



# Lodge Group of Schools

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## Newsletter to Parents

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### 1. Google / Gmail Accounts for Students

Students in the following classes have been assigned Google / Gmail accounts which were created based on their school admission number. Each account has a password which is managed by the students themselves. Teachers will be uploading learning materials onto this learning management system, which is aimed to aid the students' learning at home. It would be highly appreciated if parents can help to monitor the children's activities on our Google Classroom initiatives and provide us with constructive feedback.

- i. International School - all students from Year 7 to Year 12
- ii. National Primary School - all students from Primary 4, 5 and 6
- iii. National Secondary - all students from Form 1 to Form 5

The school will provide user training to students as well as teachers on how to engage the optimal potential of this learning management system.

### 2. National School and International School Students Admission Policies



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- a. Lodge School admits students based on academic merits. Students need to achieve minimum standards set by the assessment panels of each school through written assessment and formal interview. In the National schools, students are admitted according to age cohort (for example: a child born in 2010 will be admitted to Primary 1 in 2017 and a child born in 2009 will be admitted to Primary 2).
  - b. In International School, admission is based on English Language, Science and Mathematics proficiency, thus children are admitted into Year 2 (our initial year in International School) based on their proficiency level, and not their age. For the other levels, applicants will sit for their admission assessment based on their most recent academic level, and will be assigned to the level that is most suitable for their proficiency level. (for example: UPSR graduates will sit for Year 7 assessment and PT3 graduates will sit for Year 10 assessment).
  - c. In Lodge Kindergarten, assessment for entry is based on children's readiness to study which is assessed through a simple language and numeracy assessment.

### 3. Appointment of Deputy Principal in Lodge National Primary School

- a. The School Management has approved the appointment of Ms. Phang Cheng Ling and Ms Christine Linang as Deputy Principal for Lodge National Primary School with effect from 1 March 2017. This would enable Lodge National Primary School to streamline the operation of the school. Subsequently, the title of Headmaster in Primary School will be also changed to Principal.

### 4. Punctuality in School

- a. Students are expected to be in school 15 minutes before the first lesson in the morning. As of now, latecomers are causing the loss of valuable instructional time in the morning. We have tried to get the students ready by providing programmes like Silent Reading Time 15 minutes before the actual lessons in the morning. This programme has helped to improve the situation in National Primary School. In National Secondary, the situation has not improved.
- b. Director has informed all students in National Primary and Secondary School that a **closed door policy** will be implemented effective 6th March 2017. All teachers teaching the first lesson in the morning will not admit students into the class 5 minutes after the first morning bell. (2 demerit points will be given for first occurrence, 3 demerit points for second occurrence and 5 demerit points for 3rd occurrence: **Code D5 of the School Rules**). An allowance of 10 minutes will be

given for bad weather conditions. We would appreciate full cooperation from all parents to educate our children on punctuality and tardiness to reduce loss of teaching and learning time in the classrooms.

#### **4. Paging System in All Schools**

We are putting in place a paging system in all drop off and pick up areas in our schools. We seek parents' co-operation by placing a placard on your car dashboard which shows your child's name and class he/she is in. This will enable us to page for the children by calling their name and class when their parent/guardian arrives to pick them up after school.

The recommended size of the placard shall be 50cm long x 15cm wide, with the information displayed as shown below:

**JORDAN CHIAM (1.1)**

#### **5. Co-Curriculum Activities Update for February 2017**

<b>Games/Sports</b>	<b>Achievements</b>	<b>Teachers involved</b>
Sarawak Age Group Swimming Competition (10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> February)	Tristan Yeo - 3 bronzes in 50m, 100m, 200m breaststrokes and 1 bronze in freestyle relay  Amber Wee - 2 golds in IM relay and freestyle relay and 1 bronze in 200m backstroke	

