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# Pasirian Voice



*Celebrating Our pasirian story*

Our PRPS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo is designed by our P6 students Tengku Tiara Laetisha and Cayden Miguel Theseira.



# PRPS THEN...



# ...AND NOW





## FOREWORD

It is with great pleasure that we write the foreword for this edition of Pasirian Voice which captures the essence of our school's Silver Jubilee celebrations.

This year marked a significant milestone for PRPS as we commemorated our school's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We celebrated the joyous occasion on 3 August with a concert put together by our talented staff, students, parents and alumni.

The participation, contribution and involvement of our alumni and parents in the commemoration and other school programmes are testimonies of strong partnership fostered over these years.

Having celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our school's dedication in providing positive learning opportunities to our young charges gives us an opportunity to look back and reflect on our journey and chart our future course.

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PRPS and our best wishes to you for more wonderful years of nurturing students to become lifelong learners and active citizens who are confident, compassionate and self-directed in learning!

2018 School Publication Team

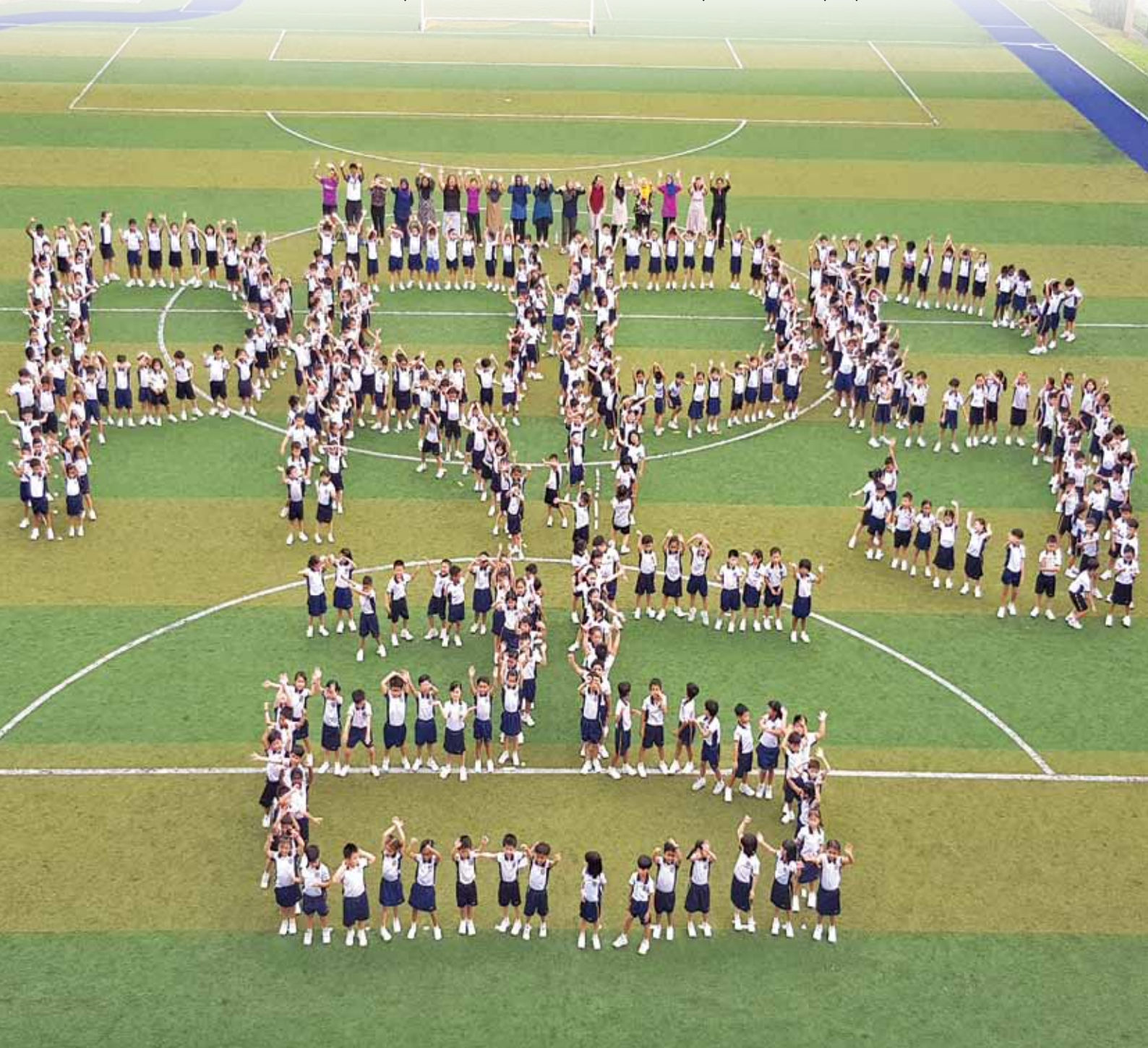




The following articles provide insight to the activities that commemorated our school's Silver Jubilee by the staff and students.

# 'PRPS 25'

The Primary 1 and 2 students gathered together and formed the acronym 'PRPS 25'. They were tasked to represent a part of a letter or number in the school field. This meaningful four-letter acronym is what our students proudly proclaim when asked what school they come from. From the initial inception of the concept to the execution of forming the human letters and numbers, every effort was made to ensure the process was fun for the little ones. When asked if they felt tired after the formation, they unanimously replied, "No! It was FUN!"





## P3 SHARE AND CARE PROJECT



The Primary 3 teachers and students embarked on a donation drive. They donated and distributed food items to some needy families in our Pasir Ris neighbourhood.

The items were then packed into 25 recyclable bags and teachers and two student representatives from each class visited and distributed the items to the families on the evening of 3 July.

