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Dear Parent/Guardian

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT BBSS!

1. My warmest greetings to you. It is great to see our students coming to school all energised and ready to start the new academic year. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank all parents/guardians for your continuous support towards your children/wards in their holistic journey and to thank all Sec 1 parents/guardians for entrusting your children/wards with us.

2. **Celebrating Achievements** - We have accolades to share from the last quarter in 2019 (*Annex A* provides additional details, if any, of these achievements).

Domain	Achievement
CCA	<p>Outstanding Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chan Jun Yi, Aden (2A6, 2020) – National Tchoukball player <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Champion – 6th Southeast Asia Tchoukball 2019, Men's Open category ○ 1st Runner-up – 5th World Youth Tchoukball 2019, M15 Boys team • Rugby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raffles 10s Rugby Tournament – Bowl Champion (U15), Bowl Runner-up (U13) ○ 11th Saints 7s Tournament - Plate Champion (U14), Plate 2nd Runners-up (U16) • NCC (Land): Annual Sports Challenge, West District Champion - Frisbee (Senior) • NCC (Sea) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fitness Challenge 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gold – Fastest and fittest unit (Preliminary round) ○ Annual Sports Challenge 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall Champion (Girls) - Captain's Ball (Sec 1), Ultimate Frisbee (Sec 2) ▪ Sea District Champion (Girls) – Street Soccer (Sec 3) ▪ Sea District Champion (Boys) – Ultimate Frisbee (Sec 2) ▪ 2nd Runner-up (Boys) – Captain's Ball (Sec 1) • NPCC: UACDC Challenge 2019, Champion – Open Category • One Earth Club: Yellow Flame Award
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding History Teacher Award 2019 (Finalist) – Mdm Tong Wee Onn • Innergy Award (Commendation) 2019 - Maths Department for Maths Game Day

3. **Connecting with Parents** – The school has fully implemented the use of the Parent Gateway (PG) Mobile App last year. Termly letters, consent forms and examination schedules would come to you in softcopy via PG. While termly letters and exam schedules would also be posted in the school website for downloading, parents who are not onboard PG are strongly encouraged to download the app. I strongly urge parents to attend the Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) and Principal's Talks (See *Annex B*, Page 4)

4. **Wednesday Late Day** – This year, students will report to school by 8.20 am every Wednesday. This is to create time for student-family bonding activities like breakfast and morning exercise, student leaders meeting and professional development of teachers.

5. **School Focus for 2020** – To enhance the future readiness of our students, we will enrich their learning experiences in 2 areas:

- **Every BBSSian an Effective Communicator** – We aim to nurture BBSSians to become effective communicators across various subject disciplines and contexts. A common rubric has been created as a guide to facilitate students' learning process and is available for reference by all in the student handbook (Page 65-66).
- **Environmental Education (EE)** – We have embarked on using our sustainable school initiative as a Teaching & Learning platform. To this end, the school has been awarded the Building & The BBSS Vision • A premier school which provides quality holistic education to every BBSSian

Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark Goldplus Award which featured the installation of High Volume Low Speed (HVLS) fans in the school hall and Indoor Sports Hall (ISH) to minimise the use of the hall air-conditioners. Food digesters are utilised to reduce food waste from the school canteen and food laboratories by converting leftovers into compost for fertilising the school flora. Through our students' involvement in EE, we hope to reduce water and electricity usage as well as the carbon footprint in school.

6. **Fund Collection (School Magazine 2020)** – The BBSS annual school magazine cost \$10 per copy for 2020. Students on financial assistance are required to pay \$2 per copy. Students will be billed for a copy through the school billing system in August 2020. Parents who have children studying in different levels need to pay for one copy of the magazine and will be billed for the younger (youngest) child only.

7. **Video Recording and Photography in School** – As an institution that continually seeks to improve the learning experience of students, ongoing research by our staff may entail filming and photography on the school premises. Such material may also be used for publicity and/or presentations. Please approach your child/ward's form teacher if you have any concerns.

8. Our best wishes to you and your family in the New Year. May the year ahead be an enriching one and may you all enjoy good health and happiness.

Yours faithfully

Mr Phua Huat Chuan
Principal

(This letter has been posted electronically on Parents Gateway. No signature is required.)

