Message from the Chairperson

Dear Parents, Teachers and Boys,

Welcome back with a happy return to school! Hope our boys are full of energy and get ready for an exciting school year. For the new boys and families, a warm welcome to our Diocesan family.

It has been my greatest honour to have served in the PTA for seven years and as the Chairperson in the past two years. With the magnificent support from school and a team of dedicated parents, we have further expanded our roles and have organized a series of enjoyable and meaningful events with extraordinary responses. Below are highlights of our major activities this past year.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)
More than 200 members attended the AGM. The PTA executive committee is composed of 12 parents and 5 teacher representatives including our Headteacher and the immediate past chairperson. Thanks all parents for your support and giving us the greatest assistance throughout the year.

Inauguration Ceremony and Parents’ Forum
The Inauguration Ceremony of the 17th Standing Committee was held on 22 Oct 2016 and Prof. Fung Tung had given us an enlightening speech. The parents’ forum on the same day was well attended by 200 parents. We have collected valuable comments and suggestions with the responses from school posted on the intranet.

School Fete
The 61st school fete was held on 8 Nov 2016. Our Grade 1 parents teamed up with the Grade 7 parents in the provision of fete lunch and parents volunteers of different grades manned the games and sales stalls and made the school fete another year of great success. Thanks Flora and Paulina for the leadership and coordination and thanks all parent volunteers for the assistance, contribution and donation.

Sports Committee and Sports Activities
Chaired by Kinson, our Sports Committee continued to succeed and provided more options for our boys and families. On top of the regular soccer fun day, major sport events mainly the Sports Carnival was held in Dec 2016 and a Sports Fun Day in July 2017. Archery, basketball, dance practices and VR sports games were also introduced.

The PTA soccer team is composed of parents, teachers and coaches. We were honoured to have played in the school field opening tournament in Nov 2016 and we have captured the first runner up in a 7a side league and the champion in a league cup. A celebration party was organized for the PTA Football Club in Jan 2017. A basketball team was also formed this year with regular practice. In Feb 2017, PTA assisted in the Fun Run and Walk by the DBS Foundation and in the Pun Choi Feast which was held in PD basketball court and cover playground.
Sports activities remain the most popular PTA event and I need to thank Kinson and his team of enthusiastic parent helpers, teachers (Mr. Li & the P.E. team), and coaches (especially Fung Sir) and your earnest participation in making these events successful and memorable.

Cleaning Day
The Cleaning Day was successfully held on 19 January 2017 with the support of over 100 parent helpers. Our boys cleaned their classrooms and toilets, followed by a health talk by Dr. Winnie Wong on brain and nervous system. Our boys learn to keep our environment clean and to appreciate the hard work of janitors. Thanks Connie for coordinating the event and all the parent volunteers for the onsite support.

Opening House & Cafe PEP
(PTA Executive Production)
We ran a Café in the Open House for the third year and we enriched our menu in the provision of hot food and beverages. The response was extraordinary with our popular items sold out quickly. Special thanks to Eric, Paulina, Betty, Ceci, Kinson, Tracy and all the parent volunteers for the support and sponsor. PTA has donated the profit from the Café to school.

Parents’ Seminars
Ms. Sandy Cheng has conducted a parents’ seminar: on 14 Jan 2017 and a half day workshop on 17 June 2017. The second seminar was in a movie screening and discussion format on 20 May 2017. The events were well attended and parents found the topics relevant, challenging but useful. Thanks Krates for organizing the seminars and for the introduction of VR Sport Games at DBSPD Sports Day on 25 June 2017.

PTA Outing
This year, we visited the Sau Tau Kok Farm, a previously restricted border area, on 1 May and attracted 824 participants. It is a joyful occasion for our parents, teachers, students and siblings to get together; enjoyed the farm activities followed by a BBQ lunch. Special thanks to Julissa and Betty for the coordination and all families for joining the outing.

Traffic Sub-Committee
With the introduction of enhanced traffic measures and feedback system to our boys and parents, the traffic situation has improved dramatically. Safety of the pedestrians and free access to school campus is the priority. Thanks Agnes for the leadership for the fourth consecutive year and all the parent and teacher members of the committee for their efforts in smoothing the school bus operation and the effective traffic control measures.

