Dear Parents, Teachers and Boys,

Happy new school year! On behalf of PTA please accept my warmest congratulations to all Grade One students and parents in joining this big Diocesan Family. Year 2012-2013 was another successful but rather challenging year for both the school and the PTA. As we commence in earnest anticipation of an exciting and progressive new school year, I would like to share with you a few memorable events and achievements of the PTA (Primary Division) last year.

Annual General Meeting
More than 230 members attended the AGM. Twelve parent members of the primary division (two from each grade) were elected after the meeting. Together with 4 teacher representatives, the Headteacher and the Immediate Past Chairperson, the Executive Committee of a number of 18 was formed for Year 2012-2013. The office bearers were then elected amongst the Executive Committee members.

School Fete
The whole school, teachers, parents, and students, together with the Parent-Teacher Association, set up sales booths at the school hall and 6 game stalls in the school field. A garden fete lunch was served and game stall design competition was completed with 6 award-winning families. I would like to thank all the parent volunteers for their contributions and active participation in making the annual event a resounding success. Special thanks must be given to Ms. Paulina Pau and Ms. Sylvia Huang for their hard work on the fete lunch and games stalls respectively.

Pre 10 Km FunD Run
The Pre10Km FunD Run was specially organized for the primary boys and their parents in promoting sporting health in the school community, as well as raising funds for the school. It was well supported by our boys and parents - more than 300 entrants for the race. I would like to thank Prof. Benny Zee, Mr. Sydney Mok and all parent helpers in making this event another successful one.

Cleaning Day
The Annual School Cleaning Day and Health Talk were held on 28th January 2013. It was a unique learning experience to teach our boys to take care of the school environment. Dr. Peter Lam coordinated more than 110 parent volunteers in joining the event. The boys worked very hard in the cleaning competition and participated actively in the Q&A session of the health talk which was delivered by Dr. William Chan. It also gave the students an opportunity to thank the Janitors on stage for serving the school so well.

May Outing
Nearly 750 students, parents and teachers joined this annual PTA Outing, which was the highlight of the year to visit the Kam Tin Country Club in the morning for various outdoor activities. We then went to Regal Airport Hotel to enjoy an afternoon of buffet lunch and magic show at its recently renovated ballroom. I would like to thank Mr. Henry Wong, Dr. Raymond Sin and the Organizing Committee for working so hard on the logistics. Without their support and close supervision, it could not have been such a joyful occasion.
Parents’ Seminar
To enhance the knowledge of parents on parenting and to understand more about the musical development for our boys, the PTA had organized two parents’ forums this school year. The first parents’ seminar was held in January 2013, with Prof. Gabriel Leung (Dean of Faculty of Medicine, University of Hong Kong) discussing the musical development pathway.

The second seminar was held in May 2013. We were so happy to have Professor Sing-Wing Wong (Professor of Sociology, City University of Hong Kong) to share with us the topic of “憤威並施-管教孩子之道”. Both seminars attracted more than 100 parents each and the echo was encouraging.

Parents’ Forum
The PTA held two parents’ forums in October and December last year to enhance communication between parents, teachers and the school. We obtained positive feedbacks from parents. Their questions and comments were well appreciated and forwarded to the school management team for review. These were mainly on matters related to teaching methods, lunchbox issues, school bus and traffic issues. Responses from the school were posted on the intranet. This open and transparent channel of communication and dialogue was regarded as most useful and constructive.

Cultural and Welfare Activities
Thank to Ms. Sharon Lu’s efforts, various cultural activities were organized by the PTA during the year, including priority booking, discounted tickets and even complimentary tickets for performances of Hong Kong Repertory Theatre, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, Hong Kong 18 Symphony Orchestra, etc.

On 2nd November 2012, the PTA also brought our families a piano recital and master class by Mr. Alpin Hong, a multi-talented and inspiring music educator from the U.S, at our new auditorium. All attending families and friends enjoyed a fun musical evening by his stunning performances and inspirational master class.