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Details of Achievements

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Academic	<p>NTFE Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge 2019</p> <p>The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Challenge is a funded programme designed to activate the entrepreneurial mindset and build business skills in youth. The programme was a three day camp followed by a presentation and targets positive growth in three core domains, namely character (heart), mindset (head) and skillset (hand). The programme provided innovative, hands-on approach to teaching business skills using real life authentic situations such as opportunities recognition and market research. The students had to present to a large audience, were quizzed by the judges and had to make a model of their product for display.</p> <p>15 schools participated and were facilitated by 38 business mentors and 16 facilitators. There were 45 finalists, 5 of which were BBSSians. They are Law Yun Xuan and Muhammad Raihan from 3T1, Nydia Kameliah, Zikry Shammel and Nadra Insyirah from 3N3. Though they did not manage to clinch any awards, the training and experience gained would hold them in good stead for future opportunities.</p>																																																																		
CCA (Clubs & Societies)	<p>The One Earth Club applied for the Singapore Environment Council-Starhub School Green Awards (SGA) and had received the Lotus Award (the highest award in the category) for 6 years.</p> <p>The Awards were revamped in 2018 in alignment to the new SGA Framework. The school has obtained the Yellow Flame Award for 2019 (second highest award) for the second year by obtaining an overall score between 80-90% for our programme.</p>																																																																		
CCA (Sports)	<p>Chan Jun Yi, Aden (2A6, 2020) has been playing Tchoukball since primary 3. He joined the Centre of Excellence of the Tchoukball Association of Singapore to hone his skills the following year and has been representing Singapore in various international events and clinching podium positions in the U12 category from 2016 to 2018 with his teammates. In 2019, he played for the U15 boys' team at the 5th World Youth Tchoukball Championships held from 16 to 18 Aug 2019, emerging as 1st Runner-up and beating countries like Chinese Taipei, the world champion 3 times in the last 4 years in any category. On 17 Nov 2019, Aden was selected to represent Singapore in the Men's Open category in the 6th Southeast Asia Tchoukball Championships held at the Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok. He was the youngest player of the team. It was a proud moment for Aden as Singapore clinched its fifth men's title and fifth straight women's title!</p> <p>Rugby</p> <p>After clinching the Schools National C Division Rugby Championship (Bowl) on 28 Aug 2019, our boys continue to rack up victories participating in competitions organised by 2 traditionally strong rugby playing school. It is also the first time since 2008 that any BBSS team has achieved a Plate (Category above Bowl) placing. The tournaments and members of the squads are:</p> <table><tr><th colspan="6">Raffles 10s Rugby Tournament</th></tr><tr><th colspan="3">U15 – Bowl Champion (8 Nov 2019)</th><th colspan="3">U13 – Bowl Runner-up (4 Nov 2019)</th></tr><tr><th>S/N</th><th>Name</th><th>Class</th><th>S/N</th><th>Name</th><th>Class</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>MUHAMMAD KHAIREEL AIMAN</td><td>3T1</td><td>1</td><td>BRANDON LEE YONG HUI</td><td>1T1</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>MUHAMMAD HAFIY</td><td>3T1</td><td>2</td><td>ADRIYAN</td><td>1T1</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>KOH PEI KUN</td><td>3N1</td><td>3</td><td>NG ZHI