**Message from the Principal**

**ACROSS THE DECADES**

2010 is a special year. It marks the end of one decade and the beginning of another. It is a good time for us to evaluate the past ten years and to plan for the future. A decade – 10 years – is not a short time. "How many decades are there in a lifetime?" Here at MCS, we have been around for eight and a half decades and on 11 February, we celebrated our 85th anniversary. This is also the year of the 7th Maryknoll Worldwide Reunion for which Maryknollers from all over the world gathered in Hong Kong in mid-February to revisit their childhood and teenage days.

To stage such a big event, we needed the active participation of different parties. Our former and current students, parents and teachers (especially Maryknoll Sisters) all joined hands in making the Homecoming Day, the Thanksgiving Mass and the Reunion Dinner a great success.

The same people are equally involved in the development of our girls, joining forces to make their lives meaningful. We are united in our mission: to bring up our children, to nurture them, to guide them so that they may become upright individuals who will make us proud.

Thanks to the Parent-Teacher Association, it is becoming increasingly easy for us to fulfill this mission. That our joint efforts have paid off is reflected in the External School Review Team’s recognition that MCS students are "well-mannered, confident, versatile and enterprising", "respectful and considerate", "active, articulate and independent learners with good communication skills". What more could we ask for? Former and current students, parents and teachers, let us make sure that in the decades to come, MCS students will continue to be everything that we pray for, and more.

Melaine Lee

"能夠為學校服務，我感到非常榮幸，亦因我的人生寫上新的篇章。作為一個職業母親，我深知責任重大。平日我有時上班和到處走動，工作很緊張和分秒必爭。時間就像計時的機器，時時消逝，了無痕跡。正是因為時間這種客觀的本質，如何讓全體攜手把這短暫的時間內充分磨合、進入狀態、展開工作，是我最為重要的考驗。"

家長教師會的基本三要素是學生、家長及老師，如何協調及推動這三要素的配合，發揮所長，培養學生及家長，是我們的首要任務。正如校長說得，學校有八十五年的歷史，是一段長長的旅程。然而，家長教師會是一種協作的小組，是一群為了達到目的而共同努力的小組，這便是家長教師會的目標。感謝學生的敬愛與支持，感謝老師的無微不至的關懷，感謝家長的付出與關注。

能够与大家沟通的机会不多，一年两次的家长会，就像飞鹤俱乐部一样，增进我们的谅解和信心。家长教师会的运作更加有效。为了减少老师的工作量，增加家长教师会的运作效能，更好地解决大家对家长教师会的疑问，我们设立了“家长教师会资讯小组”，设立了家长教师会的资讯小组，设置了家长教师会的资讯站，是家长教师会成立以来的家长教师会的资讯小组。这个电脑将为本会的工作带来更多的方便。

今年除常规活动外，亦有新班，新老师，新工作，新作法。家长教师会的参与和协助，使我们更容易地完成工作。在大家的共同努力下，我们相信家长教师会将会更上一层楼。

我有一个梦想，那就是家长教师会（AGM）的角色，可以成为一个国际化的AGM。我们希望家长教师会的资讯小组能够发挥更大的作用，协助家长教师会的发展。

我期待与你们一起，为家长教师会的发展作出努力。期待大家以行动支持我们新一届的家长教师会。

谨祝虎年虎虎生威，子女学业进步，大家身心安泰！
The 8th Annual General Meeting of the Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary Section) Parent-Teacher Association

The 8th Annual General Meeting was successfully concluded on 31st October 2009. The members of our Executive Committee are as follows:

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“一切由心開始 —廿一世紀香港父母之道” — 范徐麗泰女士
我們榮幸能邀請現任港區人大代表、前立法局主席范徐麗泰女士於十一月十七日蒞臨，與家長分享為人母親的經驗。當晚天氣雖然寒冷，但是大家的熱情不減，細心聆聽范太的演講。范太娓娓道來她與子女的相處之道 — 一切由心開始。

家長義工招募
為讓大家了解家教會來年的活動，以便積極參與義工團隊，本會安排「家長義工招募活動」簡介會。當天新舊義工聚首一堂，一起吃早點，校長、主席及各委員簡述未來一年的各種活動，交流心得，十分熱烈。

Products List
- MCS 18K Pendants
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- MCS Models with Lighting
- Cranes Blessing Cards

Our Souvenirs

[Images of souvenirs and products listed]
Late November is always a time for people around the globe to acknowledge the fact that one has not said enough 'thank you's during the year and is also a time to call to mind the importance of showing gratitude to others.