Lunch Sub-Committee
To ensure the provision of healthy and balanced diet, a number of food tasting and kitchen visits and a lunch survey were carried out with feedback and suggestions passed to our caterer. Fruit days as to promote the fruit intake by our boys were held on 10-11 May. Thanks Sherman, Betty and the lunch subcommittee for the contribution towards the smooth operation this year.

PTA Condolence Funds
A PTA condolence fund has been set up this year as to support unfortunate families with sudden loss of parent member(s). We are providing condolence to these families and hope to support the families to go through the difficult period.
Academic Working Group (AWG)
The Academic Working Group (AWG) acts as an intermediary between the School and the parents to give feedback on school curriculum policies and to support the School on specific academic projects. 3 meetings with teachers in charge have been conducted this year and teacher appreciation was initiated. Thanks Ceci, for leading the group, Ms. Natalie Ng and the fellow teachers for their dedication and contribution.

Community Service Working Group (CSWG)
The CSWG continues to expand and provides opportunities for our boys, parents to engage in community services and teachers and their families are invited to join with us this year. Thanks for the lead by Paulina and Connie, and the support by parent volunteers and Mr. Sammy Ho and Ms. Natalie Ng, we have successfully organized more community activities this year, such as visits to the elderly centers and home of under privileged families by CSWG members.

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
The Grade Six Graduation was successfully held in the KITEC on 1 July 2017. Chaired by Ms. Betty Woo and William, the organising committee has spent months of preparation and tremendous effort to give the event a very memorable one for the boys, parents and teachers. Let’s wish all the graduating boys a bright future and happy school life in the Secondary Division.

Thank you Volunteer Tea Party
To express our gratitude to the parents who have provided assistance to PTA in the school year, a tea reception was organized on 14 July 2017.

I would like to thank our executive committee members for all their effort and contribution to the productive and fruitful year. Special thanks to the members of the standing committee whom I have been closely collaborated for years. I have to thank our dedicated teachers in PTA and in school who have provided us the tremendous support. Special thanks to Ms. Lo, Ms. Natalie Ng, Mr. Kwok, Mr. Lau, Mr. Leung for the provision of major assistance. Last but not the least, I would like to thank all parent helpers who have made selfless contribution and continuous support.

My boys are in Grade 8 and 6 in the new school year. They are growing up happily with Diocesan spirits and turning from boys to young gentlemen. In the past seven years, I witnessed the successful development of PTA and I feel very honoured to have taken an active part, in particular the establishment of the sport committee and the community service working group, which engage our parents, boys and teachers towards some common goals.

Thank you DBSPD for giving me and my family opportunities and fond memories. I feel very blessed to have made so many friends in my PTA journey. As I am completing my mission at PTA, I am very thankful to all of you who have been supporting me all along. We have kicked off the preparation for the 150th anniversary, let’s wish DBS, DBSPD and PTA every success in the coming years!

Dr. Peter Lam
Chairperson
DBSPTA (PD)
2016-17
Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

DBSPD is a dynamic learning community where changes are introduced each year to enable our school to keep abreast and in some areas, ahead of the times. In the new school year of 2017-2018, one of the important changes in school management is the appointment of our third Deputy Headteacher, Dr. Nadia Chan. I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce to you our strong and dedicated team of administrative staff and their primary responsibilities in the school operation.

Ms. Susanna Chung is responsible for staff affairs; Ms. Natalie Ng is in charge of students’ pastoral care. Dr. Nadia Chan is vested with the duties relating to curriculum development and academic affairs. Mrs. Emily Yip who needs no introduction continues to oversee all matters regarding admission and cultural events at the school.

To strengthen home-school cooperation between parents and the School, and to ensure the PTA is given all necessary support, both Ms. Natalie Ng and Dr. Nadia Chan will serve on the executive committee of the DBSPTA-PD this year.