HONG, JAMES</td><td>1T1</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>LUCAS TAY KAI XIAN</td><td>3N1</td><td>4</td><td>SUFI AMSYAR</td><td>1T1</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>PANG YI XIAN</td><td>3N1</td><td>5</td><td>BABU SERVESSH</td><td>1N1</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>MUHAMMAD SYUKRI ABDUL HAMID</td><td>3N3</td><td>6</td><td>CORNELIUS YEO GUAN SI</td><td>1N2</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>NICHOLAS LEE HAO WEI</td><td>3N3</td><td>7</td><td>KHILFI ZIKRI</td><td>1N2</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>SIA GUANG CHENG</td><td>3N3</td><td>8</td><td>MUHAMMAD NUR IRFAN</td><td>1N2</td></tr></table>	Raffles 10s Rugby Tournament						U15 – Bowl Champion (8 Nov 2019)			U13 – Bowl Runner-up (4 Nov 2019)			S/N	Name	Class	S/N	Name	Class	1	MUHAMMAD KHAIREEL AIMAN	3T1	1	BRANDON LEE YONG HUI	1T1	2	MUHAMMAD HAFIY	3T1	2	ADRIYAN	1T1	3	KOH PEI KUN	3N1	3	NG ZHI HONG, JAMES	1T1	4	LUCAS TAY KAI XIAN	3N1	4	SUFI AMSYAR	1T1	5	PANG YI XIAN	3N1	5	BABU SERVESSH	1N1	6	MUHAMMAD SYUKRI ABDUL HAMID	3N3	6	CORNELIUS YEO GUAN SI	1N2	7	NICHOLAS LEE HAO WEI	3N3	7	KHILFI ZIKRI	1N2	8	SIA GUANG CHENG	3N3	8	MUHAMMAD NUR IRFAN	1N2
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CCA (UGs)	9	KHUAN YEE RAY, JARED	3S1	9	TAN GUAN CONG	1N2
	10	MUHD NAUFAL	3S2	10	ZIKRY ILHAM	1N2
	11	KYIAN LAU HONG SHENG	2N1	11	RYAN TAN YI REN	1E1
	12	DANI KHAIRIN	2N2	12	JAYDEN NG	1E2
	13	DERRIC ANG SUHARTONO	2N2	13	ALIF ADLAN	1E3
	14	MOHAMMAD RAUUF	2N2	14	RANDALE THAN	1E3
	15	LAM ZOUH REY	2E2			
	16	MUHAMAD FARUQ RAHMAT	2E4			
	17	MUHD AQIL ARFAN	2E4			
	18	YAN JING KAI	2E4			
	11th Saints 7s Tournament (16-17 Nov 2019)					
	U14 – Plate Champion			U16 – Plate 2nd Runner-up		
	S/N	Name	Class	S/N	Name	Class
	1	MUHAMMAD SYUKUR	2T1	1	MUHAMMAD FAREED AMEER	4T1
	2	AARON TAN WEI RONG	2N1	2	LOUIS SOH WEI WEN	4N1
	3	KYIAN LAU HONG SHENG	2N1	3	LIM JIA XIAN SAMUEL	4N2
	4	MOHAMMAD RAUUF	2N1	4	MOHD IRFAN'SYAH	4N2
	5	DANI KHAIRIN	2N2	5	ROY TAN TONHARDT	4N2
	6	RYAN FASRUL	2N2	6	SAIF ABDILLAH KAMSEH	4N3
	7	LAM ZOUH REY	2E2	7	CHONG HERNG, COHAN	4A1
	8	ZACK ARTHUR CLONEY	2E2	8	KHUAN YEE RAY JARED	3S1
	9	DENZEL CHUA SHAO XUAN	2E4	9	MUHAMMAD KHAIREEL AIMAN	3T1
	10	MUHAMAD FARUQ RAHMAT	2E4	10	KOH PEI KUN	3N1
	11	MUHD AQIL ARFAN	2E4	11	PANG YI XIAN	3N1
	12	YAN JING KAI	2E4	12	KOH LI WEI OLIVER	3S2
				13	MUHAMMAD NAUFAL	3S2
	National Cadet Corps (NCC) Land					
	NCC Land cadets recently took part in the Annual Sports Challenge 2019 where our Senior Cadets emerge as the West District Champions for Frisbee. They represented the West District in the Sports Challenge Finals on 19 Oct 2019. While they gave it their all, they were unable to overcome the best teams from the East, Central, Sea and Air districts. The members are:					
	S/N	Name	Class	S/N	Name	Class
	1	JAYDEN ONN JUN HENG (CAPTAIN)	2N2	5	PREMANAND KRISHNAA VASANTHAN	2E1
	2	JAVIER CHUA JUN KIAT	2T1	6	XING HAIXIANG	2E2
	3	HAU ZHI MING	2N2	7	MUHAMMAD IZZUDDIN	2E3
	4	ZHANG ZHENG YU XAVIER	2N2	8	PUTRA IRWAN ERRIANDY MUHAMMAD IHSAN	2E3
	National Cadet Corps (NCC) Sea					
	The cadets took part in the Fitness Challenge 2019 with little expectations and in the preliminary round surprised everyone when they clocked in the fastest time for both the Sea District as well as among all the NCC units in Singapore. The team was awarded the gold medal for being the fittest unit for the Preliminary round. During the Finals, the team missed out on the 3 rd position by a difference of 8 secs. The results are the best so far achieved for the Fitness Challenge. This is partly due to the cadets themselves initiating a dedicated sports and fitness session on Wednesdays. The team members were:					
	S/N	Name	Class	S/N	Name	Class
	1	LUO JUNJIE (CAPTAIN)	3S1	8	ONG ZILUN, MARCUX	2N2
	2	INEZ WONG YUAN TING	3N1	9	LIM JIE HONG JONATHAN	2E2
	3	MOHAMED AMIRUL HAQIM	3N1	10	YEO ZHI LIN	2E3