With the help of our Co-opt member, Mr. Henry Tong, the PTA had negotiated some discount privileges for our boys in some leading book stores and music shop in town, namely Cosmos Books, Swindon, HK Book Centre, Kelly & Walsh, BookanZen, T.H. LEE (天利行) and Tom Lee Music.

Soccer Fun Day
This is a major event this year for our parents and boys. Credits should be given to Mr. Joe Ngai, Dr. Peter Lam and Mr. Sydney Mok for their kind organization of 4 soccer practice sessions and a big soccer fun day during the year. Each practice attracted more than 60 participants and more than 200 people joined our fun day. Besides the friendly match for our parents, a qualified soccer coach was present to teach our boys soccer skills. All participants enjoyed the happy Sunday afternoons. We will keep this as a routine function of the PTA.

School Traffic, School bus and Lunch Sub-committees
The School Traffic Sub-committee, chaired by Mr. Stephen Chang, the School Bus Sub-committee chaired by Dr. William Chan and Mr. Nicky Lee faced a very challenging year. More than 8 meetings for the school bus and traffic issue were held and every member had contributed a lot to make the stuff go as smoothly as it could be. After all the tendering process we will have Poon’s return to be our service provider in the coming school year. As previous years, we promise to do our best in defending the interests of our boys and parents in the coming school year.

The Lunch Sub-committee, chaired by Ms. Annette Tam, is responsible for drafting the monthly lunch menu and monitoring the quality and nutritional values of the food provided by our food caterer, Hearty Meal. A number of food tasting sessions and kitchen visits were also organized for our parents throughout the school year. A questionnaire was designed to collect the opinions and suggestions from the parents/students which was reflected to the caterer accordingly.

DBSPTAL-PD Facebook Group
Under the leadership of Mr. Joe Ngai, we have created a secret facebook group under the name “DBSPTA-PD”. All PTA members are welcome to join this private Facebook group. We have more than 800 facebook friends so far. To join the group, please send your Facebook email address to dbspta_pd@dbspd.edu.hk or dbspatalpd@gmail.com (with the student’s name, class and class number for verification). We will add you as a “friend” and invite you into the group. We are looking forward to seeing you on our Facebook page!

PTA Website (http://www.dbspd.edu.hk/dbspta_pd/)
The PTA webpage is linked with the school website. A new website was designed by Mr. Stephen Chang and maintained by Dr. William Chan this year. This is really a nice one and parents can view the photos and information of our events in a very convenient way.

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
This year the Grade 6 Graduation Dinner was held on 30th Jun 2013 at Golden Mile Hotel to celebrate the graduation of our Grade 6 boys and also to thank the teachers and
Message from the Vice-Chairperson

It has been a privilege to serve in DBSPD-PTA for four consecutive years. Through serving in committees on transportation/school bus, technology/facebook, football, seminars, PTA has been an important part of my association with the school. When I look back on all the people that have played a part in PTA's success, I am very thankful for the commitment from both the parents and the teachers to make the school the place it is today.

The past year I have been the vice-chair of the committee, and have been involved in various efforts, from school-bus to fund-raising to helping with the new DBS Foundation that will be set up this fall. It has been a pleasure to work with Ronnie Cheng, Phyllis Lo and the PD teachers, as well as Tony Tsui and the PTA parents. In particular, I still remember how our Chairman Tony spent countless hours during the early part of the school year to help smooth out the school-bus logistics. In many ways, these challenges helped us bond even more in the PTA!

Volunteers’ Tea Party
Throughout the year, over 400 parents contributed their valuable time to help in various functions, especially those helping in the library, the School Fete, School Cleaning Day, Open House, Pre-10km Fun Run, Soccer practices, the sub-committees, G6 Graduation Dinner Party, and being our story moms and dads, etc. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parent volunteers, PTA Executive Committee members, Teachers’ representatives and in particular, our Headteacher Ms Phyllis Lo for their tremendous support and contributions. Certificates of Appreciation were distributed to parent volunteers at the end of the school term and a Parent Volunteers’ tea party was held on 12th July 2013 to acknowledge their unfailing efforts throughout the year.