Other major changes that we introduced this year include the restructuring of students’ assessment mechanism and modification in the school timetable. Instead of having three assessments and multiple quizzes for each core subject, this year our boys are only required to take the “First Assessment” in December and “Final Assessment” in June plus three other major quizzes spaced out in the academic year. Instead of having eight lessons, students will have nine periods of 30 minutes each day. There will be more double periods in the timetable so that our boys can have better in-depth learning opportunities and more time for group work and collaboration.

Lastly, I wish to express my appreciation for the admirable teamwork of all Exco members of the DBSPTA-PD, and my special thanks to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Dr. Peter Lam and Dr. William Chan for their support in the last school year. I look forward to having the continued support and enthusiastic participation of our PD parents in all our forthcoming events in 2017-2018!

Ms. Phyllis Lo
Headteacher of DBSPD
September 2017

Front (from right to left): Ms. Phyllis Lo, Mrs. Emily Yip
Back (from right to left): Dr. Nadia Chan, Ms. Natalie Ng, Ms. Susanna Chung
Message from the Vice-Chairperson

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 for 6 years. Not only have I witnessed the growth of my sons in his beloved school, but I have also learnt a lot from the work of the PTA. The job would not be accomplished without the unrelenting support from Ms. Lo and other 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. New Exco and new initiatives could certainly bring us more breakthrough on top of our routine schedule. We have received lots of positive feedbacks and it is certainly the concerted effort of all parties that makes the school academia, environment and programs to move forward.

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
Vice-chairperson

Message from the Treasurer

My boy is turning to Grade 6 in the coming academic year, time flies! Time runs seamlessly that I have been serving PTA for 4 years already. For these 4 years, I had involved in various tasks, such as convenor of PTA family outing, lunch sub-committee, etc. It is a great honour for me to be Treasurer this year. For me, it is a challenge!

On my Treasurer duties, I am pleased to announced as Treasurer that the state of our finance is solid and strong. In order to maintain our healthy balance, volunteer efforts by many in our parent community, the dedicated teachers in assisting our events selflessly on their rest days or time, the support by the school in providing venue free of charge were definitely essential. Therefore, I would like to express my profound gratitude to Ms Lo, teachers, parent volunteers and all our participated parents and students.

Looking at the boys’ happy faces with big, big smile, I would say I have no regret to spent time to be PTA ExCo to make them a better school life and our community.

In the end, may I wish you and all our DB boys an enjoyable and successful journey at DBS.

Ms. Betty Yim
Treasurer
Message from the Secretary (Eng) and Convenor of Traffic Sub-committee

Having served in PTA for four consecutive years, it is my great pleasure to have been the Convenor of Traffic Sub-committee for the fourth year. Also, it is my second year to serve as the Secretary of PTA.

School bus service is crucial to our parents and students. In the past year, Poon’s provided a total of thirty-one school bus routes to serve over six hundred DBSPD students. I am very glad to be the role of liaison between parents and Poon’s. With the trust and understanding built between Poon’s and me in the past four years, we are well-coordinated and always work closely together on school bus issues.

The adverse traffic condition in our campus has been hovering on my mind for years. The problems of congestion and illegal parking are solved generally after several executions have been implemented determinedly starting from November 2016. I would like to express my deep appreciation to Mr N M Choy, Ms Jenny Lo and other teachers for their great efforts in this matter. Cooperation, understanding and support from parents are significantly essential in school traffic matters, I humbly look forward to a desirable traffic condition in our campus.

I would like to thank our Headteacher Ms. Phyllis Lo, who has allocated her valuable time to attend all of our traffic meetings, and her great support to the Traffic Sub-committee. My heartfelt thanks also goes to Mr Anthony Lau, Ms Jenny Lo and the teachers in the School Traffic Committee for their precious advice and devotion on dealing with the school traffic issues. I am most thankful for the commitment demonstrated by all the parent subcommittee members who attended the traffic meetings and gave opinions to us, we couldn’t have done better without your inputs.

Last but not least, my deepest gratitude to my PTA co-workers for their trust on me and their great support all the way. I would especially like to thank Paulina, another secretary of PTA, for sharing the secretary workloads with me. I enjoy the moments working together with you all.

