

PARTNERS CONNECT

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Highlights:

Meet-and-Greet Session
(Arsenal and Liverpool
Masters)

WSQ Certification

Celebration of Success

Dear Parents and Partners,
Celebrating a New Year

May the new year bring new insights and opportunities! On behalf of the Ping Yi family, I wish to extend a warm welcome to our new Sec One students and parents/guardians. The **Partners Connect** is one way through which we update parents/guardians and other partners on key school developments. A copy is also uploaded on the school website at <http://pingyisec.moe.edu.sg>

Left: Arsenal and Liverpool
Masters Meet-and-Greet Session

Right: Parents Support Group
performing at the Swirl Concert
2017



(a) Meet-and-Greet Session (Arsenal and Liverpool Masters)

Last November, Ping Yians were privileged to meet master soccer players in a meet-and-greet session organised by APSN (Association for Persons with Special Needs). What was heartening was the opportunity for Ping Yians to build relationships with the APSN students by bonding and playing with them.

(b) Swirl: An Arts Presentation 2017

Ping Yians put on a wonderful concert of light and sound at Victoria Concert Hall on Tuesday, 21st November 2017. Produced by the various performing arts groups, homegrown student talents and the Parents Support Group, the inaugural production made everyone proud and was praised for being a night to remember.

(c) Singapore Workforce Skills Qualifications certification with At-Sunrice

Ping Yi is proud to announce that we are certified to offer Singapore Workforce Skills Qualifications (WSQ) certification in Food and Beverage Operations in partnership with At-Sunrice Global Chef Academy to lower secondary NT students from February 2018.

(d) Celebration of Success

Friends of Singa Award: Wong Hui Ting (Class 301), Bashirah Uzma Bte Ashraf Ali, Fitri Andini Bte Mohd Zain (Class 311), Muhd Nur Aiman Bin Mohd Noor (Class 312), Yeo Hong Feng (Class 402), Hemalatha D/O Letchemanan (Class 421A), Amanda Ong Yii Woon and Muhammad Hyder Tan Bin Adil Tan (Class 421B)

Future Problem Solving Program Singapore 9th National Finals Team Community Problem Solving (middle division)-
Certificate of Honourable Mention: Hengedara Vithanage Devindi Chamodya, Mariah Al Giptiah Binte Yusoff, Tan Pei Wen, Jamie, Al-Farveez Mohammed, Fared Bin Farhan, Rohan Ravishankar and Yusuf Bin Abdul Razak (Class 201)

Bright Ideas Challenge 2018: Finalist: Sweet Sugar Rainbow Unicorn - Nazeeba Banu Bte Rahman S, R Hemma Dharrshini, Ramuzudeen Aliashafreen and Sharifah Roshani Bte M S J (Class 301)

Announcements

Insurance Coverage

All students in Ping Yi Sec are provided with **basic insurance coverage** for school-related activities. However, parents are strongly encouraged to take up extended insurance coverage for their children, at their own discretion.

Traffic Safety

Please observe road safety precautions when dropping your child off at the school gate by car, as the gate is crowded with students from 7.00 to 7.30 am. Please do not turn into the recess road area near the school gates as this may endanger the safety of our students.

Appropriate Dress Code

Students are reminded to be mindful of their dress code when in school. The prescribed school uniform should be worn daily. Boys should be neatly attired and girls should have skirts of acceptable length.

PE T-shirts are only allowed on days when there are PE lessons.

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(e) Events in Term 1

Term 1/Week	Date	Event/Activity
1	Thurs 5 Jan - Fri 6 Jan	Sec 1 Camp and CCA Carnival Sec 4E/4NA/5N Poly Open House Visit
5 - 6	Mon 29 Jan - Thurs 8 Feb	MTL Fortnight
6	Fri 9 Feb	Cross Country
7	Thurs 15 Feb	Total Defence Day Commemoration and Chinese New Year Celebration
7 - 8	Fri 16 Feb - Mon 19 Feb	Chinese New Year Holidays
8 - 9	Thurs 22 Feb - Thurs 28 Feb	Integrated Programme Week (Lower Sec)
9	Mon 26 Feb - Fri 2 Mar	Sec 3 Camp
	Wed 28 Feb - Fri 2 Mar	Sec 2 Camp
10	Fri 9 Mar	Sec 4/5 Meet-the-Parents Session (6 pm)

(f) Join the Parent Support Group!

At Ping Yi Sec, we believe strongly in the value of working closely with parents to further develop our students' character and abilities. We believe that when you work closely with us, you will better understand your child's learning experiences in school. Please contact Mr Glynne Chiu at 6245 8467 or drop him an email at chiu_bang_ern_glynne@moe.edu.sg for more information.

(g) Parenting in a Nutshell: How can I be an involved parent?

Learn about Joyce Epstein's six types of parental involvement for effective school-home collaboration. Here are some practical involvement tips and suggestions that you may consider:

1. Parenting your child

- Recognise that your child has different needs at different milestones of his/her development
- Make time to connect with your child and to show an interest in his/her daily activities by actively listening and gently guiding
- Create an environment that is nurturing and affirming and look for opportunities to reinforce the values learnt at school

2. Communicating with your child's school

- Communicate with teachers to help you stay connected with your child's progress, behaviours and achievements. Discuss with them your concerns if any. Be open to ideas and feedback on your child's development
- Familiarise yourself with the various school communication platforms and channels that will best serve your needs

3. Join as a parent volunteer!

- Enrol to be a member of the school's Parent Support Group
- Contribute your service and/or expertise to school initiatives, programmes and events
- Respond to calls for assistance by your child's teachers in class-related matters

Thank you, parents and partners for your strong support! We look forward to working with you to provide the best environment for our students' development this year.

Mr Ang Chee Seng
Principal

