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## 2008 - Year of Excellence

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In the Year of Victory last year, we learnt to acquire the three important 'be' attitudes in life - be always thankful (a thankful heart releases power)

- be always victorious (believe you can have victory and never give up)  
- be always a blessing to others (that's the purpose for your life)

Indeed, we saw many victories at the school level in 2007. There was a breakthrough in our PSLE results. We were recognized by Ministry of Education (MOE), in their press release, as one of the top-10 most improved schools. Our average T-Score aggregate was improved by 7.8 points from 208.4 in 2006 to reach 216.2. Our top pupil, Jolyn Khoo, also achieved an aggregate of 275 which was a record high in at least the last five years

In aesthetics, we received MOE's Sustained Achievement Award for Performing Arts due to the excellence in Chinese Orchestra, Guzheng Ensemble and Chinese Dance. Our CCA groups also showcased their excellent skills and teamwork in a sold-out public performance at the National Library's Drama Centre.

In sports, our table tennis senior boys emerged as the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-

up in the East Zone Inter-School Tournament and were ranked within top 8 positions in the National Tournament. Two of our pupils, Leon Goh and Arnold Teo, also emerged as Champion Stackers, and the school emerged the Overall School Champion in the Crazy Cups Challenge.

I believe there are also victories in each staff member and pupil as each grows to be a better person. 2007 marks only a new beginning of many victories in each of our lives. We will move from victory to victory as we continue to live out the three 'be' attitudes.

### 2008 - Year of Excellence

This year, we will do three things:

1. Remember the values of our forefathers.  
Find answers to questions such as the following:  
- Who founded the school?  
- Why did they found the school?  
- How did they found the school?  
- What has sustained the school's success?

Then obtain understanding of the values of our forefathers and embrace them.

2. Recreate a new mould in our minds.

A mould in our mind consists of what we think we are able to achieve and the patterns of things we do. To have excellence, you need to break the old mould and put a new mould in your minds. You need to:

- Imagine the excellence you can achieve and form a clear picture of your excellence in 2008.
- Do things differently

3. Rebuild a strong relationship among us.

Excellence is a journey. How boring and meaningless it is if you are alone on your journey of excellence! How great the excellence can be if we work on it together as a team!

Therefore, we will rebuild a relationship of love and care among us. We will find joy and excitement in our journey of excellence as we encourage one another to persevere and to do our best.

I wish all of you a Year of Excellence!

- Mrs Cheng Huey Teng  
Principal

## Ngee Ann Newbies

Admin Staff (L-R):  
Ms Pearlina Kwok (Administration Support), Mdm Manam (Administration Manager) and Ms Sally Tan (Administration Support)



Teaching Staff (L-R):  
Mr Farook, Mr Hoon Wei Sheng, Mdm Fauziah, Mr Mugesan and Ms Joan Tan



Teaching Staff (L-R):  
Mr Ow Yong Tuck Yang, Mdm Ruby Tan and Mr Abdolah



Mr Khalid Ms Eunice Sow



# EMPOWERMENT for Learning



Literacy is the key to empowerment for learning; therefore the importance of reading programmes across the levels. We envision children who enjoy using the language and are confident doing it. Hence, we are fine-tuning our reading programme seriously and are taking Strategies For English Language Learning and Reading, STELLAR as a new platform for English learning in the school.

At Ngee Ann, there is also explicit teaching of grammar skills

We have noticed the importance of family support in terms of inculcating the love of reading in children because a child who loves reading and reads well, is a child who is able to learn all realms of knowledge easily.

- Contributed by Mdm Rafeah Yahya  
Head of Department, English

## TOWARDS EXCELLENCE IN Chinese Language Learning @ Ngee Ann

Pupils of Chinese Language will experience changes in the curriculum. The P3s and P4s are experiencing changes this year. P5s and P6s on the other hand will experience it in 2009 and 2010 respectively.

Teaching of Chinese Language in our school is purposeful and systematic. In P1 and P2, oral skills and character recognition are emphasized. Concurrently interest in reading is nurtured. For the older pupils in P3 and P4, writing and reading skills are emphasized.

The Higher Chinese Language Programme is available to selected pupils from P2 to P4.

During 2008, Pupils from P1 through to P6 will be able to avail themselves of Chinese Language enrichment courses organised by Ngee Ann Primary and conducted by external language centers. Courses such as Hanyu Pinyin Enrichment (P1 level), Learning Chinese the Pictorial way (P2 level) and Chinese Language Creative Writing Course (P3 through P6 level) have also been arranged.

- Contributed by  
Ms Tang Siaw Wen  
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## Malay Language HIGHLIGHTS!



Our 2007 PSLE top P6EM Malay and Higher Malay pupils

In 2007 PSLE, P6EM(combined stream) pupils taking Malay as 2<sup>nd</sup> Language achieved 100% passes. Siti Alikah (P6 Honesty) and Siti Nurhaniani (P6 Joy) obtained A\* for the subject. Out of 22 pupils, 16 of them managed to achieve quality passes i.e. (A / A\*) for Malay language. For Higher Malay, 5 out of 6 pupils were able to obtain at least a Pass grade. A Malay pupil, Muhd Haziq from class P6 Respect managed to achieve a Distinction grade for the subject. 100% passes were also achieved by our Malay P6EMs pupils. 2 out of 8 pupils successfully obtained Grade 1 for Basic Malay. The two pupils were Muhd Fadli and Shahrin Maran from class P6 Care. Overall, these achievements surpassed those in 2006 PSLE.

- Contributed by Mr Ridwan Abas  
Malay Language Co-Ordinator

## Tamil Language HIGHLIGHTS!

### A New Wave For Tamil

It might interest you to know that a new curriculum will be introduced this year for P1 and P4. As such there will be a change of text books and workbooks. In the wings for next year is the new curriculum for P5 and P6. Under the new curriculum, oral skills and Tamil alphabet instructions will be emphasized for P1 and P2 pupils. A longer period of two years will be dedicated to teaching of Tamil alphabets to P1 and P2 pupils. On the other hand, under the new curriculum, emphasis will be placed on spoken Tamil for P3 and P4 pupils. This is to improve pupils' oral skills and to encourage pupils to speak and express themselves fluently in Tamil.

### "Project Teach" by SINDA

We have introduced this programme in our school this year. It is a school based tutorial programme for Indian students. It is aimed to improve the academic performance of students by providing individualized attention through small group tutoring. Lessons are conducted by experienced tutors twice a week after school curriculum hours for core subjects like English, Mathematic and Science.

- Contributed by Mrs Megalai  
Tamil Language Co-Ordinator