Mrs. Agnes Ching
Secretary (Eng)
Convenor of Traffic Sub-committee
Message from the Secretary (Chi)

It is my honor to serve in DBSPD-PTA for five consecutive years. Thanks for School’s recognition, my family’s and many parents’ appreciation, support and trust! I participated in many PTA events during the school year 2015-16. Through organizing School Garden Fete, PEP Café & Open Day, Parent Volunteers’ Tea Party, leading Community Service Working Group, and working with other committee members on almost all PTA activities, just to mention a few: sports related events, Cleaning Day and Lunch Sub-committee activities, my involvement in PTA and interaction with the School and parents have been much broadened and deepened as compared to the past four years. In addition, I am honored to have served as the Secretary of PTA again for the third year.

One of the signature event, School Garden Fete and Fete Lunch, were successfully held on 13th November 2016. It was also my fifth year to have helped organize this big annual event. I supported Grade 1 PTA committee member Dr. Flora Tsang who had worked on Fete Lunch and spent much effort regarding lunch planning and arrangement. At the same time, I also took care of all the preparation and logistics of other important sessions of School Garden Fete, including but not limited to the games and sales stalls, donation, packaging and distribution of donated items and recruitment of parent helpers too. Due to the temporary close of school field, game stalls had to be relocated to outdoor basketball court at SD and we faced with the challenges including smaller area, queue up logistics, crowd control and etc..

I was really amazed by the heartfelt and holistic support from over a hundred parent volunteers. From planning to implementation in around eight weeks! DBS is truly blessed with wonderful parents, who devoted their precious time and effort generously to make things happen despite a tight schedule.

In particular, I would like to express my wholehearted thanks to Peter, PTA Chairperson, who provided great support all the way from event planning stage to the event day, and accompanied me and Ms. Lo to visit each game stall and PTA Sales Stall to show their great support, appreciation and encouragement to PTA, parent helpers, student helpers and teachers. His continuous devotion in PTA for each year is essential and valuable to all PTA committee members and the School.

Without the support and trust from Ms. Lo, Ms. Natalie Ng, Ms. Jackie Lau, all the teachers, PTA committee members, parents and my family, the annual School Garden Fete and Fete Lunch definitely could not be launched smoothly and with great success! In addition, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff in General Office who have helped me with all the details from scheduling, arranging venues, on-site support to facilitating the circular communication. Special Thanks to Peter, William, Agnes, Betty for the advice and support. Teamwork is always essential and necessary. I am glad that I am surrounded by love, blessings, care and support for most of the time and I am sure I can embrace challenges and overcome difficulties. Think Positive. Do My Best. Be Happy & Stay Healthy will always be my motto!

Ms. Paulina Pau
Secretary (Chi)
Organizer of School Garden Fete DBSPD
Formed in 2015, Community Service Working Group (CSWG) is to encourage DBSPD students and the families to participate in community service activities and help the needed people. In addition, we also hope that our boys can build up empathy gradually. This year I am glad that I can work with another committee member Ms. Connie Chan whom also shares the same vision with me.

During 2016-17 school year, CSWG successfully launched 6 activities, including visited elderlies and taught minority children about Chinese language and HK Culture. Moreover, Connie and I thought “out of the box” by arranging a volunteer activity especially for teachers and their families. Everyone was so happy and touching and treasured the special moments.

Without the support and trust from Ms. Lo, Ms. Natalie Ng, teachers and Connie, Peter and William, CSWG cannot grow stronger and the activities could not be launched smoothly! I also want to express my whole-hearted thanks to parents that have involved in planning, organization and participation in the activities. Every single appreciation and support is valuable to me! Hopefully the meaningful mission of CSWG could be continued in the coming years with parents’ continuous support.

Thank you lord for guiding us through all the community service events. It was with my great honor to visit the elderly homes together with teachers in December 2016, parents in January and May 2017.

These visits not just provided the quality time for adults to interact with our elderly friends, but our boys and families to bring joy and happiness to them.

Through out the year, we had parents participated to pack rice boxes for underprivileged families at St. James Settlement. A crossover meaningful collaborative event with Sir Ellis Kadoorie Primary School, our boys shared their Chinese language knowledge with the South East Asia students. It was a fun interactive event seeing our boys not comes to be served, but to serve. More importantly, such diversity and inclusion have given all an opportunity to learn and respect each other’s culture.

