



4A Chestnut Drive Singapore 679330
Tel/Fax: 67604311 Email: ij_secretariat@yahoo.com

Ref: P1-P6/ JC/ 03/ 17

4 January 2017

Dear Parents & Guardians

CHANGE OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Welcome back to school! As you may be aware, there has been a change of leadership in CHIJ (Katong) Primary School. Ms Geraldine See was appointed as Director, Pre-School Education, Education Services Division, Ministry of Education with effect from 15 December 2016. Mrs Judina Cheong (formerly Principal of Hai Sing Catholic School) was appointed as Principal of CHIJ (Katong) Primary School with effect from 15 December 2016.

Members on the IJ Board of Management join me in expressing our deep appreciation of all that Ms Geraldine See has accomplished for the growth of CHIJ (Katong) Primary since her appointment on 15 December 2009. Under her able and encouraging leadership over the past 7 years, CHIJ (Katong) has forged ahead as a vibrant and thriving Primary School. Academic performance has gone hand in hand with a rich cultural experience for each pupil in an environment where the spiritual dimension of each person is respected and nourished.

During her tenure, Ms See expanded the scope of the education offered to our pupils. They were given a wide range of avenues in which to explore, discover and develop their God-given talents and presented with many opportunities to shine. One has only to visit the school to appreciate the diversity of artistic talent which has been cultivated and beautifully exhibited. The appreciation of beauty is therefore a significant part of the everyday experience of each child.

Central to the school experience has been the spirit of community which has been fostered at each level among pupils of diverse backgrounds, and the inspiration offered by the philosophy of helping our pupils “grow wings” and cultivate “roots”. All that has been accomplished would not have been possible without Ms See’s vision of education rooted in faith, her belief in young persons and in their capacity for growth and change.

The benefits of Ms See’s experience and leadership have also been generously shared in the on-going formation of her teachers and support staff. They have found in her a mentor able and willing to guide them take on their respective roles with confidence.

Ms See was fortunate to have enjoyed a fruitful partnership with the parents of her pupils and with the wider community, all of whom brought an important dimension to the education of our girls. We thank God for the gift of Ms See to the community of CHIJ (Katong) Primary and wish her every blessing in the years to come.

We now extend a warm welcome to Mrs Judina Cheong, a Catholic and a CHIJ alumna. Mrs Cheong has had extensive experience as an inspiring Biology teacher in Victoria Junior College, an effective Vice-Principal in Victoria Junior College (2000) and Anderson Secondary School (2001 – 2003) before her appointment as a Principal. Mrs Cheong has capably led Montfort Junior School (2003 – 2009) and Hai Sing Catholic School (2010 – 2016). The IJ Board of Management looks forward to working with Mrs Cheong and is confident that she will, with God's blessing, provide the leadership that CHIJ (Katong) Primary will require in the coming years in fidelity to our motto:

SIMPLE IN VIRTUE, STEADFAST IN DUTY

Yours sincerely

Vivienne Lim
Chairperson
IJ Board of Management