	<p>Carriane Chua - 4 bronzes in 200m breaststroke, 200m backstroke, IM relay and freestyle relay</p> <p>Emma Wee - 2 golds in relays, 1 silver in 50m fly and 2 bronzes in 50m free and 50m breaststroke</p> <p>Roger Loh - 1 gold in free relay and 1 silver in medley relay</p> <p>Note: Emma Wee was selected to represent Sarawak in the National Age Group from 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Melaka</p>	
<p>MSS Sarawak Pingpong Competition, Sibul (12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> February)</p>	<p>Derrick Tsai - 3 golds in team event, doubles and boys single event.</p> <p>Gabriel Ling - 2 golds in team event, doubles and 1 silver in boys single.</p> <p>Andrea Tan - 1 silver in team event and 1 bronze in girls doubles.</p> <p>Elicia Tsai - 1 silver in team event and 1 bronze in girls doubles.</p> <p>Note: Derrick Tsai and Gabriel Ling are selected to represent Sarawak in MSSM InterState in Johor 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017</p>	
<p>MSS Sarawak Squash Competition, Sibul (14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> February)</p>	<p>Kueh Jong Jian - 3<sup>rd</sup> position in boys u-18 team event</p> <p>Kueh Jong Chun - 2<sup>nd</sup> position in boys u-15 team event</p> <p>No medals given; trophies kept by Kuching Division Education Office.</p>	<p>Willie Liew</p>

MSSR Kuching Zone A Athletic Meet (Primary school) 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2017, Tabuan Jaya Mini Stadium	Ashley Jane Kush - Gold medal shot putt William Imohi - 2 Gold medals in 100m and long jump Eva Ng - Silver medal shot putt Jacklyn Phang - Bronze medal high jump Grace Tan - Bronze medal high jump Crystal Ong - Bronze medal 100m  Note: Crystal Ong, Ashley Jane and William Imohi are selected for InterDistrict	
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## 6. Lodge National Secondary School Prefects Training Camp

On 24th -26th February 2017, the prefects of Lodge National Secondary School held its annual training camp at the school compound. This was well participated by 48 prefects and supervised by their teacher advisors. The activities and input sessions were all planned and carried out by the Executive Board of Prefects which tested the prefects on teamwork, critical thinking, problem-solving and maximising resources. They have learnt to be independent and more responsible as they camped in school for the weekend.

## 7. PT3 & SPM National Secondary School Information

Please be informed that the Mid Year Examination for Form 3 (PT3) and Form 5 (SPM) candidates have been changed. The Mid Year Examinations for both levels have been shifted to **earlier** dates due to changes in the public examination timetable. **The revised dates are as follow:**

<b>Form 3</b>	<b>3rd - 7th April 2017</b>
<b>Form 5</b>	<b>3rd - 13th April 2017</b>

A detailed timetable and circular will be issued to all Form 3 and 5 students/parents in due time.

## 8. HELP University School Magazine Workshop

On 25th February 2017, Lodge National Secondary School hosted the School Magazine Workshop organised by HELP University, KL. 95 students from 10 schools in Kuching attended this workshop, which aimed to equip them with the skills and knowledge to produce a quality school magazine. Workshops were held simultaneously, namely Editorial Concept, Photography and News Writing for the students and a Teachers' Dialogue for all accompanying teachers.

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In the afternoon, the participants gathered in their school teams for the HELP Magazine Competition of which they were to produce a 3-page A4-size soft copy mock-up of the school magazine with skills acquired from the workshop. The winners will be announced by 30 May 2017.

5 students from Career Club volunteered as helpers for this event, namely Beatrice Ting, Cheryl Voon, Gordon Tchang, Nicole Chai and Mikki Sim. They were commended to have created a positive impression of Lodge School to the organisers, teachers and students from the participating schools.

## 9. Lodge International School Morning Coffee Session with Parents

On 25th February 2017, a number of International School parents turned up for the inaugural Coffee Morning, where they had face-to-face interaction with the school leaders. After a quick update of the school year thus far, and a preview of the upcoming school events, parents spoke candidly on several issues, mainly surrounding:

- (a) Traffic congestion outside and into the school compound: Parents present found out more about the school's initiatives to improve the situation. This would also require the cooperation of all parents.
- (b) The use of ICT in teaching and learning: The school leaders shared more about the latest ICT updates in the school, and also how ICT has been employed in both classroom teaching and student learning.
- (c) Communication with parents: Apart from the traditional method of monthly circulars, the school also provided updates on the works in progress to improve digital communication with parents.

The next Coffee Morning will be held at the second half of the year. International School parents are invited to join the school leaders at this next get-together.

## 10. Use of Parent's Tag and Visitors' Tag

Parents who would like to visit your children are advised to use **Parent/Guardian/Driver Tag** when you have to be in the school compound. Should you forget to bring along your Parent Tag, please register for a visitor's pass with the School Watchman. We seek your cooperation to adhere to our safety regulations.

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Director  
Lodge Group of Schools