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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of another wonderful school year, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support and partnership. Your collaboration has played a vital role in helping our students grow in confidence, character, and curiosity.

It has been a joy journeying with you as we nurture our Damaians to be *Confident Individuals, Thinking Learners, and Engaged Leaders*. As we wrap up the year, please take some time to go through the vital information in this letter to help you and your child prepare for the new school year ahead.

1. School Admin Day

All students **will not be required to attend school** on **Friday, 14 November**, as it is a day designated for teachers to complete students-related administrative work.

2. Promotion Day

Promotion Day is scheduled for **Monday, 17 November**. On this day, teachers will share students' class allocations for 2026 and brief them on the items to bring on the first day of school. They will also go through the booklist with students to confirm the materials required for the new academic year.

Afterwards, students will have the opportunity to visit their 2026 classrooms, helping them familiarise themselves with their new learning environment and ensuring a smooth start to the new school year.

3. Parent-Teacher Meeting

The Term 4 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) for selected Primary 1 to 5 students will be held on **Thursday, 20 November**. During this session, Form Teachers will meet with parents to discuss their child's holistic growth and development over the year. Parents of the selected students have already been informed by their respective Form Teachers of the scheduled date and mode of discussion.

We hope this PTM will provide meaningful insights and strengthen the partnership between home and school. **Please note that ALL students are not required to attend school on this day.**



4. Celebration of Learning

As part of our ongoing journey to nurture well-rounded, future-ready learners, we are making a thoughtful change to the name “Prize-Giving Day” — a day dedicated to recognising our students’ achievements. The new name, “**Celebration of Learning**,” reflects our commitment to honouring not only commendable academic performance, but also the **Emerging 21st Century Competencies (E21CCs)** demonstrated by our students — such as:

- Critical, Adaptive and Inventive Thinking
- Communication, Collaboration and Information Skills
- Civic, Global and Cross-Cultural Literacy

This change conveys a deeper message: that growth, effort, mindset, and values are just as important as grades. We want our students — and their families — to understand that success is not only measured by test scores, but also by the ability to think critically, solve real-world problems, collaborate effectively, and engage responsibly with the world around them.

In line with this shift, we have also redesigned the titles of our academic awards to reflect a more holistic view of learning and achievement. For instance, in the Languages, we now present the **Language Luminary Awards**, while in Mathematics and Science, students are recognised through the **Young Newton Awards**. In addition, we have introduced the **Resilient Learner Awards** to honour students who, while still developing academically, have demonstrated perseverance, a growth mindset, and the determination to give their best and keep improving.

The school would like to assure all parents that the selection process for this year’s award recipients is carried out with professionalism, and involves a panel discussion comprising Form Teachers, subject teachers, and the Heads of Department to identify the most deserving awardees for each category.

This refreshed naming approach enables the school to celebrate a wider spectrum of student strengths, recognising not only academic excellence but also positive learning dispositions and the demonstration of E21CCs observed by teachers during curriculum hours over the course of the year.

The criteria for award selection include Conduct Grade, E21CCs, and Academic Results. Similar to the conduct grading process, the identification and shortlisting of potential awardees are jointly undertaken by Form Teachers and subject teachers. The respective Heads of Department then lead the calibration and finalise the list of awardees through a consensus meeting with the class teachers, ensuring that the selection is consistent, objective, and reflective of each student’s overall development.

Celebration of Learning will take place on Friday, 21 November. **Only award recipients will need to attend the event.** Students who are award recipients will be notified via Parents Gateway. Parents of award recipients are cordially invited to attend the ceremony.

Students who are selected to perform at the Celebration of Learning concert and student leaders who are selected to assist their teachers in the event will need to be present.



These selected students will report to school based on the stipulated time given by their respective teachers. Parents are to make the necessary transport arrangements to ensure their children have a safe journey home after the ceremony.

Reporting Time of Award Recipients & Parents	8.15 a.m.
Estimated Time of Completion of Award Ceremony	11.00 a.m.

5. 2026 School Hours & Mealtimes- special mention on extended school hours on Tuesday and Bus Transport pick up.