Thanks to all parents, as a helper and as a role model to your children, to participate the community events with us, learn to love and to serve, show empathy and care to the underprivileged minorities and families in Hong Kong. A big thank you to my peer Paulina, Peter, Ms. Lo, Ms. Ng, Ms. Chung, Mr. Ho, teachers and families, parents, boys and siblings.

May God bless you and your family!

Ms. Paulina Pau & Ms. Connie Chan
Convenor of Community Service Working Group
The group is to act as intermediary between the school and the parents to give feedback on school curriculum policies and to support the school. The group comprised of twelve parents, two from each grade. Ms. Natalie Ng, Ms. Pauline Ip, four subject head teachers and PTA Exco members.

We held three meetings this year, one for each term. Parents representatives obtain parents’ feedback on the school’s curriculum policies and forward concrete suggestions to the school for consideration. Ms. Ng & Ms. Ip explained the formal and informal School curriculum and Experiential Learning. Introduced to the representatives that the School emphasized on all-round development of the students.

On Fruit Day. Our members suggested to show the appreciation to the teachers, fruit snacks were taken by the prefects to the staff room for the teachers.

We are proud to launch a Teacher Appreciation Initiative this year. We invited our boys to pause and take the time to honour their teachers. We encourage our boys to express their gratitude though short handwritten messages to their teachers. The collection box place outside the General Office and encourage to drop there as a practice. We hope to teach our children to be thoughtful and thankful though this activity. Thank you for our boys’ enthusiasm participation.

I would like to thank our Headteacher Ms. Phyllis Lo for the support to the group. My heartfelt thanks also go to our dedicated teachers, Ms. Natalie Ng, Ms. Pauline Ip, Ms. Monique Lok, Mrs. Vivian Chu, Mrs. Ko and Ms. Jackie Lau for their patience and invaluable guidance throughout. I am very thankful for the commitment demonstrated by all the parent representatives who attended our meetings and collected the suggestions, comments for all the subjects. Last but not least, my deepest gratitude to Dr. Peter Lam, who provided the outstanding guidance.

This is my second years as PTA committee members. I was so glad to be able to help many other PTA events, such as Garden Fete, Sports Carnival, Fruit Day, PEP café in Open House. A great pleasure to work with the school and our PTA Exco team.

My two sons are in G8 and 5 in the coming school year. With the support, I humbly look forward to another successful year by PTA!

Thank you Lord for His grace and mercy upon our school.

Ms. Ceci Wong
Convenor of Academic Working Group
It is always a great honor to be a PTA exco. member. Once again as the convenor of sports events, I am thrilled to be responsible for multiple amazing sports activities over the year, including Sports Carnival, Soccer Fun Day, and Fun Sports Day! Altogether, there were more than a thousand of parents and children participating in these events. I am very lucky to have great supports from my PTA teammates and fellow parents helpers who contributed tremendous efforts to make these events so successful.

PTA Sports Carnival – 18 December 2016
The DBS School Field has been rebuilt during last summer. This is the first major PTAPD sports event ever hosted after the completion of the resurfacing. Sports Carnival, formerly known as Soccer Family Fun Day was a highly participated sports event of each academic year. This family sports event consisted of major activities such as: Soccer; Basketball; and Archery was newly introduced this year. Games and competitions were led by DBS teachers and coaches. Buffet luncheon was served followed by a cake-cutting ceremony in conjunction to celebrate the 5th year anniversary, our Headteacher, Ms. Phyllis Lo and PTAPD Chairperson, Dr. Peter Lam, were presented at the award presentation.

DBSPTA Football Club Party - 15 Jan 2017
A get-together event to show PTA’s appreciation to PD’s sports teachers and coaches for their tremendous supports to our PTA events over the last couple of years. A barbecue grill lunch buffet was served along with other tasty food. And of course, soccer games among coaches and parents were played.

Soccer Fun Day - 02 April 2017
Arguably Soccer is the most favorite among all DBS sports. It was a very relaxing event for everybody to enjoy some friendly matches. Parents played against each other by forming their own teams on site. Soccer coaches and SD school team boys guided the children in various soccer training and games.

