

LUKE 1:17 – “To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

28 March 2018

Dear VLCS Parents,

Greetings to you and your family in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for giving your time to attend this term’s PSF. We value your fellowship, partnership and prayer support.

**Minutes of Parent Staff Fellowship, 26 March 2018**

The meeting commenced at 7:00pm with prayer and welcome by Mrs Boey, followed by praise and worship led by students. The chapel was full and the presence of God was tangible.

Mrs Boey shared on the following:

**God is With Us:** We have been establishing the truth that God is with us. Our children need to know their true identity in Christ, and have the understanding that we came from God and know where we are going because we believe Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Believing that we are a new creation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God and that we are more than conquerors, above and not beneath circumstances. We encourage parents to speak God’s Word into the lives of your children and build them up in faith and in love.

**EduTrust: Assessment outcome** – Our application for EduTrust certification was rejected on the basis of insufficient documentation of operating procedures according to their seven criterion. They did commend us for doing a good ministry and that we bore much fruit. However, they do not consider the ACE manuals as our primary operational procedures, nor our Quality Status from ACE awarded to us annually since 2013. Mrs Boey tabulated the EduTrust costs: Registration/subscription fees \$2,000 per annum; Fee Protection Insurance \$15,000 per annum; Miscellaneous administrative costs \$2,000 per annum. Such costs would unduly escalate the cost of education! It has been the management’s desire not to increase school fees, making it affordable for more children to have Christian Education. Hence, we will not pursue EduTrust certification, and there is no reason to protect school fees as we do not collect more than two months at a time (as prescribed by CPE).

**Fee Structure with effect from May** - We will discontinue Fees Protection Insurance as of the end of April, so school fees for May and June will revert to as before (\$700+GST per month for junior students, \$800+GST per month for seniors). We will continue to provide Accident Insurance, with the cost being absorbed by the school. We thank God for the miracle of this Accident Insurance being provided, as the insurance company would not normally offer this policy to schools that include students with special needs. All glory to God!

**Fees for students 13 years old and above** – From 1 July 2018, students 13 years and above will be considered seniors and will pay senior fees. We also plan to open our second Junior High learning centre (JH2) in the new academic year. A one-year grace period (for fees increase) will apply for current students who would not otherwise be promoted to the senior classes (i.e. from Middle School to Junior High).

**Feedback from Parents Survey:** Mrs Boey thanked parents for good testimonies received in the survey and highlighted the following concerns raised from the survey.

1. **Safety of students in Geylang** – We have seen positive changes and experienced no community-related safety incidents in our one year here (apart from some boys who went to explore a local gaming arcade). We will continue to be salt and light in this community and dispel any fear.

**The Word of God is the means to abiding in Christ**

2. School cleanliness – School engaged HCSA residents to sweep the grounds and all students are doing a wonderful cleaning routine every Friday.
3. Sound system needs upgrading – We recently purchased new instruments and sound equipment.
4. Supervision of students in lobby – Students are encouraged to gather in their teams for prayer and devotions while staff are likewise having morning devotions before school starts each day.

**Sports Day:** (Mr Kevin Escanda)

Local sports stadiums have been pre-booked for public use on Saturdays, hence we are holding our Sports Day on a Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> April. This means that our previously calendared “off-in-lieu” (Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April) for Sports Day on a Saturday will be “off in lieu” for Family Day being held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May.

We welcome parent volunteers to help as track marshals, time-keepers, long-jump assistants, etc. If you are available, please confirm your attendance with your child’s supervisor for planning and catering purposes. Students must report directly to the Toa Payoh Stadium by 7:30am.

**Family Day:** (Mrs Valluvan)

When: Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 9am to 1pm

Where: School field, Level 1 Learning Centres, Lobby and Café

What: Activities will include parent-child outdoor races, food/fun fair, indoor games.

Why: Three-fold purpose –

- Family bonding time
- Staff and parents bonding time
- Raise funds for student conventions

**7<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Regional Student Convention:** (Mrs Boey and Mrs Valluvan)

When: September 2 to September 7

Where: St. Patrick’s Anglican Church, Tawau, Sabah, East Malaysia

Theme: Advancing the Cause – “...behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it...” (Revelation 3:8)

Number of participants this year:

- Juniors (9 to 12 years): 13
- Seniors (13 to 19 years): 33
- Total number of students: 46
- Staff: 11
- Parents: 18

Cost will be slightly higher for this convention as there is no direct flight from Singapore to Tawau, and RSC is a day longer than previously. Training will commence this week until end August. We request your prayers for the RSC preparations, booking of flights, accommodation, and raising of funds.

**Fellowship:**

We broke for supper, then separated into Junior and Senior learning centres for presentation of Honour Roll certificates, Q&A and prayer.

Fellowship ended around 8:45pm.

In His service,

Mr Alistair Quirey  
Operations Manager