The school hours & mealtimes in 2026 will be as follows:

School Hours	Primary 2	Primary 3	Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6	
Morning Assembly	7.30 a.m. (All students to be in classrooms/school hall for attendance-taking and morning assembly)					
Curriculum Time	<u>Mon & Tue</u> 7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. <u>Wed to Fri</u> 7.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<u>Mon to Fri</u> 7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	<u>Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri</u> 7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. <u>Tue ONLY</u> 7.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.			
Recess	8.30 – 9.00 a.m.	09.00 – 09.30 a.m.	10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	9.30 – 10.00 a.m.	10.00 – 10.30 a.m.	
Snack Break	11.20 a.m.	<u>Mon to Thu</u> 8.50 a.m. <u>Fri only</u> 9.00 a.m.	11.20 a.m.		<u>Mon to Thu</u> 8.50 a.m. <u>Fri only</u> 9.00 a.m.	
Lunch	NA	<u>Tue only</u> 1.00 – 1.30 p.m.	<u>Tue only</u> 12.00 – 12.30 p.m.	<u>Mon, Tue & Thu</u> 12.30 – 1.00 p.m.		

Students are to report at the Multi-Purpose Hall (Mondays only) / their classrooms for attendance taking and morning assembly by 7.30 a.m. Curriculum time will start at 7.30 a.m. Students who are not in school for morning assembly will be considered late.



6. First Day of School for 2026 Primary 2 to 6 students on Monday, 5 January 2026

Reporting Time	By 7.30 a.m.
Venue	All students will report at the school hall
Attire	Damai Primary School P.E Attire (Primary 2 to 6)
Dismissal Time	1.30 p.m.

Do refer to **Annex A** for the list of items to bring for the first week of school in 2026.

In addition, students must bring along:

- A notebook, a storybook, a water bottle, and stationery
- A working thermometer
- An A4 file to keep letters/worksheets.

7. 2026 Start it Right Programme

As our Primary 2 to 6 students return to school in 2026, they will begin the year with the Start It Right programme, which will run from **Monday, 5 January to Wednesday, 7 January**. This signature programme is thoughtfully designed to support a smooth transition into the new academic year and to lay the foundation for a purposeful and successful year ahead.

Through a series of engaging activities and reflective discussions, students will reconnect with their peers and teachers, reaffirm positive learning habits, and set personal goals for the year. The programme aims to nurture confidence, motivation, and a sense of belonging — empowering every Damai student to start the school year right.

8. Student Safety Reminders

SPF, CNB, NCPC1, NCADA2, and HPB have jointly provided an advisory to **educate students on crime-related issues, including the harmful effects of vaping**. We seek parents' support to raise the children's awareness and stay safe during the holidays.

Please refer to **Annex B** for more information.

9. Cyber Wellness@Damai

With the school holidays just around the corner, we encourage parents to continue supporting your child's cyber wellness. The internet offers many opportunities, but it is important for students to stay safe and make responsible choices online. Do take a moment to review the tips in **Annex C** and have conversations with your child about developing good digital habits. Together, we can help our children enjoy a safe and positive online experience.

10. Photographs of Student for Non-Commercial Use

Photographs that include your child's/ward's image may be used in school displays, presentations, publications, or other related materials across various formats — such as print, electronic, web, or other media — for documentation or non-commercial purposes.

If you prefer that your child's/ward's image not be used in 2026, please inform the school in writing.



11. Purchase of books and school uniforms for 2026

Your child/ward will receive the booklist and uniform list, along with detailed instructions for the purchase of books and uniforms. Please refer to the list for the opening hours of the school bookshop.

To ensure a smooth purchasing process, we strongly encourage that only one parent or guardian accompany your child/ward when buying the required items.

12. Travel Declaration for 2025 Year-End Holidays

With the year-end holidays approaching, we seek your cooperation in submitting the travel declaration for your child/ward. **No action is required** if your child/ward will not be travelling overseas during this period.

To make a travel declaration via Parents Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child's/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, as well as any city of transit, by **Friday, 21 November**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

Alternatively, you may also submit via the following QR Code or link:



When planning your child/ward's travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. **If there is a change of travel plan(s) after you have made declaration, please submit a new travel declaration for the updated travel destination via PG or inform the school for cancellation of travel plan(s).**

13. Nomination for Teaching Awards

2026 President's Awards for Teachers (PAT) and 2026 Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA)

The nomination for **President's Award for Teachers (PAT)** and **Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2026** are now open.

Both PAT and OYEA Awards give national recognition to teachers who are role models for the teaching profession. These educators motivate, challenge and inspire their students to realise their full potential. PAT recognises experienced educators while OYEA is open to teachers **aged 35 years and below in 2026**.

