

22 March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians, our partners-in-education

1. My warmest greetings to you. I hope that your child/ward had a fulfilling Term 1 in school. There had been a whole suite of programmes in Term 1 for your child/ward to meet the developmental outcomes that we wish to see at each level.
2. In this new term, I would like to inform you of the new appointment of HOD(Student Management)/Discipline Master @ Canberra Secondary School.
3. The incumbent HOD/ICT, Mr Goh Ching Tard, will be taking on the new role as HOD(Student Management)/Discipline Master and he will be succeeded by Mr Chia Wan Han (SH/Physics), who will be appointed as HOD/ICT (covering duty).
4. Looking ahead in Term 2 (refer to Annex A), our students will experience the joy of learning through a variety of enrichment programmes:

Cohort Camps (Mon, 20 Mar to Wed, 22 Mar)

5. It serves to nurture him/her into Grateful, Respectful and Compassionate (GRC) Canberrans through authentic, real world learning experiences. It also promotes environmental appreciation in him/her through his/her participation in the various outdoor activities.

Sec 1 Cohort Camp 2023 (By MOE @ MOE Labrador Outdoor Adventure Centre, 20 - 22 March 2023, Cost: \$214.60 (fully subsidised by school))

	Activity	Learning Objective
1	Low & High elements	To learn about themselves and actively help teammates to achieve team goals in an inclusive manner.
2	Placed-based activities such as hiking	To learn navigation skills and raise environmental awareness.
3	Outdoor living skills (e.g. Outdoor cooking)	To learn about basic living skills in a natural environment and how to take care of it.
4	Abseiling and rock climbing	To build courage and collaborate with teammates.

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Sec 2 Cohort Camp 2023 (By Adam Khoo Learning Technologies Group @ Canberra Sec, 20 - 22 March 2023, Cost: \$177.20 (fully subsidised by school))

	Activity	Learning Objective
1	Low elements	To learn about themselves and actively help teammates to achieve team goals in an inclusive manner.
2	Placed-based activities such as hiking	To learn navigation skills and raise environmental awareness.
3	Outdoor living skills (e.g. Tent-pitching)	To learn about basic living skills in a natural environment and how to take care of it.
4	Kayaking	To build courage and collaborate with teammates.

Sec 3 Cohort Camp 2023 (By Camp Challenge @ Sentosa, 20 - 22 March 2023, Cost: \$232.95 (fully subsidised by school))

	Activity	Learning Objective
1	Low elements	To learn about themselves and actively help teammates to achieve team goals in an inclusive manner.
2	Placed-based activities such as hiking	To learn navigation skills and raise environmental awareness.
3	Outdoor living skills (e.g. Outdoor cooking & tent-pitching)	To learn about basic living skills in a natural environment and how to take care of it.
4	Kayaking	To build courage and collaborate with teammates.

Secondary 4/5 Motivation and Study Skills Camp 2023 (By Adam Khoo Learning Technologies Group @ Canberra Sec, 20 - 22 March 2023, Cost: \$139 (with \$48 co-payment by student))

- In our continual effort to provide an engaging and holistic educational experience, the school has organized a customised programme for Secondary 4 and 5 students. The programme aims to extend the knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom. During the camp, Canberrans will pick up strategies to boost their academic motivation which they can apply leading to the National Examinations. They will also develop the 21st Century and Social Emotional (SEL) competencies and be nurtured into GRC GEMS.

Achievement

- We are pleased to share some good news with you in areas which we have done extremely well:

National Awards	
Green Award	Lotus Award
North West Outstanding School Partners Award	Platinum Award
CCA - Uniformed Group	
NCC(SEA)	Distinction Award
NCDCC	Distinction Award
CCA - Sports	
Badminton B Division (Boys)	North Zone 4th Position
Volleyball B Division (Boys)	North Zone 4th Position
Volleyball B Division (Girls)	North Zone 3rd Position

Mid-Year Examination & Mother Tongue Intensive Programme

8. To prepare the students who are taking their first National Examination Papers on 29 May (GCE O level MT paper 1 and 2), the department will conduct a mid-year examination and intensive programme to help the students set their pace towards their milestone in term 2. We encourage all parents to support their child, especially in the daily usage of the language through various platforms.

Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony

9. We will be holding a Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony in the School Hall on 4 April (Tue) from 4pm to 6pm, to show appreciation to the Sec 4 Student Councillors and CCA Leaders, as well as to induct the Sec 3 Student Councillors and CCA Leaders into the Exco. More details will be shared with the parents of these student leaders through the Parents Gateway.