Fun Sports Day - 25 Jun 2017
This is our end of year sports event after the final exam. This year we introduced VR Sports games to our boys. Thanks to our PTA exco, Dr. Krates Ng’s full support, the VR sports games were successfully hosted. We enjoyed another wonderful family activity on a beautiful day.

Events Photography
I would like to take this opportunity to thank my PTA Photography team for their tremendous supports to our PTA events over the year. The team not only helped on our sports events but also every single PTA events. Without their help, we couldn’t capture all the exciting moments smoothly. Huge appreciation to everyone on the PTA Photography team!

This is my second year to serve PTA, I am so proud to be part of the DBS family. I would like to thank my PTA exco. teammates and parents helpers from the bottom of my heart. I wouldn’t have succeeded without their help, especially our Chair and Vice, Dr. Peter Lam and Dr. William Chan. It is an honor to work with everyone in the PTA. I am looking forward to taking up my next challenges!

Kinson Cheung
Convenor of Sports Event
Information Technology, Communication & Newsletter
Events Photography Coordinator
The annual School Cleaning Day was held on January 19, 2016. I was thrilled to have 100 parents participated the event as volunteers, judges, auditors and photographers together with our 900 students.

All students and the participated parents were excited to kick off the event after the individual briefing sessions were conducted. Within 30 minutes, our boys demonstrated their exceptional teamwork and collaboration in completion of cleaning their classrooms and restrooms.

Our parent judges together with our janitors quickly examined the cleanliness and tidiness of all 30 classrooms and restrooms, then handed over to our professional auditors before bringing the final scores to school hall.

This valuable experience has given our boys an opportunity to understand the daily work performed by our janitors, be respectful and thankful to our janitors’ contributions to maintain the campus cleanliness. In parallel, all participated parents enjoyed supervising our boys to be responsible to cleaning the school.

The cleaning activities were followed by a health talk by Dr. Winnie Wong. Dr. Wong spoke about brain and nervous system; it was a great presentation with interactive Q&A, students found that fascinating. Prize Awards & Champion Shields were given out right after the health talk.

The event ended sharp on schedule with the amazing support from teachers, parents, PTA team, janitors and students. Thank you all for making this event fun and successful!

Merchandise Discount Programs
I was excited to enhance the merchandise discount program, to bring benefits to our parents, students and teachers with merchandise associated with their studies and work.

As part of the DBSPD community, the representation of our boys’ student cards or teachers’ staff cards is a pride. I hope to extend this pride to bring in offers for their necessities such as laptops, printers, musical instruments, books and optical.

The beginning of the journey was very challenging despite the program was ceased for a couple of years. With hard work and efforts through various channels, partnerships were formed with 6 merchants. Looking forward to bringing in more merchants to participate in this program in the coming year!

Ms. Connie Chan
Convenor of School Cleaning Day
Merchandise Program Coordinator
Lunch Sub-committee

It has been a true pleasure and honor to have the opportunity to serve our community on lunch and catering matters. As a new member of PTA Committee, I must be grateful for the tremendous support from school, caterer and the committee, especially Mrs Ko, Peter Lam, Betty Yim and a number of warm-hearted parents. Before I put some remarks about this short but eventful one-year journey, let me recap what we had done:

1/ Lunch tasting and kitchen visits: we organized lunch tasting on two occasions over the past year.

The first time was from Nov 21 to 25, 2016. More than 100 parents participated over five days. We organized kitchen visits, in conjunction with lunch tasting. The chef and the staff walked through the parents how the food was sourced, cooked, plated and serviced. Parents had the chance to visit the kitchen as well. It allowed parents, especially the ones who were new to the school, to better understand the catering process. A survey was performed on the participants post tasting. Findings and parents’ comments were shared with school and the caterer subsequently.