Do take the opportunity to nominate deserving teachers who have supported your child/ward in his/her educational journey.



You can submit the nominations online via the following links or scan the QR codes below:

PAT 2026 - <https://go.gov.sg/pat2026>



OYEA 2026 - <https://go.gov.sg/oyea2026>



14. Our Damaians, Our Pride

We are proud to celebrate our students who have excelled in competitions this term. Congratulations to all our winners for their achievements!

Competition	Award	Award Winner	Class
Creative Writing EDN Competition [Malay Language]	Gold	Nur Elsa Marsya Binte Musa	5 Kindness
	Silver	Banaag Georgina Mendoza	5 Aspiration
		Shanya Rauther	6 Sincerity
		Haris Bin Furqahn Nasir	6 Passion
	Bronze	Ideeva Zela Kaelynna	3 Sincerity
		Dzofir Bin Mohamed Ridzwan	3 Aspiration
		Puteri Nimas Ayu Binti Muhamad Faizal	4 Passion
		Mohamad Dareal Bin Cosmas	
2025 Moo-O Award [Chinese Language]	Merit	Loo Zi Ying, Estelle	3 Aspiration
		Tan Rou Her	3 Resilience
		Chang Jing Yun	3 Leadership

As the holidays draw near, we hope you will take this opportunity to unwind, recharge, and create cherished memories with your children. May this season be filled with joy, laughter, and meaningful moments together. We look forward to welcoming you and your child back in **2026** for another exciting year of learning and growth.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal



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Annex A

First Day of School, 5 January 2026 (Monday)

Reporting Time	By 7.20 a.m.
Venue	All students will report to Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)
Attire	Damai Primary School P.E Attire
Dismissal Time	1.30 p.m.

- Please keep yourself posted on any updates through Parents Gateway or the school website

Things to bring in the first week of school

Day 1/ Mon, 05 Jan 2026	Day 2/ Tue, 06 Jan 2026
<p>English (EL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stellar Handwriting Book (for P2 only) 2 A5 broad-lined exercise book (for P2 only) 3 A5 single-lined exercise book (for P3 – P6) 1 Blue Ring File (EL) <p>Mathematics (MA& FMA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textbook (Part A) Workbook (Part A) 1 A5 big sized square exercise book (P2) or 1 A5 single-lined exercise book (P3-P6) 1 Red Ring File (with 5 coloured plastic dividers, 10 sheet protectors) <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Character and Citizenship Education (Form Teacher Guidance Period) A4 Button plastic clear file – Card case, Duster and 2 markers 	<p>Science (SC) – (for P3 – P6 only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textbook Workbook 1 Orange Ring File (SC) Biology Book (P5 FDN &P6 FDN only) <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Black Ring File (with 10 coloured plastic dividers, 10 sheet protectors) <p>Art (P2 to P6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring A3 Art Bag (with handle) Must include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A3 Drawing Block A3 Clear Folder (40 pockets) Other art materials (Glue stick, 2B Drawing Pencil, Permanent Marker, Colour Pencils)

Day 3/ Wed, 07 Jan 2026
<p>Mother Tongue (MT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textbook (Part A) Activity Book (Part A) Supplementary Readers (P3 and P4 CL) Small Readers (P2 – P4 ML) Student Readers (P2 – P6 TL) Writing Exercise Book (Part A) (P2 and P3 CL) Penmanship Book (P2 TL) Character and Citizenship Education Journal (P2 – P6) 1 A5 broad-lined Exercise Book (P2 ML and TL) 1 A5 single-lined Exercise Book (P3 – P6 ML and TL) 1 A5 Big Square Exercise Book (P2 CL) 1 A5 Medium Square Exercise Book (P3 – P6 CL) 1 Green Ring File (MT) <p>Note: CL – Chinese Language, ML – Malay Language, TL – Tamil Language</p> <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Studies Activity Book An Active and Healthy Me

In addition, students must also bring along:

- A notebook, a storybook, a water bottle and a pencil case with coloured pencils and stationery
- A working thermometer
- An empty A4 plastic file to keep letters/materials that will be issued on Day 1.



Annex B



JOINT YEAR-END SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ADVISORY

Stay safe during the school holidays by following these tips



STAY AWAY FROM CRIME

Shop Theft

Offenders shall be punished with imprisonment for up to 7 years and shall also be liable to fine.