Termly Breakfast Dialogue Session with School Leaders (Session2 on 5 April 2023)

10. As part of the school's additional outreach efforts to engage parents / guardians in our education pursuits to nurture the Grateful, Respectful and Compassionate Canberrans, we would like to extend the invitation for you to participate in the Termly Breakfast Dialogue sessions with School Leaders @ Cosmix (level 3) which will be held on the following dates from 8am to 9.30am: (the registration link will be sent nearer the date)

Session 1: 7 March 2023, Tuesday, 8am – 9.30am (Completed)

Session 2: 5 April 2023, Wednesday, 8am – 9.30am

Session 3: 6 July 2023, Thursday, 8am – 9.30am

Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

11. All Sec 4/5 students will stand down from CCA with effect from 20 March (Mon), except for students with ongoing competitions (e.g. National School Games and Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation). These students will stand down from CCA as soon as their competition ends.

National Physical Fitness Achievement Award (NAPFA) Test

12. All Sec 2 students are required to participate in the NAPFA Test on either 23 or 25 May after school. Students will be informed of their schedule at a later date. Students who are unable to participate in the test are to inform their respective PE teachers by 19 May (Fri), with valid documentation (e.g. medical certificate).

School Attire during the June Holidays

13. All Students are expected to be in proper school attire should they need to report to school during the June holidays. Students who are not in proper school attire will not be allowed into the school.

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Awards Day 2023

14. Please be informed that the Canberra Awards Day will be held on 30 Jun (Friday). It is a day where we come together as a school to celebrate our Canberrans' successes. It is also the occasion to acknowledge and commend our student's efforts on their academic achievements as well as their contributions to their Co-Curricular activities.

Disclaimer :

15. Photograph(s) or video image(s) of you and your parents may be captured during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCA, school camps, school concerts. The school may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other communication channels.
16. We look forward to working in partnership with all parents/guardians as we nurture our students to be Grateful, Respectful and Compassionate Canberrans.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Leong Kok Kee
Principal

Annex A 2023 Calendar of Events for Term 2

Dates	Events	Level / Remarks
20 – 22 Mar	Character Development Week	Cohort Camps
23 Mar	Home-Based Learning	All
24 Mar	PSG Badminton Session	PSG
27 – 28 Mar	HPV Vaccination	Sec 1 & 2 Girls Only
28 Mar	The Boy in Striped Pyjamas Play @ Gateway Theatre 3.30pm - 7.30pm	Selected Sec 2 (80 students)
30 Mar	Collection of PLD for Sec 1	Sec 1
30 Mar – 11 Apr	Annual Health Screening	Sec1, Sec2
31 Mar	Sec 2 Streaming Talk	5pm - 6.30pm
31 Mar	Coffee Talk with Sec 2 Parents	PSG #3
4 Apr	Perfecting Pratas Play @ KC Arts Centre 3.30pm-7.30pm	Selected Sec 1 (80 students)
4 Apr	Student Leaders Investiture Ceremony	Selected Student Leaders
7 Apr	Good Friday	Public Holiday
11 Apr	Home-Based Learning	All
12 Apr	National Heritage Museum Tour	Sec 2N1 & 2N2 (pm)
14 Apr	PSG Badminton Session	PSG
20 Apr	ITE Experience	3NA
22 Apr	Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
24 Apr	School Holiday	Hari Raya Puasa
27 Apr	National Heritage Museum Tour	Sec 2E & 2NT
28 Apr	MTL Mid-Year Examination (Written paper in hall)	Sec 4/5 NA Sec 4 SBB
28 Apr	PSG Badminton Session	PSG
1 May	Labour Day	Public Holiday
2 May & 4 May	MTL Oral Exam	Hall
5 May	MTL Mid-Year Examination (LC)	Sec 4/5 NA Sec 4 SBB
11 May	Home-Based Learning	All
12 May	NFS Coursework Practical	Sec 4NA(SBB)/5NA (pm)
12 May	PSG Badminton Session	PSG
16 & 18 May	MTL Oral Exam	Sec 3, Hall
19 May	PSG Badminton Session BBQ Nite with parents	PSG PSG #4
23 & 25 May	NAPFA Test	Sec 2 students
23 – 25 May	MTL Intensive C&T Intensive	4E/5N 4NA/NT (non MTL SBB)
26 May	Home-Based Learning PTM	All
29 May	MTL GCE O-Level Examination	
30 May	MTB GCE O-Level Examination	
30 – 31 May, 1 June	ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMME	All except NT Art students
29 Jun	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday
30 Jun	Canberra Awards Day	