The teachers and students illustrated our school core value of 'Share and Care' through the food donation and distribution drive. The students' community awareness for the less-privileged was also raised.

## P4 2.5 KM RUN



The Primary 4 students took part in a 2.5 km run. The run was carried out during their VIPES programme during their PHF lesson. The students ran in small groups round the field. There was laughter and camaraderie during and after the run. The students cheered wildly for one another, encouraging one another to embrace the challenge and complete the run. It was a good opportunity to form bonds as well as strengthen friendships. The students and teachers had a meaningful and fun time completing the run.



## P5 COOKIE BAKING



The Primary 5 students baked cookies during their class cohesive session at the start of Semester Two. This hands-on session helped to promote better rapport and strengthened teamwork among classmates. The students worked in groups of six and were given different duties during the baking session. They had to work together to ensure that their cookies were baked successfully. After baking, they had a choice to have the cookies for themselves or give them to someone to show their appreciation and gratitude.

## P6 25 CLAPS

The Primary 6 students did a series of 25 claps together. The claps were done in a rhythmic manner and the students had to synchronise their claps to make them sound like a melody. The activity displayed unity among the students and emphasised their strong team spirit. This also helped the students to recognise that every one of them played an important part in achieving a common goal.





## GREETINGS IN 25 LANGUAGES

The Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Department celebrated the diversity of the Pasirian family by extending a warm greeting, wishing PRPS a "Happy 25th Anniversary" in 25 different languages. Students of different ethnicities were given the opportunity to express their wishes in their Mother Tongue Languages. These students took time to practise their greetings and were all presented in a short video clip that was featured during the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert. The range of languages included the different regional dialects such as Javanese, Hakka, Urdu and even international languages such as Nigerian, Japanese and German!