Shop theft is a serious crime. Do not leave the shop without paying for your items. The CCTV cameras in stores will catch you. Even if you manage to walk away with the stolen item, the CCTV camera footages will help the Police identify you.

Hurting Others

Do not throw any item from upper floors as it could cause serious injuries or even kill someone.

Offenders shall be punished with imprisonment for up to 1 year, or with fine, or with both.



Theft

Stealing is a serious crime.

Whoever commits theft shall be punished with imprisonment for a term up to 3 years, or with fine, or with both.



Stranger Danger

Do not speak to or follow strangers. Inform your teachers, family members or friends immediately if this happens.



BE AWARE AND BE SAFE

Bullying

Bullying is not cool and can cause serious harm to people. Always speak up and inform your teachers and family members immediately when anyone tries to bully you, including through messages, social media, or other digital platforms. Do not keep quiet.



Do not give in to peer-pressure

Learn to say 'No' when you know something you are asked to do is wrong. When you witness anything done that is wrong, report to your teachers and family members immediately.





Did you know?

In first half of 2024,
more than 10 victims under the
age of 12 fell prey to scams

Watch out for tricks online! If someone offers free prizes, amazing deals, or pretends to be your friend asking for money - it's probably a scam! Tell an adult right away.

You can also call the 24/7 ScamShield Helpline at **1799** to check if you suspect something is a Scam.

Say 'No' if anyone tries to offer you drugs or anything strange.

Inform your teachers or family members.

Call the Police or the CNB hotline at **1800 325 6666** to report suspected drug and inhalant abuse. For more information on the harms of drugs and inhalant abuse, visit: www.cnb.gov.sg.

REAL-LIFE STORIES

The Bookshop Heroes



Scan to read

Scan to read



Be A Buddy, Not A Bully



OUR HELPLINES

Crime Prevention

Call the Police hotline at **1800 255 0000** or submit information online at www.police.gov.sg/iwitness

'999' is for emergencies only. Please call only if you require urgent Police assistance.

For more information, visit: www.police.gov.sg, SPF Facebook or www.ncpc.org.sg

Resources on Crime Prevention and Staying Drug-Free

The following provides more information on crime prevention and staying drug-free:

- Unsure if something is a scam? Call the 24/7 ScamShield helpline at **1799** to check.
- For more information on scams and ways to increase your protection from scams, visit: www.scamshield.gov.sg
- Call the Police or the CNB hotline at **1800 325 6666** to report suspected drug and inhalant abuse.
- For more information on the harms of drug and inhalant abuse, visit: www.cnb.gov.sg.



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A NEW THREAT

IT'S NO LONGER JUST ABOUT NICOTINE



VAPING IS GETTING MORE DANGEROUS

In Singapore, vapes have been found laced with etomidate – a Class C controlled drug.

ETOMIDATE-LACED VAPES MAY CAUSE:



DIZZINESS



CONFUSION



HALLUCINATIONS



BREATHING DIFFICULTIES



DEATH



Vape Penalties



Caught Vaping?

- Fines of up to \$2,000
- Rehabilitation programmes

PARENTS PLAY A KEY ROLE. START THE CONVERSATION:

BE CASUAL

Bring up topics on vaping naturally in conversations.

BE CURIOUS

Ask your child what they know about vaping and thank them for sharing.

BE CANDID

Share your views clearly, highlight health and legal risks.

Tip: Have regular conversations with your child to stay informed

WHERE TO GET SUPPORT

QUITVAPE PROGRAMME

Tailored support to help individuals stop vaping.

QUITLINE 1800 438 2000

Confidential guidance for both parents and youth, what's shared stays private.

Learn more about the effects of vaping



Get access to parenting resources



Persons who voluntarily seek help will not face any penalties

Explore Parent Hub for more resources



DON'T BE A SIM CARD CRIMINAL

Your eSIM/SIM Card is for your own use only!

⚠ It is an offence to misuse your eSIM/SIM Card!

DO NOT SELL **DO NOT LET OTHERS USE** **DO NOT HELP OTHERS REGISTER** **DO NOT HOLD ON TO**

ANY SIM CARD WITHOUT A LEGITIMATE REASON.

FINE OF UP TO \$10,000 AND/OR JAIL TERM OF UP TO 3 YEARS

*It is not a crime for persons who register SIM Cards for legitimate use by family members, or for legitimate employers to hold on to SIM Cards intended for employees.



