



ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

As I commence my 7th year as Principal of St Christopher's, it is without a doubt, one of the most challenging yet positive and satisfying starts I have had at the school. Despite the difficulties that have been faced by us all and the immense task of preparing the school and classrooms; being able to welcome the children into the school on Monday morning was a truly gratifying moment.

At the beginning of the week, I am sure that everyone, particularly the children, was excited about returning and also a little uncertain of what the new rules, structures and routines would be, and how they may change the school environment. In anticipation of this, the week has been spent, settling the children in and helping them learn the changes that are now in place. Also, the focus has been on their wellbeing as well as helping them to learn about and make sense of the virus.

I have seen adaptability, cooperation and respectfulness in abundance throughout the week, from children and staff, as they all learn how to work under the new conditions. The result has been that everyone settled quickly and brought back the calm, relaxed, friendly and purposeful atmosphere throughout the school we all know supports relationships, communication and learning.

As I look ahead, I am hopeful that in the coming weeks, the children will be able to go outside, ensuring they are physically distanced and supervised. In anticipation of this, we have begun zoning different areas of the school campus, so that lessons can take place in these spaces.

And so I cannot be prouder or more grateful than I am now of everyone in the school community, for playing their part in bringing SCIPS back to life.

Communication

Good communication at all levels is a vital component of effective and efficient schools. For this reason, it is essential that you inform us of any changes to your contact details.

As mentioned in my Welcome letter, we will be using our School App, [Skoolbag](#) as the primary mode of communication between the school and parents. Please ensure that you download the app and sign up to your child's year group.

Car Park / Drive Through

Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding, as we implement the new drive-through drop off and pickups. I feel it has been a success, and in the coming weeks, should improve and become more efficient.

We have implemented a new car sticker and would like all parents to display them so that the security guards can recognise you as a member of the school community. Car Stickers are free and available from the school office or security guard.

Woosh Coffee

We welcome back, Jonathan and Wendy, who will operate Woosh Coffee from their new walkthrough window.

Selamat Hari Merdeka and enjoy the long weekend

Martin Towse