

## Principal's Foreword 2015

Compliments of the Season and a very Happy New Year!



Thank you everyone for your support and warm welcome to Yumin Primary School. I am honoured to serve as principal of such a warm and special school community. Please allow me to give a brief introduction of myself. My education at Raffles Girls School was deeply enhanced by my teachers; not only did they provide me with a sound foundation, they inspired me to realise that education is more than just interacting with letters and numbers. I was a Research Officer at the Department of Biological Sciences (NUS), when I first discovered my passion for teaching. I completed my Masters in Molecular Biology and become an educator in 1998 with the hope of moulding the future generations of our society, shaping them into lifelong learners with inquiring minds. Today, my dream is very much alive as I stand at the helm of Yumin Primary School, an institution which envisions A Champion in Every Child.

At Yumin, every child matters and we believe that there is a Champion waiting to be discovered. We aim to develop every student to be a Yumin Champion who is a:

Confident & Effective  
Communicator

Critical & Creative  
Thinker

Gracious & Caring  
Citizen

We know that a good education will produce good outcomes. But, what constitutes good outcomes for our children at the end of 6 years of primary education? *“Is it the marks in a report book? Is it our children’s capacity to withstand the changes and chances of life beyond schooling? Is it their ability to both lead and work collaboratively? Is it their ability to make the right choices guided by a foundation of good morals and values?”*

Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century must be broader and bolder. A 21<sup>st</sup> century school needs to do much more than ensuring good marks in a report book. Indeed, a good education must provide children with the competencies necessary for the future and nurture a heart that is generous and caring. I would like to set high expectations for our students with regard to academic performance, participation in co-curricular activities as well as responsible citizenship at school and in the community. I am asking each student to make a commitment to having Yumin **PRIDE** (Personal Responsibility in Daily Efforts) by being active participants in their learning and acting responsibly as an individual within our learning community.

Parents, my request to you is to please make time to:

- Ask your child specific questions about their time at school. For example, *“What was the most interesting thing you did in math class today?”* or *“Tell me about your science experiment.”*
- Communicate with your child’s teachers to establish a successful home/school connection and to better understand how your child is learning and growing.

Your interest and concern in your child’s activities and progress will motivate them to do their best.

I am privileged to have the opportunity to lead and work alongside our highly committed, dedicated and professional staff and wonderful partners. As a team, we strive to provide a student-centric, values based education for every Yumin Champion. We look forward to scaling greater heights through these collaborative partnerships.

2015 will be an important milestone in Yumin Primary School’s history as we celebrate our 40th anniversary as well as our country’s 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday (<https://www.singapore50.sg/en/WhatsOn.aspx>). My staff and I look forward to working together with parents, stakeholders and the community to co-create the future of Yumin and to chart its next phase of growth.

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