

December 10, 2020

Dear alumnae and friends of Ying Wa,

2020 has been a tough year. Amid the global pandemic, lockdowns, and social unrest, you may feel stressed or lost at times. You may even find it hard to rejoice and give thanks. Yet, it is important to remember the scripture in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 “in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”.

We thank our Lord for sending His son Jesus Christ to mankind. His love and promise for us makes Christmas a season of hope and light. We are also heartened by His blessings in our various school events:



120th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

Celebrating God’s unfailing grace over the past 120 years, we are honoured to have invited Rev. Lee Ching Chee (李清詞牧師) to give a sermon at the Silcocks Hall on October 17, 2020. Quoting



Revelation 21:5 “Behold, I make all things new”, Rev. Lee encouraged us to always look up to Him especially in times of change and uncertainty. It is only through prayers that we can be comforted, lifted up and be hopeful in this ‘new normal’. I would also like to express my gratitude to you for joining us in the service, physically or virtually.

School Redevelopment Album and School Magazine

Capturing the precious moments of history, our School Redevelopment Album, ‘Space for Transformation – The Redevelopment Years’, and School Magazine, ‘A New Horizon’, were published just in time to celebrate the school’s 120th anniversary.



The Redevelopment Album brings us to travel a decade-long journey, allowing us to witness how this unprecedented project could be accomplished in God’s hands. Our School Magazine records all our unforgettable memories over these five years, in particular, the Big Move from the Sham Shui Po

decanting site back to our Robinson Road campus last year. You will also have a glimpse of how we utilise the new facilities to maximize our students’ learning.



These written records not only prove the concerted effort and unyielding devotion of our Ying Wa family members, but they are also a recollection of our blessings from God.



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The 1926 Heritage Block

The conservation and revitalisation of the first kindergarten in Hong Kong has always been our important task. The exterior renovation work of this Heritage Block has been finished while the interior renovation is in good progress. We welcome all of you to come

and visit it if the situation allows it.



JUPAS offer in 2020

The surge in Covid-19 cases left our Form Six graduates in limbo. Despite the cancellation of the language speaking papers and postponement of examinations, our students managed to achieve good results. We have received the highest JUPAS offer rate since 2012! Applause is due to our students, and another round of applause to our parents and teachers who have experienced the emotional roller coaster ride with them!

New mindset for teachers and students

Distance learning has never been as indispensable as it is today. Lessons, assessments, assemblies and school activities are entirely online. Thrusting into virtual learning has certainly brought us a new set of challenges but we see them as opportunities to keep our students connected and motivated.

I appreciate my strong team members who take the initiative to rethink and explore creative teaching pedagogies to engage students in online learning. Our students have adapted well to this virtual learning environment. This new paradigm shift in education has taught us one thing: learning never ends. We need to always get ourselves ready to learn, unlearn and relearn.

Sponsored Walk

The annual Sponsored Walk, our much-cherished tradition, was held on November 20, 2020. To safeguard public health, we did not walk up to the Peak as usual. All students and teachers strolled around the Robinson Road Campus by climbing up and down nine staircases. We are pleased to announce that more than \$280,000 was raised and 90% of the donation will be sent to 22 charitable organisations. In keeping with our tradition, let us always remember to put others' needs before our own.

Homecoming Day

A long-awaited Homecoming Day is scheduled on March 27, 2021, if allowed. More detailed information will be released in due course.

With Christmas ending the year, it is time for us to look inwards and seek the Spirit of Christ, for His presence is our best Christmas present. May your Christmas be blessed in all the best ways and may the New Year bring hope and happiness!



Francis Kwan
Principal

Merry Christmas