## FINGER PRINTING ARTWORK – OUR PASIRIAN STORY

This year, fellow teachers of PRPS came together to leave a mark of their fingerprints on a painting titled "Our Pasirian Story". As each fingerprint leaves a strong mark on this painting, so does the way a teacher leaves an unforgettable impression in the life of every child they encounter. These fingerprints gather in strength and harmony in this macro thumbprint painting. It sings our Pasirian story for the past 25 years, where we sign off with our love and passion for each and every child. Bright colours were selected to show vibrancy and the colourful energy of the staff. This painting also serves as a reminder for us as we are a part of a one big family here in PRPS.





# 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



## WELCOME PERFORMANCE AND PRE-CONCERT FILLERS

The celebrations started off with a *kompang* performance by our students. Handpicked by their teachers from the Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) department, the selected students were trained to play the *kompang*. Proudly clad in traditional costumes, they warmly welcomed our Guest of Honour (GOH), DPM Teo Chee Hean. As he stepped onto the foyer at the canteen, his entourage was greeted by the colourful sight of the graceful dancers of the dance ensemble. The 14 students then showcased a stunning performance that fused the different forms of Chinese, Malay and Indian dances.



While awaiting the arrival of the GOH, parents and guests seated in the hall were entertained by the emcees for the pre-concert fillers. The audience played quizzes that tested them on fun facts on our school. The quizzes were designed using Kahoot!, a free game-based learning platform that encourages participation and interaction. Using their own smart devices, participants engaged in a friendly competition with one another. The audience was also treated to a video that featured beautifully decorated cards by every class, wishing PRPS a Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF ISH AND PRESENTATION OF MEMENTO

In conjunction with the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, 3 August also marked the official opening of our school's Indoor Sports Hall (ISH) by DPM Teo. Our GOH was invited onstage to officiate its opening.

Three students from Primary 5, Goh Yuen Fong, Isaac Fong and Mohd Irfan, designed a simple app to facilitate this opening, based on the knowledge they had obtained from attending the basic app development programme as part of the iExplore series. As our GOH 'scanned' his handprint on an iPad using the app, a video displaying the amenities of the ISH came on, officially launching its opening.







Six P4 students from the Art Club, Goh Hong Teng, Huan Xiaoyu, Nadine Zai Lea, Nur Arfah, Shanice Peh and Cherlyn Wong, presented our GOH with an art piece that they had created as a token of appreciation. Titled "Celebrating Our Pasirian Story", the artwork is an oil painting. Adopting a graphic and bold style, the painting illustrates PRPS's growth and journey for the past 25 years and celebrates the joy of learning in PRPS.

### SKIT AND PERFORMANCES

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert followed the story of two families as they re-lived the experiences of PRPS's monumental "Sing Singapore". Their conversation and memories provided the introduction to each of the main performing items in the concert, and through these, the audience was shown the fondness that the characters had for the events and characters discussed. The skit led up to a spectacular line-up of performances by the various performing arts groups. A performance by an alumnus Louisa Kan and class performances by our Primary 2, 3, 4 and 6 students were also showcased.

Mr Jackson Neo and Mdm Hazwani, who played the role of grandfather and mother respectively, were accompanied onstage by students Ethan Sia of Primary 6 Sincerity and Erisha Eiliyah of Primary 5 Tenacity. Mr Manaf and Mrs Caroline Silva were the emcees for this year's concert, with the former taking on the role of a teacher and the latter, clad in our school's signature pinafore, a student. They put on a great show and Mr Manaf, who joined PRPS earlier this year, described their partnership as having "brought out the best in each one of us" and portrayed the atmosphere of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert as "electrifying".





The following articles highlight the various performances that led to a successful Silver Jubilee celebration on 3 August.

## P1 & P2 DANCE



The Primary 1 and 2 students danced their hearts out in two specially crafted dances during the concert. Dancing and singing to a medley of songs, the students enjoyed every minute of it. The dedication and efforts of the students to practise their moves and perfect them were commendable. Pretty dresses, handsome outfits and tailored props made the little ones even more excited over their dance items. The students gushed over how excited they were to dance before their parents and guests during the concert.



