

Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2017 school year. I am excited to welcome back our staff, students and parents for the new school year and a warm welcome to our 2017 P1 cohort. 2016 has been a year of renewed purpose for the school as we worked hard towards our school mission - Build Character, Challenge Minds and Enrich Lives. Yumin students and staff have accomplished so much in 2016 and have so many reasons to celebrate. My school team and I are happy to share with all parents that Yumin was validated by a team from MOE in Aug 2016 and was conferred 'Best Practice' in the following areas:

- Teaching and Learning
- Student All-Round Development
- Character and Citizenship Education
- Staff Well-Being and Development

These accomplishments would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff, the School Advisory Committee, our Parent Support Group (PAPA) and a dedicated team of parent volunteers for their contributions in school programmes.

We strive to create a supportive and inclusive environment that brings back joy in learning; where students are encouraged to explore their potential and achieve their personal best in all aspects of school life. Students will be challenged and engaged through authentic learning opportunities that inspire them to develop creativity, confidence and resilience to become independent and life-long learners. This is carried out through our total curriculum comprising the core subjects for literacy and numeracy along with the school distinctive programmes - Learning for Life and the Applied Learning Programmes.

Learning is not an easy process! It involves sharing ideas, making mistakes, and attempting new experiences. Learning involves hard work by everyone, the teacher, the parent, the principal, but most importantly the student. I hope you will share the following story of the Bumblebee with your child.

### **THE BUMBLEBEE**



According to scientists, the bumblebee's body is too heavy and its wing span too small. Aerodynamically, the bumblebee cannot fly. But the bumblebee doesn't know that and it keeps flying. When you don't know your limitations, you go out and surprise yourself. In hindsight, you wonder if you had any limitations. The only limitations a person has are those that are self-imposed. Let us remove these self-imposed limitations from our children. I remind our Yumin

Champions of the school motto which teaches them how they can be Champions.



We believe that a home/school partnership is necessary for the success of all of our students. There are numerous volunteer opportunities in which we welcome you to become involved. Working in partnership with our network of parents, alumni and other stakeholders we have been able to sustain our efforts in grooming our students in becoming future ready individuals equipped with right values and 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies.

Our journey towards excellence will continue and we look forward to delivering a student-centric, values-driven education to all our students. I look forward to partnering with you to make this an exciting and successful year for our students.

Warmest regards  
Mdm C Dimps Rao  
Principal