students who participated in MSSD Archery produced great performances. We had players representing in Under-15 and Under-18 categories. Danny finished as the gold medalist for boys in the under-18 category. Congratulations to all school representatives who took part at the MSSD Archery and those who were selected for the MSSJ.

Swimming

Clement Lim from Year 7 took part in the MSSD Swimming competition and produced an outstanding result and was selected to take part in the MSSJ. Way to go, Clement Lim!

Clement Lim from Year 7 won 5 gold medals in Swimming in the Under-15 category at MSSD level held at Taman Johor Jaya, Johor Bahru.

Clement Lim from Year 7 won 2 silvers and 3 bronzes in the MSSJ Under 15 Swimming events held at Batu Pahat, Johor.

Our student excelled in the following sports categories:

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Badminton

Our girls, Tan Qiu Xean from Year 9 and Tan Hui Ping from Year 10 recently participated in the Under 18 MSSD Badminton Tournament at Bl. Sports, Plentong and won bronze medals in the girls’ double-event.

Basketball

On 2-4 February 2012, our boys’ basketball team participated in the MSSD tournament and gained valuable experience.
Upcoming Events in March 2012

Austin Heights’ School Sports Day on Saturday 2nd March 2012 (From Mr. Santhosh)

We would like to invite all parents to accompany their children to the School Sport Day for all students in Year 3 to Year 10 at the Stadium Larkin on 2nd March 2012. The aim of the Sports Day is to promote excellence, encourage participation and nurture competition. Therefore, all students should be participating. Students must arrive in their full House T-Shirt. We strongly encourage pupils to enter into the spirit of the day and show support and appreciation for all participants.

We hope to see a lot of support from parents on that day to help promote Physical Education and Austin Heights School’s Sports.

Year 9 Checkpoint Booster Session

With the Year 9 mock exams now completed, the school is planning to offer Checkpoint booster classes starting on Thursday, 8 March 2012. These sessions will help students as they prepare for the May/June examination session.

Science & Broadcasting Activities

Effective March 2012, Science and Broadcasting programmes will be held during the last 20 minutes of the lunch time every Monday. The Secondary students will be given the chance to use data loggers to do experiments during their lunch break.

Calendar Update

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