



PUNGGOL SECONDARY SCHOOL

培道中学

From the Principal's Desk

January 2017

Dear Parents,

We had an exciting start to a new year as we welcomed our 2017 Secondary One cohort into our Punggol family. Our students also explored possible academic pursuits at various polytechnics. Last but not least, we ushered in the Year of the Rooster with our school celebration.

Secondary One Programmes

Orientation Camp (January 3 – 7)

The week started off with a series of introductory talks and the CCA Fair to help the Secondary One students in their transition from their primary to secondary school life. Soon, the week's most anticipated event became a reality – the Overnight Camp.

Our student leaders had definitely put in much effort to plan and facilitate the various activities held during the camp. Although the activities were challenging, the Secondary Ones did their best and showed how resilient they could be.



Secondary One students participating in station games



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During the campfire, the Secondary Ones also displayed their agility in the Mass Dance segment.

They also demonstrated responsibility by reinstating the areas they had used back to the original pristine condition before they left for home the next day.



Class Flags

Breakfast with Parents

This year, the breakfast session was held on Monday, 23 January, where 90 parents turned up.

It began with a brief overview of our school's programmes by our Vice-Principal, Mdm Ching Lee Hoe. This was followed by the focus group discussions that were chaired by the respective form teachers. The parents asked about various school programmes and policies, ranging from the Secondary One Aesthetics Programme to the school's punctuality and handphone policies. Some of the parents took the opportunity to set up group chats with fellow parents to keep each other updated on school affairs.



Hall setup

The session was a fruitful one as form teachers and subject teachers were able to start building the teacher-parent relationships to support our students better.



Teachers and parents engaged in conversation

Academic Excellence

Visits to Polytechnics (January 5 – 13)

Organised by the Education and Career Guidance (ECG) Committee, this annual learning journey to various polytechnics was aimed at equipping students with in-depth knowledge on the courses offered and their respective cut-off points for admission, student-centered programmes such as overseas student programmes, work internship opportunities and Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) at the various polytechnics.



Singapore Polytechnic Open House

Students from Secondary 2 to 5 were brought to designated institutions such as Nanyang Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic and Temasek Polytechnic.



Nanyang Polytechnic Open House

Students' Reflections

"The student leaders were welcoming and brought us around on a tour of the school. I would highly recommend this trip as it gives students an idea of what a polytechnic is and we get to know more about the courses it offers."

- Ally Adriana, 2B

"I find the trip to Singapore Polytechnic interesting and educational. I found out that the School of Design offers various courses such as Experience and Product Design, Games Design and Development, Interior Design and Visual Communication and Media Design. From this learning journey, I am determined to study hard to get into this course to realise my ambition."

- Charlene Koh, 2N3

Chinese New Year Celebration

The Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebration in Punggol Secondary School took place on 27 January.

Mr Loo Kin Ben, Chairman of the School Advisory Committee, the Parents Support Group, as well as Alumni members, joined the teachers and students for the celebration.



A captivating performance by our Dance Club

Special guests from the Bright Hill Evergreen Home were invited to attend the CNY concert, and well-wishes and gifts were presented to them as a gesture of love and care.



Presentation of gifts to guests from Bright Hill Evergreen Home

All students, school staff and other stakeholders also donated generously during our annual Ang Pao Pledge. All donations will be channelled to support the Bright Hill Evergreen Home and HCA Hospice Care.

After the celebration in the hall had ended, all teachers and stakeholders were invited for the traditional Lo Hei prepared by our Staff Well-Being Committee.



Lo Hei by Parent Support Group