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Dear Parent/Guardian

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT BBSS!

1. As we start the new academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to inform you that Miss Chamb Cherk Ing has retired on 1 Jan 17 and I have taken over as Principal on the same day. On behalf of the school, we wish her the very best. We will continue to carry out our Instructional Programmes (IPs) and Co-curricular Activities (CCAs) that aim to maximise the potential in every student and to develop in each student the motivation to do well. Anchored through our BBSS Vision, Mission and Values, the school's primary focus is on nurturing self-directed learners who have an abundance mentality, empathy and care for others and will strive to "Be our Best!"

2. Major Events in the First Semester of 2017

Date	Events
20 Jan	Sec 1 CCA Showcase and Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM)
21 – 22 Jan	Project Mi 2017 (Student-led VIA initiative)
23 – 25 Jan	Multi-Level Activities (MLA) for Sec 1 to 5
17, 20 – 21 Feb	Continuous Assessment 1 (CA1) ¹
24 Feb	Annual Cross Country
10 Mar	PTM (all levels)
10 – 19 Mar	E-Learning Week
26 Mar	Blood Donation Drive (Student-led VIA initiative) @ Bukit Batok Community Centre (BBCC)
7 Apr	Sec 2 Streaming Briefing to Parents
13 Apr	Sports Day
21 Apr	Annual Awards Ceremony
2 – 12 May	Semestral Assessment (SA1) ²
19 May	No Shoe Day (Student-led VIA initiative)
26 May	Post SA1 PTM (selected students)

Do refer to the BBSS school calendar in the student handbook (pages 59 – 70) for assessment schedules and other school programmes for the various levels.

3. 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 be asked to go home. Parents/Guardians will be contacted.	

¹ Please note that the CA1 schedule **will not** be printed for students. The schedule will be made available in the school website for viewing and downloading.

² SA1 schedule will be printed for parents'/guardians' acknowledgement. EL/MT SA1 exams will be conducted earlier on 27 to 28 Apr.

In the afternoon, 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	2.00 – 6.30 pm
Fri	12.30 – 6.30 pm

4. **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 to advise 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.
- 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 **5.30 pm** to pick up their children/wards because of the much reduced traffic volume. Do continue to exercise care at all times while driving and look out for students.

5. **Fund Collection**

- The school will make a one-time collection of \$10 in cash from students for the school's Annual Magazine. Students on MOE/SAC financial assistance scheme need only pay a nominal sum of \$2 for the magazine.
- For siblings in the school, only one child/ward (the youngest) needs to purchase the magazine.
- The projected date for distribution of the 2017 School Magazine will be by mid-Jan 2018.

6. Your continuous support towards your child's/ward's holistic development is deeply appreciated.

7. All the 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