## P3 STOMP



The students of Primary 3 Tenacity and Sincerity used everyday household items like pots and bins as percussion instruments and performed to the rhythm of the popular NDP song, *'Reach out for the Skies'*.

The students displayed perseverance in ensuring they gave their best in the performance. After months of practise during their music lessons and after-school sessions, the students were both nervous and excited to perform in front of their friends, families and special guests.

The hard work of these students paid off when they hit the stage full of exhilaration. The upbeat performance perfectly reflected the future that Pasirians should strive towards, a future full of hope and aspiration and always striving to 'Be Our Best'.



## P4 UKULELE PERFORMANCE

The Primary 4 students went through six lessons on Ukulele-playing earlier this year. This was a continuation to the introductory ukulele lessons that they had in 2017.



During the six lessons, the students learnt to sing songs and strum the accompanying chords.

P4 Empathy and Sincerity students performed in the concert. The students performed the songs 'Try Everything' and 'Singapura' with simple dance choreography. They presented a lively and entertaining performance dressed in their eye-catching costumes and hats.

## PERFORMANCE BY AN ALUMNUS



Louisa Kan enjoyed performing during 'Sing Singapore' Competitions in PRPS. Having left PRPS 12 years ago, she was extremely happy and honoured to perform in the concert and contribute to her alma mater.

Louisa discovered her love and talent for performing arts at the age of three. She has represented Singapore in various Latin Dancesport and singing competitions, clinching several accolades.

Louisa performed a duet with her friend, Clarence Liew, who played the guitar. They sang 2 songs - 'No Matter Where You Are' and 'This Is Where I Belong'. The second song was chosen as it reminded her of her several solo performances at 'Sing Singapore' Competitions that were held as part of National Day celebrations.



## P6 PERCUSSION DRUMMING

Primary 6 students showcased their percussion performance for the concert. The students had learnt how to do a drum roll in their weekly music lessons in term 3 and had the exposure to play with different percussion instruments to produce sounds. For the special performance, the students had to follow the instructor's cues to create a beautiful piece of music. The audience participated actively during the interactive performance and ended the whole celebration on a high note.



## NATIONAL DAY CARNIVAL



"How about setting up a mini bowling game booth?"

From brainstorming to preparation and finally manning of the booths, Primary 5 and 6 students set up game booths for the National Day Carnival on 8 August. All Primary 1 to Primary 6 students enjoyed the wide variety of games.

The objective of this event aligned well with our school's philosophy that every child can learn and achieve to the maximum of his potential under the proper guidance and nurturing of his teachers. The Primary 5 and 6 students displayed their innovative and creative problem-solving skills throughout the whole process.





## PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS



Our award-winning Performing Arts Groups – Choir, Guzheng and Dance Ensemble – once again delivered stellar performances during the concert.

Our school choir received the Accomplishment award in SYF 2018 Arts Presentation. For this year's set piece "Little Red Dot", the choir members worked together to create a soundscape and performed it at the end of the song.



Our Guzheng ensemble achieved a Distinction award for their outstanding performance of two pieces, "弥渡山歌", a folk song of the Yunnan province, and "美丽的甘榜", a rearrangement of a Malay folk song.

Our dance ensemble put up an energizing performance featuring movements from the Malay Martial Arts with an infusion of contemporary element titled 'Menuju Titian Puncak', which means to move towards the peak (of success). The mesmerising display of colours and movement earned the ensemble a Distinction award.

## OUR SPORTS CCAs

Our Sports CCA students have also performed well, clinching individual and team accolades in areas such as Floorball, Taekwondo and Wushu.



## CCA APPRECIATION DAY

The annual CCA Appreciation Day not only commemorates the student's efforts in their CCA endeavours, but also serves as a platform to thank the coaches and staff who have journeyed with them.

Our guest speaker was Glendon Phua, an alumnus of PRPS. He is also a 2015 SEA Games Floorball Gold Medallist. He shared insights of his journey in achieving his sporting excellence in floorball, as well as his memorable experiences in PRPS. After his inspiring speech, our students took time to give out handmade cards to the coaches and staff, thanking them for their guidance in honing their skills.