Thanksgiving, after all, is a word denoting an action. That is why during the Thanksgiving Programme, the SA and form representatives presented gifts to our staff. As tumultuous applause and sometimes even screams reminiscent of eager fans filled the hall, the gratitude shown was almost palpable.

Every place has its own way of celebrating this blissful festival. In Maryknoll, it is a custom for the SA to stage a drama in order to familiarize students with Thanksgiving Day. This year, the SA staged a drama about a robot, Robbie, who does not know how to say a sincere thank you. He unintentionally enters a mysterious territory called "Kookaburra Jungle" which is under attack from a "Don't-say-thank-you monster". The unity and love shared by Robbie and all the characters melt Robbie's heart and enable him to say a sincere "thank you" from the bottom of his heart, which defeats the "Don't-say-thank-you monster". Robbie restores peace and freedom in "Kookaburra Jungle" by saying thank you; people there are allowed to say thank you whenever they want and this happy ending to the drama met with deafening cheers. It was indeed the true Maryknoll style: a blend of innovation, tradition and sincerity.

6A Regina Heung, S.A. President
12月18日，由學生會舉辦的一年一度山頂步行籌款活動又開始了。已是第二年參加的我自覺得比往年更緊張，原因是我今年以家教會委員身份參與，並早已準備參與此次活動。

當我到達山頂時，已經有很多學生與家長們聚在一起，等待起步典禮的開始，清風吹拂的廣場早已變得熱鬧起來。這天氣溫頗為寒冷，但家教會委員們不畏寒風，齊穿著統一的短袖T恤出席起步典禮，雖覺得有點兒冷，但各人心情興奮，剪齊後更齊齊造勢拍照，在整個活動過程中又歌又笑又拍照，興奮之情不亞於學生，家教會會員亦成了本次活動的活躍分子。

雖然08年也曾參與此項活動，但那時只和其他家長們一起漫步，感覺像是觀光的遊客，沿著山頂的小路觀賞維港的風景，開心與投入程度跟這次截然不同。

最後，我祝願家長教師會能為各會員帶來更多的開心回憶，並希望有更多的家長能成為學校的幫手，真正發揮家校合作的精神。
The new season started on 16 Jan, with over 50 student participants and about 20 parent helpers.

The "kick-off" was kind of lukewarm as group members were not very familiar with one another. However, thanks to the guest speaker (Mr Ko Tin-lung 何天龍), whose presentation captured everyone's attention and interest like magic and created a pleasant and harmonious atmosphere, which helped break the ice for the rest of the meeting.

Mr Ko is a renowned author, drama instructor and director. He is a person of great charisma, with a good sense of humour. He shared with us his insights and experience, showing us how to view life from various angles. He himself is a dramatic "actor". He also demonstrated to us how to express ourselves appropriately and confidently.

Mr Ko told us he is a typical "book-worm" and has benefited from being one. He stressed the importance of reading widely. Emphasizing the importance of reading the classics, which are being avoided by this generation. Mr Ko also strongly recommended us to read books about the origins & evolution of Chinese written characters. He gave a few really interesting examples.

Mr Ko's speech was really enjoyable and sometimes even "breathtaking", and full of inspiration. He overran his time-slot, but nobody cared and neither did he! Like the little girl in a TV commercial, I told myself: "我有少少焼火任比你!"

Kitty and I are the parent tutors of group 2 with 9 girls. It is a pleasure to be with these young ladies, who are sensible yet childlike. I can't help but be amazed by their passion for reading. By how courageous and well-prepared they are when book-sharing,....

I, in fact, have learned not only from the speakers/speakers, but also a lot more from the Club members.

Please give the "THUMBS-UP" to them - Your "OWN" daughters!

Thank you, PTA-EXCO members, who have devoted so much effort to organizing the "READING CLUB" for the students and for us parents fortunate enough to be part of it.

You too can be one of the "lucky few". Contact the PTA and join us! See you there.

Lorraine Tsang
Mother of Lena (2E)
Religious Group

To help spread the word about family love, we would like to invite parents to the coming gatherings. We want you to experience our sharing with your own eyes and ears. Sharing, seminars, service at school, a pilgrimage to Tsing Yi and community service are activities planned for this year. With the full support of the school and sincere help of Sister Susan and parents, we believe that you will find this an enriching experience.