The Way Forward
The primary role of PTA is to facilitate communications among parents and to foster effective home-school collaboration. The success of PTA depends on the active participation of both parents and teachers. It is through teamwork, enhanced communication and mutual understanding that we can reach our common goal in promoting a warm and sustainable nurturing environment to our boys. I would like to enlist your continual participation and support to both the school and PTA.

I am an old boy of the school and connected to the school for nearly 30 years. After my 5 years’ service to the PTA as a parent representative, I had learned more about the difficulty our parents now are facing and the intention of our school trying to educate our boys well. I am fortunate enough to work with our dedicated exco-members, parents, teachers who share one common dream: ‘The better the school, the better our boys’.

Lastly, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Ronnie Cheng, Ms. Phyllis Lo and Mrs. Emily Yip for their endless contribution in nurturing our next generation.

In the end, may I wish you and your boys an enjoyable and successful journey here. I can assure every one of you that you won’t be regretted for your time spent in DBS.

Dr. Tony Tsui
Chairperson of the DBSPTA Ltd. (Primary Division)
The school year of 2012-2013 has been another eventful year of DBSPD and the DBSPTA-PD. Many successful and memorable functions were organized in collaboration with parents, and all events have been well attended. The School Fete, Pre-10km FunD Run, School Cleaning Day, PTA Family Outing, Parents’ Seminars and G6 Graduation Dinner are just some representative events that manifest the concerted efforts of our staff and parents.

We strongly believe that a child’s education is best served by a strong partnership between home and school. We have dedicated ourselves to enhancing home-school communication and have set up many different channels to keep parents abreast of the latest information about school events, announcements and notices.

I trust the school has done a fairly good job in cultivating a harmonious atmosphere and a vibrant school culture in DBS. In recent years, we have put in extra resources into refining the school atmosphere and the moral education for our boys. We are also working on developing an enhanced platform that would enrich students’ collaborative experience with technology. More and more overseas study trips are also being organized as a means to broaden students’ horizon and to empower them to become independent learners.

We are extremely encouraged to see some extraordinary achievements that our boys are starting to demonstrate in international competitions. Our School Treble Choir is the Champion of Junior Children’s Choir (Under 12) and 3rd Place Winner of Children’s Folk Choir (Under 18) in the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, UK; Our G6 School Robotics Team secured the 2nd Place for Core Values Presentation for Best Gracious Professionalism in the First Lego League Open European Championship in Germany; and our Mathematics Team was awarded the Champion for Team Contest and 1st Runner-up for Group Contest in the Bulgaria International Mathematics Competition. These initial successes of our students affirm the fine standard of our DBSPD boys in the universal arenas and that the efforts put in by our boys, teachers and parents are well worth it.

I would like to thank all parents of the PD and the Executive Committee members of the DBSPTA-PD, especially the Chairman Dr. Tony Tsui, for your contributions and untiring support to the school over the past years. The 2013-2014 academic year will undoubtedly be another exciting year, and I look forward to our continued partnership and your full support!

Ms. Phyllis Lo
Headteacher of DBSPD
August 2013
Election of Executive Committee
29 Sep 2012

DBSPTA Inauguration Day and Parents’ Forum
20 Oct 2012
The annual DBS School Fete and Garden Fete Lunch were successfully held on 11th November 2012. I was a new parent to the school as my elder boy was a G1 boy in September 2012 and my first task was to help organize this big event. I was so excited! To me it was really an unforgettable experience. Being the representative of the PTA-primary division and a member of the Organizing Committee, I was amazed by the heartfelt and holistic support from over hundred parent volunteers. In particular, I was so touched by the positive responses and support when I made phone calls over to a hundred Grade 1 parents to invite them as parent helpers. Together as a big group, each of us did have a very happy day and we served over a thousand guests during the Fete Lunch. Unwittingly, friendship was built up among parent helpers. I look forward to helping for the annual School Fete in 2013.