4	HANSON TAN JUN XIANG	3A1	11	ZIV KOH	2E3
5	NG YU ZE	3A1	12	DARSAMSHAMI	1N2
6	SOH ZHI CHUEN	3A1	13	SIM XUEN	1E1
7	PEDAPUDI VISHNURAM	3S1	14	PHANG SHI LIN	1E2

Our cadets did the unit proud at the Annual Sports Challenge 2019 for all districts by achieving the following positions for their respective games.

Overall Champion

Ultimate Frisbee – Sec 2 (Girls)			Captain's Ball – Sec 1 (Girls)		
S/N	Name	Class	S/N	Name	Class
1	ANANDA KUMAR DEEPIKA (CAPTAIN)	2E2	1	PHANG SHI LIN (CAPTAIN)	1E2
2	CHING YULING, NICOLE	2N1	2	NURUL ASHSHEKEEN	1N1
3	TAN YING QI, JERYANN	2N1	3	NUR HAKIMAH	1N2
4	TEO RU QI	2N1	4	GRACE LOH YUN TONG	1E3
5	VIONN NG QIAO EN	2E3	5	NUR ARINAH THAQIFAH	1E4
6	CHEONG YU YAN	2E4	6	NUR DIYANAH ALISYAH	1E4
7	TAN SWEET EN	2E4	7	SWEET YU XIN FELICIA	1E4

Sea District Champion

Ultimate Frisbee – Sec 2 (Boys)			Street Soccer – Sec 3 (Girls)		
S/N	Name	Class	S/N	Name	Class
1	RANE ADITYA VIJAYKUMAR (CAPTAIN)	2E3	1	PEDAPUDI VISHNU RAGHAVI (CAPTAIN)	3S1
2	TOH ZI HAO	2N1	2	LAW YUN XUAN	3T1
3	TYLER MAK WAI LOK	2N1	3	NAOMI ANSYIRAH	3N3
4	ONG ZILUN, MARCUX	2N2	4	WONG SI KEI KELLY	3A1
5	MANOGARAN MOHNISH	2E2	5	TNG JIE QI	3A2
6	YEO ZHI LIN	2E3	6	TANESHA NATARAJAN	3S1
7	ZIV KOH	2E3	7	RAINN LIM	3S2

Captain's Ball – Sec 1 (Boys), 2nd Runner-up

S/N	Name	Class	S/N	Name	Class
1	PACKIARAJ PETRICK SARON (CAPTAIN)	S1-E1	4	GOVINDARAJAN NITHYA KIRUTHIK	S1-E2
2	SIM XUEN	S1-E1	5	LEE SHAO ZHE SHAMUS	S1-E2
3	SIVAKUMAR HANISH	S1-E1	6	IVAN NYEOW ZU HONG	S1-E3
			7	SITOE YI ZHENG, LINFRED	S1-E3

National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC)

On 19 Oct 2019, 5 cadets from NPCC participated in the Urban Adventure Civil Defence Skills Challenge 2019, organised by HQ NCDCC. The team emerged as Champion in the Open category. The cadets were Goh Pei Ru and Katherine Kai Lin Tan from 3N2, Jovi Tan Chee Han (3A1), Jeriel Tan Zhi Ming (2T1) and Janisha d/o Prakash (2N2).

Staff

Outstanding History Teacher Award 2019

Mdm Tong Wee Onn was selected as one of the 6 finalists for the Outstanding History Teacher Award 2019. At the presentation before the Selection Panel, she has shown the following qualities:

- Possess a very strong grasp of the subject content
- Adept at deploying many effective strategies
- Enjoy wonderful rapport with her students
- Clear Passion for teaching history

On 5 Nov 2019, she was presented with a certificate and prize at the Gallery Theatre, National Museum of Singapore.

Innergy Award 2019

Each year, there will be a call to schools to submit their successfully implemented ground-up innovative projects that have added significant value to the work of the school. The

	Mathematics Department had submitted their Mathematics Game Day idea and was awarded the Innergy Award (Commendation) 2019 for the great work applied into Teaching and Learning.
School	BCA Green Mark Award (Goldplus) Our school has been awarded the Building & Construction Authority (BCA) Green Mark Goldplus Award based on the Green Mark Criteria for Existing Schools (Version 2). The award will be valid until 18 Sep 2022.

