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21 March 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians.

2022 TERM 2 CIRCULAR

Welcome back to Term 2!

Term 1 saw a good start for our BLGians. Most students had adjusted well to new routines, and enjoyed their learning experiences. Term 2 continues to present itself as another exciting school term as we look ahead to the various learning activities and programmes planned for the term.

1. Recognition and Celebration

The school's Learn for Life Programme is in Environmental Education which aims to empower every student to be a confident advocate and steward for the environment. We are delighted to announce that the school's green effort is recognized by the Green Schools @ South West CDC and the school is awarded the *Three Stars – Public Health, Environment Protection and JEA Stars Award* for year 2021. We will continue to advance the sustainability initiatives and develop the next generation of sustainability leaders in BLGPS.

In addition, we are pleased to share that the Red Cross CCA clinched a *Gold for Excellence Unit Award* 2021. The CCA will continue to instill the Red Cross spirit in the students and develop them to become good citizens with strong sense of civic responsibility.

2. School Improvement Works

The school started on some major improvement works since last year. At the beginning of the year, we welcomed students back with the launch of two new learning spaces as follows:

• BLGian Edutainment Lounge

A comfortable learning space with moveable furniture and the provision of varied spaces for small group teaching, mentoring, collaboration or team-building activities.





• Student corners

Named Serenity Spots, Heart-to-Heart corners, and Rainbow Coves, these are corridor corners innovatively designed by teachers to guide students to develop self-awareness and self-management skills in regulating their emotions.





• Repainting of School Infrastructure

We are glad to also update that the repainting of the school infrastructure is completed at the end of Term 1. The pop of colours has certainly added much vibrancy to the school environment.



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New Ceiling Fans

In the classrooms, we have also replaced all the ceiling fans during the March holidays, and in the midst of putting up curtains for classrooms with direct sunlight.

We hope that these improvement works will provide our students with a conducive environment for learning and offers opportunities for interaction and self-discovery. We will continue to enhance the school infrastructure in the year ahead.

3. School Programmes – Term 2

Values Education

Every term, the school will focus on unpacking two values. For Term 2, the focus is on *Respect and Integrity*.

We encourage all students to be respectful by appreciating that everyone is unique. With this awareness, students are guided to respond to others kindly and politely in words and actions. We also teach students to display integrity in their actions. Through increasing students' understanding of the importance of doing the right things, we hope that students will have the courage to make the right choice at all times. Please join us to reinforce these values at home.

Calendar of Events for Term 2

Some of the key events and celebrations in this term include the Commemoration of International Friendship Day (Week 3), EL Week (Week 4), and the return of the National School Games (NSG) for our student-athletes. Please refer to the respective level letters for the school calendar of event pertaining to your child.

Public Holidays and School Holidays

Please note that there will be NO SCHOOL on the following dates:

Dates	Day	Holidays
15 April 2022	Friday	Good Friday – Public Holiday
2 May 2022	Monday	Labour Day – School Holiday in-lieu
3 May 2022	Tuesday	Hari Raya Puasa – Public Holiday
16 May 2022	Monday	Vesak Day – Public Holiday in-lieu

4. Earth Hour

Earth Hour 2022 will be held on <u>Saturday, 26 March</u> from 8.30pm to 9.30pm in Singapore. To commemorate Earth Hour, BLGPS will be doing our part by turning off all the classroom lights and fans for the first two periods on Friday, 25 March. In line with the Singapore Green Plan 2030, we encourage parents to nurture your child to become stewards of the environment by taking part in Earth Hour 2022 at home and to also use this chance to inculcate in your child the importance of sustainable living.

5. Parent-Teacher-Meeting (PTM)

The Parent-Teacher Meeting is scheduled on the last two days of the term, <u>Thursday, 26 May 2022 (2.00pm to 4.30pm)</u> and <u>Friday, 27 May 2022 (8.00am to 4.30pm)</u>. It is a platform for teachers to provide feedback on your child's learning progress in Semester 1. It is also a

platform for you to share any concerns you have of your child with the teachers and partner the school in nurturing your child holistically. The PTM will be held online via Zoom. If there are concerns, parents will be invited by the subject teachers for a face-to-face meeting in school.

A registration form will be posted on Parents Gateway on 11 May 2022 to allow booking of appointments with the subject teachers. The booking period will be open from 13 May 2022, 8.00am to 22 May 2022, 11.30pm.

6. Parent Support Group (PSG)

Our PSG is having their second Zoom meeting on <u>Saturday, 2 April 2022, 10.00am – 11.30am</u>. Join us to see how our PSG parents *equip, empower and engage* themselves in school activities and events to show their love and support for the BLGians. We are encouraged by the support given by our parent volunteers who attended our first PSG meeting in Term 1 and we look forward to seeing you for the second meeting. If you would like to join the meeting and have yet to join as a PSG member, please email your interest to Ms Lydia Lam at lam_lydia@schools.gov.sg by 31 March 2022.

7. Wet Weather Dismissal for after-school activities

In the event of wet weather, Gate 5 will be open to facilitate dismissal for after-school activities, and parents can wait for your child at the sheltered HDB Void Deck. The school will also allow parents and guardians to enter the school premise by Gate 3 to wait at **designated Parents Waiting Area (next to Koi Pond)** for dismissal. We seek parents' cooperation to do check in via the Trace-Together SafeEntry for contact tracing when waiting for your child. We would like to remind all students to bring along their umbrellas or raincoat every day to school.

8. COVID Updates

TraceTogether (TT) Tokens

As informed, students are required to bring their TT Tokens to school every day and carry them at all times. This includes students who are returning to Student Care Center (SCC) during the school holidays. Please check that your child's TT Token is in working order and to get a replacement if the token is faulty / out of battery.

Updated Temperature-Taking Guidelines

With effect from Term 2, we will stop daily temperature taking. Students will do it once a term, on the first day of each term.

Lastly, we would like to remind parents that students must update their Form Teachers promptly if they should test positive for COVID-19, or receive a Health Risk Notice (HRN). In addition, students should not report to school if they have fever or flu-like symptoms.

Wishing you and your child/ward an enjoyable and memorable Term 2!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Christine Low Principal