Ms. Paulina Pau
Convenor of Social Activities
Since its establishment in 2000, the PTA has worked very closely with the school to create an environment in which our boys not only can excel in their abilities, but also mature in their characters. It is with this in mind that the PTA has developed a wide array of cultural programmes:

To facilitate: The PTA has established relationships with major cultural groups in Hong Kong to select performances on a regular basis, often with good discounts, for our families. Our collaborators have included the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, Hong Kong Ballet, Hong Kong Repertory Theatre, Le French May, Hong Kong 18 Symphony Orchestra, and the Hong Kong Arts Festival. This year, over 1,000 tickets were arranged through the PTA.

To interact: Master-classes, workshops, and short performances are arranged on campus during school hours for our boys. These activities provide our students with an opportunity for face-to-face interaction with artists in a more intimate setting. Some of our past events have included: a visit by Huqin master Wong On-yuen, a master class with pianist Alpin Hong, an interactive English drama “Sherlock Holmes”, performances by the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, and a ballet demonstration session “The Life of a Ballet Prince”.

To immerse: In addition to their art/music lessons, competitions, and daily practices, our boys can also benefit from having exposure to a diverse range of cultural/learning experiences. Over the years, the PTA has organized a variety of activities for the boys, such as art exhibitions, book fairs, field trips, etc. to the boys. We hope these small-scale events will make their lives at DBSPD more colorful and memorable.

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Not many primary schools have the resources and the flexibility to organize multiple arts and cultural activities outside of the regular curriculum. The unfailing support from Ms. Lo, Mrs. Yip, and all the teachers at DBSPD is the key. Their commitment and dedication have inspired us all. Our heartfelt thanks also go to all the parent helpers. It is our common mission to plant little seeds of arts and culture. We hope that these seeds will cultivate creativity, stimulate minds, develop appreciative hearts, and someday inspire our boys to understand who they are.

Ms. Sharon Lu
Convenor of Cultural Affairs

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Message from the Secretary (Chinese)

隨著大兒子小學畢業，並將會升上中學，意味著我在小學部的家長教師會中也度過了六年個頭年了！

過去一年，我還是繼續擔當執委會的中文秘書這個無償工作崗位，除負責會務中大大小小的文書工作以外，我仍然“拉頭纏”帶領各級家長義工去協助每年最大型的校際活動－賣物會（School Fete）中的遊戲攤位和銷售攤位的整日運作得以順利完成！雖然已負責此項工作五年了，我卻是一丁點也不覺得吃力不討好，反而更要感謝校長、教職員及家長們對我付出無比信任，故此，每學年初，我對於主席委派我去負責此項工作實在是卻之不恭！明年，這項艱鉅的工作將要交給下一位接棒人，我相信只要本著為學校，為學生服務，其表現依然出色！

至於由其他委員負貴推行的活動，因為我們是一個十多入的團隊，所以各方也會盡自己的能力去提供協助和諧持，務求讓所有的活動都能夠順利圓滿舉行！在此，謹希望各位家長繼續支持家教會的各項工作，因為我們同樣是一群愛學校，渴望兒們有愉快學習生活的家長！

黃祥雲
中文秘書
It is my third year in PTA and it is always fun to organize activities for our boys and parents. Both the soccer fun days and the school cleaning day had been conducted successfully with great responses.

The DBSPTA (PD) soccer team was established in February 2012 and we continued our growth this school year. We have recruited additional players both adults and kids and designed a new set of jerseys for the adult team. The five soccer fun days were well attended and among which, the Soccer Family Fun day on 9 December 2012 has turned out to be exceptional. More than 220 kids and parents joined the fun-filled activities with practice, games, food and medals. Moreover, the adult team has played in 4 friendly matches. The results of the matches are not important, it is the friendship and teamwork we have built on. For those who have attended soccer day will agree that it is not merely a sport but a family event on Sunday afternoon.

