

This is Week Two... Wishing all alumni, students & parents a Happy New Year!... Write your New Year Resolutions.

At a Glance

<p>People in Charge Parents can contact the following in addition to their form teachers for the respective programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Primary Dean of Lower Pri : Ms Ho Boon Sim Asst Dean / LP : Mrs Tan Pui Ling Head of P1: Mdm Narimah Head of P2: Mdm Felicia Lee • Middle Primary Dean of Middle Pri : Mrs Lim Kar Mui Asst Dean / MP : Mdm Juliyah Ag Head of P3: Ms Nurah Ashikin Ag Head of P4: Mdm Asmahwaty • Upper Primary Dean of Upper Pri: Ms Tan Swee Lian Asst Dean / UP : Ms Winnie Ho Head of P5: Ms Rene Ng Head of P6: Ms Karen Lau • Student Leadership & Character Development Programmes Head of PE : Mr Philip Lau Head of Pupil Dev: Mdm Juliyah Head of OE & CCA: Mr Edward Yeo Head of Student Leadership: Ms Serene Chew Head of NE: Mr Paruk Head of CEP: Ms Yeo In May Ag Head of Student Wellbeing : Mr Mike Tan 	<p>Health & Physical Fitness First There is a strong link between health & fitness with academic excellence. Students who take breakfast daily tend to do better according to research in US. Those who do not take breakfast tend to be obese. Fighting obesity is one of the key concerns for Shuqun in 2009. The school will introduce some new measures to bring about this. Key among these measures are removal of snacks and replacement of chicken rice with plain rice at the canteen. We will also be introducing morning light body conditioning workouts on certain days before the assembly. Our aim is to have 95% of students pass the physical fitness (NAPFA) test.</p>	<p>Classroom Improvements Raffles Junior College Library has kindly donated a number of second-hand bookshelves in good condition to the school. These bookshelves will be used at all class libraries. The school library is also undergoing a revamp with these shelves. During the holidays, classroom chairs and desks which were rusty have been repainted. We are also working with MOE to replace and reposition the student lockers so that they do not obstruct the classroom corridor. Watch out for other improvements we will be making to the classrooms in the months ahead. If you have any equipment (e.g. pianos) you would like to donate to the school, please contact Ms Julia Chia (Manager, Student Services).</p>
	<p>Common Tests for Term 1 & 3 Term 1 & 3 Common Tests for core subjects will both form 30% of total results. Class topical tests will be used as informal assessments to plan instruction and no longer be counted in the results of report books. Assessments like Project Work & Portfolio will continue to contribute 10% to overall results.</p>	<p>Make New Friends, See the World The prestigious Student Ambassador Programme (Sap) has been going on for four years with strong support from parents as well as our four partner schools overseas. Last year the number of P4 and P5 students grew to more than a 100. This year, our target is to select 160 deserving Shuqunites to represent us in this ambassadorial experience. Selection for preliminary training will begin soon. Please see Ms Serene Chew for more information.</p>
	<p>Fund Raising for Needy & School The number of applicants for Financial Assistance is expected to grow with the current economic meltdown. The school also needs funds to improve our facilities and provide learning corners for our students. A number of projects were stalled because of fund shortage. As a result, the school is really short of space for remedials and learning activities. We estimate that our need for 2009 will be about \$100k. We welcome any support to help us meet these need.</p>	<p>Parents Learn with Us There are many new challenges in parenting today like the internet, new syllabi and the 21st century skills. We are helping the PSG to restructure to meet these challenges. In 2009, parents can look out for Curriculum & Parenting Workshops so that they can help their children succeed. We also aim to have at least 300 parents attend our annual Shuqun Parenting Education Conference</p>

"In Singapore, kids are facing lots of distractions, be it through the media or mixing with wrong friends. So many parents worry about their children making wrong decisions in terms of character or the way they view what it means to be successful. The 7 Habits help to lay the right foundation that will help them to make good decision. They complement our efforts as parents to inculcate the right values of effectiveness at this very impressionable age " - Lai Fong Yee, Parent , quoted in Covey's "The Leader in Me"

Note: P's Letter to parents will come to you once a month except Jun & Dec. All letters from school must be filed in "School Correspondence file" to be maintained by individual students. This file will be indexed to show all letters given to parents by any relevant school personnel. Parents are requested to sign against the top right hand corner of each letter and the index page to indicate that you have read the letters. Thank you for cooperation.