May God richly bless you!

PTA exco Candy Siu

In the name of God we gather together at the PTA Religious Group Meeting once a month. I always gain something from each meeting — God’s word, sincere talks, heartfelt concern, a lovely smile, touching teardrops etc. etc. — which is why I seldom miss it. It’s a great and trustful gathering that I have never found before. Well, just come and experience it for yourself if our meeting time suits you.

God bless!

Dolores Leon, Former Parent

現今香港社會，父母忙於生計，學校，老師為迎合教改瘦身於勞命。資訊氾濫，傳媒對年輕人的影響力日益加大，究竟誰來主導我們孩子的未來？是家庭，學校傳遞的觀念，還是社會上普遍追隨的一些價值觀？宗教小組在三月十一日，四月十五日及六月十日舉辦一個名為 [孩子真正的教養者 - 家庭]之講座系列，與各位家長一起探討信仰中家庭之核心價值及功能對維繫社會穩定及下一代成長的重要。這家庭核心價值在現今世面面對的嚴峻挑戰及衝擊又如何影響到我們孩子的將來？作為家長的我們又可作甚麼？對這講座有興趣之家長，請勿錯過。

如有查詢，請聯絡宗教小組家長成員。

Cynthia Lo, Parent of a F.3 Student

祖慧蓮修女
出生 - 非洲肯雅
家中 - 是大家庭，有八位姊妹
到港 - 2007年
職業 - 聖校牧民助理
志願 - 從5歲開始已想成為修女
難忘的人物 - 壽利諾
修院創立人
It's the parent's cheer group at the Athletics Meet again. We, parent helpers, volunteered to be the cheer group at the Athletics Meet. We held Bang sticks to create a supportive atmosphere. We didn't support any one house, but the whole school. That's why we had different colors of Bang sticks. The four houses have their own flags, which are stunning. The flags represented the spirit of each house. How amazing! Students tried their best to meet their goals, in the competitions and in life.

PTA exco Amy Cheuk
「國畫班」一點點感想……

國畫是中國傳統文化中的重要畫種之一。家長教師會能開辦國畫班，讓學生們在課餘時間裡有一個舒適的環境可以放鬆心情，並增進對國畫的了解，家長們更是親自參與，共創美好時光。

今年國畫班成立八週年紀念活動，家長們特別安排了一個小型展覽，並請來多位知名畫家來校指導，讓學生們能夠親自體驗到國畫的魅力。展覽將於本月三十日舉行，歡迎全校師生共襄盛舉。

家長教師會會長/國畫班學員
唐國儀
I think this Latin dance course is really interesting and the instructor teaches it very well. I hope there will be a new course soon.

Lydia Chan (3D)

First I need to thank our instructor, Mr. Wong, for teaching us many basic dancing skills. Besides teaching us the simple movements, Mr. Wong has also told us stories behind all kinds of dances. I think I will continue to learn Licentiate, because it is really worth it. It's a dance that needs the help and cooperation of partners. Thank you Mr. Wong and everyone for helping me to overcome all the difficulties I have faced.

Hein Cheng (1B)

Thanks to the PTA, students now have the opportunity to learn Latin dance. During the first few lessons, the introduction to the cha-cha-cha and the rumba showed us the amazing musicality and dynamism of these energetic dances. Although simple, the steps we learned are essential for different dance styles and techniques that every dancer should hope to perfect.

Cheryl Lau (4B)

老師，
謝謝學校的安排，我
女兒說可以再學多點就更加
好。她喜歡那首音樂節奏和導師
的認真，謝謝！在新的一年，願主
祝福虎年萬事如意！各位老師身
體安康！

家長 Eva

我在好奇心驅使下参加了
拉丁舞課程。課程完結後，
我覺得拉丁舞有不同的步幅及
優美姿態，而且拉丁舞亦是國際
性的賽事。因此，我希望可以
有更多同學認識拉丁舞。

Parent of Priscilla Chan
(1C)

<成人心肺復甦法>證書課程

OUR PTA MAIL BOX

You are always welcome to visit our website: www.mcs.edu.hk/pta and are cordially invited to join us. Our activities, upcoming events and souvenirs are periodically updated on our website.

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