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Dear Parents & Guardians

CHANGE OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Welcome back to school! As you may be aware, there has been a change of leadership in CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity. Miss Debra Saw retired as School Principal on 31 December 2016. Ms Christina Teo (formerly Principal of St. Anthony's Primary School) was appointed as Principal-Designate of CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity with effect from 15 December 2016, and thereafter as Principal with effect from 1 January 2017.

Members on the IJ Board of Management join me in expressing our deep appreciation of all that Miss Debra Saw has accomplished for the growth of CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity since her appointment on 15 December 2012. Under her able and encouraging leadership, CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity has forged ahead as a vibrant and thriving Primary School. Academic performance has gone hand in hand with a rich cultural experience for each pupil in an environment where the spiritual dimension of each person is respected and nourished.

During her tenure, Miss Saw expanded the scope of the education offered to our pupils. They were given a wide range of avenues in which to explore, discover and develop their God-given talents. We feel a great sense of pride when we recall our girls' impressive performance in 'Anastasia' and 'Olivia'. One has only to visit the school to appreciate the diversity of artistic talent which has been cultivated and beautifully exhibited. The appreciation of beauty is therefore a significant part of the everyday experience of each child. Central to the school experience has been the spirit of community which has been fostered at each level among pupils of diverse backgrounds, and the inspiration offered by the philosophy of helping our pupils "grow wings" and cultivate "roots".

All that has been accomplished would not have been possible without Miss Saw's vision of education rooted in faith, her belief in young persons and in their capacity for growth and change. We thank God for the gift of Miss Saw to the community of CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity and wish her every blessing in the years to come.

We now extend a warm welcome to Ms Christina Teo, a Catholic and a CHIJ alumna. Ms Teo has had extensive experience as an English Language Specialist in MOE before her appointment as a School Principal. Ms Teo has capably led Canossa Convent Primary School (2004 – 2010) and St. Anthony's Primary School (2011 – 2016). The IJ Board of Management looks forward to working with Ms Teo and is confident that Ms Teo will, with God's blessing, provide the leadership that CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity will require in the coming years in fidelity to our motto:

SIMPLE IN VIRTUE, STEADFAST IN DUTY

Yours sincerely

Vivienne Lim
Chairperson
IJ Board of Management