2/ Fruit day: Two sessions were organized on May 10 and 11. These sessions were fun-filled, action-packed. Five types of fruit-based snacks and drinks were provided. Parents came in to help prepare these snacks and drinks in the morning, together with the caterer. During the second recess, all volunteering parents worked our socks off to make sure we were able to attend to the excited boys over a relative compact timeline. At the end of the activity, the snacks were presented to the staff room as a token of appreciation to the teachers and staff from students and parents. It was indeed a healthy, joyful and memorable event to all!

3/ Others: The sub-committee also assisted school to conduct a survey on G6 parents in relation to G7 lunch arrangement. With the help from school and caterer, we were happy that lunch was provided over the half-day school days post-exam to those boys who had extra-curricular activities.

PTA are happy to see continuous adjustments and improvements being made over the past year in relation to lunch and catering matters. But the credit must go to the school and caterer for their consistent efforts made over the entire school year. I am grateful for the support and patience given by the committee and parent community. I must also say I am humbled to learn that there is always room for improvement!

A new caterer is coming onboard in the new school year. Let us all continue to be supportive, constructive and patient to them and the school!

Mr. Sherman Hung
Convenor of Lunch Sub-committee
It is my pleasure to organize events that could benefit the DBSPD communities in the past year. Here are some highlights to share with you:

First Parents’ Seminar: 勿讓孩子迷失於網路世界 - 14 Jan 2017
In response to the growing concern from our parents that some boys spend extensive amount of time in the internet world, we invited an experienced social worker, Ms. Sandy Cheng of the Internet Addiction Prevention and Treatment Services Unit of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, to share with us some skills to handle online behaviour. Almost 180 parents attended and interacted with the speaker. The key message from Ms. Cheng is to listen to your boy and spend enough time with him. The seminar was followed by two workshops for in-depth discussion with Ms. Cheng.

Second Parents’ Seminar: 《少年滋味》Movie Screening and Discussion - 20 May 2017
Our boys are the so-called “Generation Y”, “Millennials” or “Me Generation”. Sometimes it is difficult to communicate with them as parents. In this seminar, we changed the format to screening a documentary about nine teenagers who opened their hearts on their views on life to the audience. In the post-screening discussion, two speakers joined and they are no strangers to us - Mr. King Wai Cheung, a renowned filmmaker, has produced many movies concerning the youth and his movie《音樂人生》featuring our Alumni Mr. K.J. Wong 翁家正 scored many international awards, and Mr. Tony Wong, our resident social worker, is very knowledgeable about DBS boys. About 140 parents participated the event and we had a wonderful discussion with the speakers. A big thanks to DBS for providing such a wonderful auditorium for us to enjoy the movie.

Third Parents’ Seminar: 勿讓孩子迷失於網路世界 Parents’ Workshop (for G.4-6 Parents) – 17 June 2017
To follow up on the January’s seminar and the workshop held right after it, we decided to re-run this workshop on a Saturday so that working parents could attend. Ms. Sandy Cheng once again shared valuable in-depth parenting tips supported by real cases on dealing with online behaviours. It’s such a pleasure to have our PTA Chairman, Dr. Peter Lam, to support the workshop and a big thanks to parents attending the workshop as the weather on that day was terrible.

VR Experience Day for G1 and G2 boys – 29 June 2017
Technological advancements bring disruptive changes to the society and our boys should experience the latest tech so that they can be prepared for the future. Therefore we organized several sessions for our G1 and G2 boys to try Virtual Reality (VR) during the extended learning week. We took two sets of VR projects developed by university students for them to try. The first one was a game for players to catch little bugs in a virtual garden. This game is aimed at training players’ eye-hand coordination. The second one was a VR movie and students could tour a wet market virtually with a phone mounted on a VR goggle. It was the first time for many students to experience a wet market! It is our aim to demonstrate the positive use of technologies to our boys and we were glad to learn that feedbacks from our teachers and students were great.

VR Sport Games at DBSPD Sports Day – 25 June 2017
We also demonstrated two sports games at the Sports Day. Parents and students totally enjoyed the virtual basketball and football games. The games could be as demanding as the real ones! We had a long queue on such a hot summer day but luckily many dedicated parent volunteers helped us maintaining a smooth traffic.