The school cleaning day has been successfully held on 28 Jan 2013. It is a very meaningful event as it provides our boys the opportunities to learn thorough the cleaning tasks. The boys cleaned their own classrooms and corridors while the boys from grade 5 cleaned the toilets in addition. More than 120 parents joined the event as volunteers and helped supervising the boys in the cleaning competition. It also provided an opportunity for our boys to show appreciation to school janitors, followed by a health talk delivered by Dr. William Chan. Through this event, we hope our boys can acquire important health messages for their own protection and develop good personal practices.

I have to express our heartedly thanks to Mr. Mok, Mr. Fung and our school coaches for conducting the soccer practices and arranging the matches, Mrs. Yip and our school teachers for the coordination and assistance on the cleaning day, our school for full support and our parent helpers who volunteered and contributed towards the success of the above events.

Dr. Peter Lam
Convenor of Social Activities
We have organized two Parents’ Seminars this year. The first one was held on 5 January 2013. We have invited Professor Gabriel Leung to give a talk on “Growing through music”. With a very down to earth approach, Professor Leung shared with us his passion on music. His view about music education and education through music greatly inspired a lot of parents. We have learned not only to teach our children to appreciate music but also understand how music may help in the intellectual development and its potential effect in shaping characters for our children. A total of 148 individuals registered for the event from 110 families.

The second seminar was held on 18 May 2013. We have invited Professor Sing-Wing Wong to give a talk about “Parenting – Incentives and Disciplines?” This is a topic that every one of us struggle and keep asking ourselves if we could have done anything better in parenting. Professor Wong shared with us his own experience as well as given us a lot of great suggestions for interacting with our children at various stages of their development. The most important message that rooted in my mind after the talk was that we tend to forget that the most important incentives for our children is our love and care, and disciplines are effective only after the incentives are there between the parent and child. The total number of registration for this talk was 257 individuals among 190 families. I am sure the PTA for next year would love to hear your suggestions on other interesting topics.

Prof. Benny Zee
Convenor of Academic and Educational Affairs
SPORTS
(Pre-10km FunD Run, Soccer Fun Day and Practice, DBS Golf Day)
for ALL!

Day and Practice, DBS Golf Day)
It has been a memorable experience in joining our school PTA last year. With my working background as a Nutritionist, I naturally get involved in our lunch committee.

Last year, we have done several activities aiming in improving the taste as well as nutrition density of the lunch menu:

1. We have hosted 12 lunch tasting sessions with over 130 parents joining.
2. We also did a student survey on current lunch supplier. Out of the 900 primary students, around 600 boys subscribe our lunch menu.
3. DBSPD has joined the Hong Kong Federation of Women’s press conference. The theme is to educate our children to respect food and create no food waste. DBS representative students and their families had the chance to lunch in Disney Hotel with.
4. Our school has joined the Zero Food Waste program to promote recycling of food waste and currently Grade 1 students are the main participants.
5. In May, we have executed a program called “Eat for Stamps”. This is to encourage students to finish their lunch. It did work! Many boys put good effort in getting the stamps.
6. We have held couple sessions for Kitchen Visit. Many parents can see the food preparation process, the cooking venue, and the delivery system.
7. 7 Lunch Visits were held to observe the size of the lunch provided and the eating habits of the boys. Parents went to each classroom to inspect their lunch. Rice is too much to offered and there is a lot of food waste as the main conclusion.
8. Finally we held a Parent Forum to present the collective information gathered during the Kitchen and Classroom Visits. Also I held a mini talk on why drinking 8 cups of water and eating 10 fists of Fruit and Veggie a day are so critical for our boys’ healthy brain development. In the past year, our school representative and PTA have met the lunch supplier for several times to discuss the room to improve. We are all aiming one common goal which is Eat Smart, Healthy Diet and Good Taste. I am looking forward to working for PTA again for Lunch Committee.

Ms. Annette Tam
Convenor of Lunch Subcommittee

Eat for Stamps: it works!