## REFLECTIONS OF NEW STAFF

### MS CYNTHIA TEO WEI PING

This is my first time being involved in a school's anniversary celebration and it brings back a lot of memories of my school days. While ushering the incoming visitors into the school at the gates, it was great to see supportive parents and/or siblings of performers coming in. The performance was fabulous thanks to the hard work of the staff and students.



### MR NEO JIA HAO

I was the Emcee/Actor for the concert and it was heartening to see all the students putting in their best effort to practise their items. Leading up to the final performance itself, everyone placed their best foot forward. Seeing our students helping each other when they were struggling really demonstrated the school spirit of 'Be Our Best'.



### MR NGO YI CHYE

As a new staff, it was definitely a privilege to be part of PRPS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Seeing the students and staff putting in equal hard work for the event to be successful, I felt a great sense of pride being part of the event. As backstage crew, it was challenging as the coordination for the curtains and setup had to be error-free. However, the smile on the students' faces, as well as the positive vibes during their performance, made everything worth it.



### MRS FIONA LEE

I am glad to be part of the Pasirian family and thankful to be one of the CCA teachers for Choir. During the school's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert, the choir was given an opportunity to showcase their talents. At the concert, they sang 'Humpty Dumpty' with pride and gusto, reminiscent of their performance during SYF. It was a memorable experience for us.



### MDM CHEW BOON SUE

For our school's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, I was given the role to chaperone the P6 students who performed percussion drumming during the concert. Together with my colleague, Ms Yeap, we took turns to look after them during their rehearsals. The trainings were tough, but I was indeed amazed by how these students persevered till the end of the concert. On the actual day of the concert, we became the make-up artists and helped them with their stage make-up. I was glad that it turned out to be a wonderful performance. I am proud to be in this Pasirian family.



### MRS DENISE RAJWANI

As a new staff, I think it was great to see the iteration of Sing Singapore. The students performed wonderfully and it was an excellent opportunity to understand the history of PRPS. I also had the opportunity to meet many people who were important to the history of the school. It was heartwarming to see them sharing their fond memories as well as their well-wishes for the school and students.



### MS LONG YUAN CHIN BERNADETTE

It was an honour to be a part of PRPS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It was quite an experience seeing the staff and students of past and present come together to celebrate the heart of all that makes PRPS special. Having helped out with the school choir during their rehearsals, I could see how important and meaningful this event was to the performers and organisers themselves. Overall, the event really celebrated the school for all that she is, reminiscing the stories of her past, and moving forward with all the hopes for her future.



## REFLECTIONS OF NEW STAFF

### MS NURAFIQAH ISMADI

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was a milestone for PRPS and I feel very privileged to have been part of such a joyous occasion. Being host of the pre-concert activity with Ms Hazurah, we quizzed the audience on their knowledge of PRPS's history and it was truly amazing to see how well our parents know the school. I look forward to experiencing and celebrating more of our school's future milestones.

### MS NUR IZZAH MOHAMMED HARON

It was an honour to be part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and I am truly inspired by the team of dedicated teachers who have taken the time and effort to prepare for this joyous occasion. The concert was filled with vibrant energy and being able to witness it was the highlight of my journey as a new teacher here. I had a great time collating the cards from the classes and preparing a short collage video for the guests before the start of the concert. I look forward to creating new wonderful memories with my Pasirian family.

### MR BENEDICT SIM

I am happy to join the school in the year of its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Being part of the backstage crew, I felt the pride in the eyes of all the performers when they gave their best during their performance. It felt great to see the students enjoying themselves on stage on this special day. It was indeed an honour to be part of the school's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and I look forward to creating more fond memories here.