ANNEX B

Schedule for Principal's Talk and Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs)

During the PTMs, the school aim to communicate planned programmes and share on the progression of students to parents/guardians, and harness the support to work hand-in-hand with the teachers in developing them. At the Principal's Talk, perspectives will be shared on how parents/guardians can provide home support throughout the students' secondary school life in strong partnership with the school.

	Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4/5
PTM	Fri, 6 Mar (selected students), 12.30 pm – 5.30 pm			
	Fri, 29 May (ALL), 8 am – 5 pm			
Principal's Talk	Fri, 31 Jan 6.15 pm – 8.00 pm	Fri, 17 Apr 7 pm – 8.30 pm	Fri, 14 Feb 7 pm – 8.30 pm	Fri, 6 Mar 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Annex C

Calendar of Events

Do refer to the BBSS school calendar in the student handbook (pages 67 – 78) for schedules of school programmes and activities for the various levels. The table below highlights the major events in the first term.

DATE	EVENT
Thu, 16 Jan	Temperature Taking Exercise
Sat, 18 Jan	Project Mi 2020 (Student-led VIA initiative) [Sat, 8.30 am – 5.30 pm]
Fri, 24 Jan	Chinese New Year Celebrations [7.30 am – 10.30 am]
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (SAT, 25 JAN TO MON, 27 JAN) – CHINESE NEW YEAR	
SCHOOL HOLIDAY (TUE, 28 JAN) – CHINESE NEW YEAR	
Fri, 31 Jan	Sec 1 CCA Showcase and Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM) Principal's Talk for Sec 1 Parents [4.15 pm – 8.00 pm]
Fri, 14 Feb	Total Defence Day
Fri, 14 Feb	Principal's Talk for Sec 3 Parents [7.00 pm – 8.30 pm]
Fri, 6 Mar	PTM (Sec 2 to 5, selected students) [12.30 pm – 5.30 pm]
Fri, 6 Mar	Principal's Talk for Sec 4/5 Parents [6.30 pm – 8.30 pm]
Wed, 11 Mar to Fri, 13 Mar	Multi-Level Activities (MLA) for Sec 1 to 5 Sec 2 – Camp B.B.S.S. [Wed, 7.30 am – Fri, 12.30 pm]
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (SAT, 14 MAR TO SUN, 22 MAR)	

Opening Hours for School Gates

Do note the following regarding the opening hours of the school gates and latecomers.

Morning Assembly (7.30 am)	Before the chime for morning assembly	The front and back gates will be open from 6.30 to 7.30 am .
	After the chime for morning assembly	For safety and security reasons, only the front gate will be open. Latecomers can only enter from the front gate after 7.30 am.
After 8.00 am	Latecomers without valid reasons will need to report to the Principal or Vice-Principals.	

In the afternoon during curriculum time, the rear gate turnstile will be open at the following scheduled timings for **EXIT** only with exceptions that may be made during rainy weather and during the examination period.

Day	Time
Mon - Thu	1.25 – 6.30 pm
Fri	12.25 – 6.30 pm

Traffic Management & Road Safety

To ensure the safety of our students, the school **does not allow** vehicles to be driven into the school compound before morning assembly (7.30 am). The restricted space leading to the foyer and the heavy traffic volume in the morning makes it unsafe for the students. The following serves in advising parents/guardians who drive to make our school zone safe for all:

- Do drive carefully at all times at a much reduced speed within the school zone.
- Children/Wards should be dropped-off outside the school **AFTER THE MAIN GATE** before morning assembly. This is to prevent potential accidents involving staff driving into the school premises via the main gate.
- Alternatively, the HDB car parks serving Block 160 to 164 may be used to drop off the students while the rear gates are open till 7.30 am. There is no parking charge for vehicles exiting within 10 minutes.
- For children/wards alighting on the opposite side of the road, do drop them off nearer to the pedestrian crossing located a short distance from the main entrance. It is **dangerous and not advisable** for the children/wards to cross the roads without the assistance of the pedestrian crossing. There are no plans by LTA to build a pedestrian crossing immediately outside the school gates.
- In the event of rain, cars are allowed to be driven into the school compound to drop off/pick up children/wards at the foyer.
- To ensure a smooth flow of traffic, all parents/guardians are to follow the instructions given by the security guards and volunteers on duty.
- Parents/Guardians may drive their vehicles into the school and park at designated visitor lots after school hours to pick up their children/wards because of the much reduced traffic volume. Do continue to exercise care at all times and look out for students while driving within the school zone and in the school compound.