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

30 June 2013
The PTA Family Outing was held on 1st May 2013 (Wednesday). It is noteworthy what Hong Kong Observatory said about May: “The Weather of May 2013 – A May with Black Rainstorm” (黑色暴雨襲港的五月). Up till Monday, the forecast for Wednesday was cloudy, rain through the day, and thunderstorm early in the day. Then on Tuesday, just as we were approaching the school dismissal time of 2:50pm, a disheartening amber rain warning was issued. It turned out that many parents must have been interceding in prayer for our outing. The rain at the most inconvenient time on Tuesday turned out to be a “fast forward” so that the storm system passed by Hong Kong just early enough for us to have a clear morning weather for the May 1st outing.

So, on a dear sunny morning, some 800 children, parents, teachers and staff set out to Kam Tin Country Club (錦田鄉村俱樂部) for the first part of annual outing. The ground was obviously very damp and well watered, a.k.a thoroughly soaked. But fortunately, the focus was on an activity in the sky - kiting, and so apart from muddy socks and shoes, it went reasonably well. We then headed out to the buffet lunch and magic show at the Regal Airport Hotel (機場富豪酒店). The travel agent didn’t disappoint, there were plenty of food throughout the afternoon (3 full food lines), and logistics was excellent while wait time hardly noticeable. It wasn’t long before the sky, again, turn grey with light drizzle.

As coordinator for two outings, I am again most grateful for the support and enthusiasm of the parents that made this event so enjoyable, and to our heavenly father for “moving clouds and storms” for this outing. So, on top of fond memories, learning a few magician tricks and some extra calories, we can add to our list the ample evidence of God’s grace, especially for those who were out on both Tuesday afternoon picking up boys totally excited about the rainstorm and on Wednesday morning enjoying a still and clear sky with their still excited children.

Mr. Henry Wong
Convenor of Family Outing

Parent Volunteers’ Tea Party

12 July 2013
Wearing dual hats of being an old boy and the parent of a Grade 3 boy, I am grateful that I can also assume two roles in my second year as an executive committee of the PTA, serving as both the Treasurer and the Convenor of Traffic Sub-committee.

On my Treasurer duties, I am pleased to report that the state of our finance is sound. Our goal is to achieve a balance budget while organizing a full schedule of social, cultural and educational events. Our revenue came from both annual membership dues and the modest fees we charge in our individual events. Of course, in order to make these possible, volunteer efforts by many in our parent community and the support by the school in providing venue and staff were essential.

In terms of traffic, a key objective this past year was to assist the school to secure a school bus provider by way of a formal tendering procedure. In the current climate where school bus licenses are in short supply and with rampant fare increases all across the territory, we had our work cut out for us. In order to secure a high number of companies to participate in this tender, we started our process early with the gathering of many volunteer parents in our traffic sub-committee. I am highly appreciative of the various skill-set relevant to our pursuit possessed by our members. Some came from legal background while others have a wealth of experience in the tendering process both as a tenderer or an evaluator. There were also full-time parents who illustrated the nuances of traffic issues that are relevant to the day-to-day smooth running of the school bus operation. Special thanks go to our tireless Chairman Dr. Tsui who was involved in every step of the process and coordinated many items behind the scenes, my mentor Dr. Raymond Sin for his sage advice and Dr. William Chan on taking the additional initiative to convene the School Bus Sub-committee to handle day-to-day issues on specific routes. Apart from the leadership by our Headteacher Ms Lo, who allocated time out of her busy schedule to join all of our traffic meetings (including several marathon sessions), I would also like to highlight the hard work of Mr. Anthony Lau and Mr. William Chu from the school who patiently listened to all of our queries and requests and incorporated our needs into the new traffic policies.

In the coming school year, we will have Poon’s as our school bus provider after a one-year hiatus. For most routes, we are able to achieve a downward price adjustment despite the general inflation environment. There will also be the provision of shuttle bus after extracurricular activities and other ancillary services. As with any change in service providers, there may be hiccups or adverse impact to a minority of users. The PTA will stand ready to assist on parents’ behalf and provide a channel to achieve any improvement that can be made.