I would like to thank Ms. Lo, Ms. Ng and all our PTA executive committee members for giving me unconditional support as this is my first time joining the DBS loving community. My heartfelt thanks go to all parents, teachers and students and it has been my true honour to able to serve you all.

Dr. Krates H.N. Ng
Convenor of Academic, Cultural & Educational Affairs
Annual PTA Outing

On 1st May, it was PTA annual Outing, an unforgettable outdoor annual activity. It was the first time to organize such big event. There were 824 enrollments. Finally school received 722 participants, including 44 staff. We had 13 coaches and 82 BBQ stoves. My boys were exciting, thrilled and over the moon.

Upon arrival, we took group pictures with our headteacher, Ms. Lo. Then we visited mangrove ecologies, Lohan pine, incense plants, organic vegetables and animal areas. Our kids had chance to explore the plants and animals.

Many parents bought fresh organic vegetables, special Chinese tea and dried food. I am very glad to hear that they like the attractions. The kids had fun of feeding black and brown goats and single struthio camelus massaicus. Moreover, we had a full BBQ buffet lunch and made Hakka Cha Kwo.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Lo, Ms. Ng, Peter and Betty for your sincere and strong support. I am extremely grateful to all PTA ex co, participants and teachers. Without all of you, the event was not wonderful enough. I really like to serve you and love to hear your feedback. My mission is to get the best interests for school and students. Finally I achieved the mission.

Mrs. Julissa Yip
Convenor of PTA Outing

Garden Fete Lunch

The Garden Fete lunch is a very special event, especially for newcomers like the Grade 1 (G1) boys and their parents. It is an occasion where the Primary Division (PD) and Secondary Division (SD) newcomers (G1 and G7) join their hands to support this special function. With great support and guidance from Ms Lo, Ms Ng, teachers and our PD and SD PTA Exco chairmen Peter and Albert, the Garden Fete lunch was a great success.

It was a big annual event where over one hundred G1 and G7 parent volunteers participated. One could never imagine the overwhelming responses from parents! The volunteer places for G1 parents were filled in less than 15 minutes! Parent volunteers were extremely helpful. They were divided into teams to assist in serving lunch, cleaning up, traffic control, and lunch venue decoration. Parents did not only offer help during the event but many of them were also heavily involved in the preparatory work before-hand. Without the contributions from the parent volunteers, the event would never been as successful! I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the parent volunteers for their great commitment. Further, I would also like to thank our teachers, our Exco members, and last but not least, our SD parent coordinator, Henry, for their help to make this such a memorable and successful event!

Dr. Flora Tsang
Convenor of Garden Fete Lunch
The Grade 6 graduation dinner was成功举办于今年7月1日，于九龙湾国际贸易展览中心举行。多亏了我们的G6家长义工在一年前就开始筹备，才使得活动顺利进行，当晚的节目也充满了惊喜。我相信大多数的G6家长都会像我一样，当我们看到孩子们的成长时，心中充满了复杂的感受。就像昨天一样，当他们手牵手，踏入1年级，未来充满了不确定。六年过去了，我们的青涩小男孩已经变成了年轻的绅士，挺身迎接SD的生活。在DBSPD的这段美好旅程中，我们家长一直陪在孩子们身边，为他们加油，当他们进球时，我们留下了眼泪，当他们在舞台上唱出天使的音乐时，我们被他们的创意作品所惊叹，当他们和同学们做一些愚蠢的事情时，我们笑了。我们都期待他们能在青春期绽放。我想借此机会，向DBSPD的老师们表示衷心的感谢，他们帮助孩子们发现自己的优点，战胜恐惧，并将失败转化为成功，在过去的6年中。我们有理由相信，2017级将能够在中学继续发光发热。

Dr. William Chan
Co-chairperson,
Class of 2017 Grade 6 Graduation Dinner Organizing Committee
Inauguration Day

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Mr. Andrew Kwok (Assistant Coordinator)
Mr. Anthony Lau (Assistant Coordinator)
Mr. Nick Leung (Assistant Coordinator)
Mr. Sherman Hung
Dr. Krates Ng
Dr. Flora Tsang
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Ms. Natalie Ng (PTA Coordinator)
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Ms. Phyllis Lo (Headteacher)
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