### MR ABDUL MANAF B MOHAMED

I felt honoured to be chosen as one of the emcees for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert. Within the few months that I have been in PRPS, I could feel the depth of the culture and traditions within the school. Initially I was lost but I found my footing with the wonderful colleagues guiding me along the way. I am really proud to be part of this great school.

### MDM TAN YAN YAN

It was an eye opener to celebrate PRPS's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a new staff! I am glad to be a part of this big family. I had a wonderful experience taking care of the P3 students, who stole the hearts of the audiences with their spectacular 'Stomp' performance. Here's to many more good years to PRPS!

### MS TAY SIEW YEE (SHERYL)

It was exciting to be involved in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It not only gave me insight to how far the school has come over the past 25 years, but also filled me with a sense of wonder as I saw the journey the school has taken to grow into the body it is now. That journey was reflected in the efforts of both staff and students in celebrating this milestone. I was involved in preparing the P1 students for their performance on the day itself. For most of them, this was probably their very first major performance, but despite that, they put in their very best on stage and I was very proud and thankful to have had the opportunity to witness that moment.

### MRS JOVIS LIM

It was my pleasure to be given the opportunity to be in charge of the P1 dance item. It was an amazing feeling witnessing the cute little students training hard, putting their very best during their practises and performance. I could see the resilience in our budding Pasirian talents! Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PRPS!

### MS NOOR ATIQA BINTE SA'AD MAGAD

I felt heartened listening to former staff reminiscing fond memories of the school and how much it has progressed and grown. Although they are no longer with Pasir Ris Primary School, their love for the school is evidently intact. It has definitely inspired me to follow in their footsteps to ensure Pasir Ris Primary School soars to even greater heights.





## REMEMBERING PRPS

"I'm proud to have been part of PRPS at multiple points in my life's journey, and I hope it works just as magically for every Pasirian too. Wishing PRPS excellence and in nurturing greater young beings as you've always done. Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and more!"

– Emily Ong, graduating cohort of 1995



"Had the best times in PRPS where I played humtum bolla at the little field behind the school building and had the opportunity to raise the flag daily and be in charge of the PA sound system at level 3 above the hall! Made great friends there and will be sending my kids there soon! Proud to be Pasirian!"

– Stanley Kwek, graduating cohort of 1996



"I was really honoured to be part of the video production team for PRPS's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was an incredible journey, returning to my alma mater and documenting every part of the school where I grew up in. Working alongside the pioneer teachers, Mrs Chew, Mrs Pang and Miss Sim, it brought me down memory lane. My fondest memories are of the people who made PRPS possible; especially our founding Principal Mr Han, the teachers and not forgetting, the canteen vendors."

– Cai Huixin, graduating cohort of 1997



"I would always remember the days when we participated in the annual Sing Singapore. We would look forward to the competition every year, putting in long hours of practice to ensure our team wins. I have always marvelled at how creative the teachers were with their choreography and props!"

– Tabitha Chew, graduating cohort of 1999



"The new Indoor Sports Hall (ISH) reminds me of the excitement my friends and I had when we had newly renovated school amenities. It has been more than 15 years since and I hope 4G Pasirians today feel the same way we did towards this new facility."

– Zulfadli Yazab, graduating cohort of 2003



"I fondly remember us eagerly hoping to get into the Sing Singapore finals so that we could spend more time preparing for the competition instead of being in the classroom."

– Daniel Seah, graduating cohort of 2008



"My biggest takeaway would be the friends I have made. We are still best friends till this day and because of them I loved coming to school everyday."

– Chua Ya Ting, graduating cohort of 2011



"I am very grateful for all the love and guidance that teachers in PRPS gave me and it has shaped me into who I am today. I still hold our school moto close to heart. PRPS, TO BE OUR BEST!"

– Bridget Chua, graduating cohort of 2013



"I knew then that my teachers were strict because they cared for us. I will never forget the six years of wonderful memories at Pasir Ris Primary School."

– Haikal Akmal, graduating cohort of 2017