Mr. Stephan Chang
Treasurer
Convenor of Traffic Sub-committee

This time marks the end of my son’s primary school journey, so as my involvement in PTA-PD. I have a memorable experience with a strong and fulfilling PTA service in the past 5 years. This is a collaborative effort by all dedicated Exco members as well as the unfailing support of school, teachers and Ms. Lo in particular. It has been a great pleasure to work so closely with all of you all these years. I also thank parents to have elected and entrusted me to the PTA job.

Besides giving general support to PTA activities, I have the privilege to take part in 2 major events this year. The most important one must be the Class 2013 Graduation Dinner party. For this once-in-a-lifetime experience to our G6 students, our G6 parents have been working tirelessly for over 6 months in order to provide the most unforgettable memory to our sons. The Dinner was held on 30 June 2013 at Holiday Inn Golden Mile. Its theme was “Superheroes” with all students put on “Superheroes” T-shirts. The party was well received by over 500 people, including Grade 6 students, their families, teachers and VIP guests.
Being a parent member in DBS family is a special experience. At DBS, parents are encouraged to be involved in our boys’ learning and development at school. I feel even more fortunate as I have the chance to serve in the PTA ExCo in the past two years. Not only have I witnessed the growth of my son in his beloved school, but I have also learned a lot from the work of the PTA. Under the leadership of Dr. Tsui, our ExCo members have worked along with the school aiming at providing an ideal learning environment for our boys and connecting our parents together. The job would not be accomplished without the unrelenting support from Ms. Lo, Mrs. Yip and teachers. Credits also go to the parent volunteers who have squeezed their precious time serving in PTA activities, as well as giving insights to PTA work with their knowledge.

In the past year our PTA had a busy schedule in various vibrant school events and PTA-organized activities. Cheers and happiness were with us in many of these activities and there were also challenges along the way. At the beginning of the school year, we received feedbacks concerning the school bus service. Through the new school bus sub-committee, under the leadership of Ms Lo as well as the concerted effort from our ExCo and parent representatives, the school bus service and the subsequent tendering process went smoothly till the end of school year. It was also my privilege to take part in maintaining the PTA website this year, which is an important linkage between PTA and fellow parents. The PTA Facebook group has also served as a way for parents to share their views and comments on matters related to our boys. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed the year with PTA as much as I have, and I wish you all a fruitful journey as part of the DBS family in the days ahead.

This newsletter has summarized our work in the past year. To me it is a collection of happy memories with my fellow parents and ExCo members. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed the year with PTA as much as I have, and I wish you all a fruitful journey as part of the DBS family in the days ahead.

Dr. William Chan
Convenor of Information Technology, Communication & Newsletter
Convenor of School Bus Sub-committee

The second event was the Treble Choir UK Music Tour (6 – 16 July). PTA has given financial support to this overseas tour, for it was the first overseas music competition that our choir has joined. They went to North Wales, UK to attend the Llangollen International Musical Festival for Choir competition. It was really an exciting and memorable experience to go with the group on behalf of PTA and support them personally to compete in an international level. With all the hard work by teachers of music department and the DBS spirit of our boys, our Choir has won the Championship in the Junior Children’s Choir Competition, 3rd place in Children’s Folk Choir Competition and came 2nd in overall “Choir of the World” title. Despite all the difficulty (a few boys were sick and one of them need to go to hospital right after the first competition. Luckily he was fine after medical care and some rest.), our Treble Choir still achieved such a glorious result. Proud of you!

Finally, I want to express my whole-hearted thanks to all my teammates for the fellowship that we all enjoy, and to Ms. Lo for the continuous guidance and support that I treasure very much. I wish DBSPTA-PD continues its success and be the strong bonding between parents and school in the years to come. Thank you and good luck.

Dr. Raymond Sin
Honorary Secretary

Message from the Editor
Diocesan Boys’ School
Parent-teacher Association Ltd (Primary Division)
Executive Committee 2012-2013

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