Learn more:
go.gov.sg/Misuse-of-SIM-Cards



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POLICE ADVISORY FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In this edition of our Police Advisory, we would like to share important information about shop theft and how parents can guide their children to make the right choices.

Why is Shop Theft concerning?



A rising number of incidents are being reported at retail outlets, including convenience stores, supermarkets and shopping malls.



These incidents are sometimes captured on video and shared across social media platforms like TikTok and Instagram, particularly as part of 'dare' or challenge trends



Getting involved in such activities carries severe consequences: police investigations may be launched, schools may take disciplinary action, and the resulting criminal record could seriously impact a young person's future.

Advice for your children:

✓ **Avoid peer pressure.**

Say 'NO' when someone encourages them to steal.

✓ **Think twice before taking what isn't yours.**

Think twice before stealing. Most stores have CCTVs and security officers.

✓ **Walk away from trouble.**

If someone is planning to steal, don't be part of it and report it.

✓ **Speak to a trusted adult.**

If they feel pressured or tempted.

What you can consider:

- Ensure your children have healthy ways to spend their time and energy, such as sports, hobbies, or other constructive activities.
- Monitor your children's social media use and discuss the dangers of following harmful online trends or peer pressure.
- Watch for warning signs like unexplained new items, secretive behaviour, or sudden changes in friendship groups.
- If your children need something, encourage them to talk to you about it rather than taking matters into their own hands.
- Set clear boundaries and expectations about behaviour, while maintaining open communication so your child feels comfortable discussing problems with you.



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- Have open conversations with your children about integrity and making good choices. Explain that stealing, even as a dare or challenge, has real consequences.

Let's work together to stay safe, make good choices, and support each other.

Yours faithfully,

Lua Jiong Wei
Commanding Officer
Bedok Neighbourhood Police Centre
Bedok Division
Singapore Police Force





Annex C

Cyber Wellness Theme for Term 4: Cyber Citizenship

Our Cyber Wellness theme for Term 4 focuses on Cyber Citizenship. This term, students learnt what it means to be caring and responsible when using digital platforms. Just as we remind them to be kind and respectful in school, we encourage them to do the same when they are online — whether they are chatting with friends, watching videos, or playing games.

Cyber Citizenship is an important part of growing up in today's digital age. Many children spend time online each day, and the choices they make can impact their friendships and how others perceive them. Through this theme, we hope our students understand that being a good cyber citizen means showing respect to others, making thoughtful choices when using technology, and always pausing to think before posting or sharing anything online.

Throughout the year, we have been guiding our Damaians through different Cyber Wellness themes.

Term	Cyber Wellness Themes	Learning Objectives
1	Cyber use and identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Maintaining a healthy balance of online and offline activities▪ Developing a healthy online identity▪ Appropriate online expression
2	Cyber ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Creating and sharing online content in a responsible manner▪ Respecting copyright
3	Cyber relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Netiquette▪ Cyber bullying▪ Developing safe, respectful and meaningful online relationships
4	Cyber citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Understanding the cyber world.▪ Handling online content and behaviour.▪ Having a positive presence in the cyber community.

During the holidays, many children will likely spend even more time online. Parents play an important role in helping them stay safe and make wise choices on the Internet.

Here are some suggestions you can try with your child during the holiday period:

1. Spend quality time together.

Make time to enjoy activities with your child, both online and offline. Explore games, shows, or creative apps together, and develop a **common interest** that strengthens your bond.



2. Chat about what they're watching or playing.

Show interest in their favourite videos, games, or online activities. Use these moments to talk about safe and respectful online behaviour in a relaxed, open way.

3. Set simple and clear screen-time rules.

Work with your child to agree on when and how long they can use their devices. Encourage **regular breaks** to stretch, rest their eyes, and spend time outdoors. Having clear expectations helps children manage their time responsibly.

4. Talk about kindness and respect online.

Remind your child that the same values that matter in real life — kindness, respect, and empathy — also apply online. Encourage them to pause and think before they post, comment, or share anything.

5. Encourage responsible sharing.

Discuss what kind of information is safe to share online and what should remain private. Emphasise that once something is posted, it may be difficult to remove completely.

6. Let your child know they can always come to you.

Reassure your child that they can talk to you if they ever see or experience something online that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried. Keeping communication open helps them feel safe and supported.

7. Be a positive role model.

Children learn from what they see. Demonstrate good digital habits — balance your own screen time, respect others' privacy, and use technology for positive and creative purposes.

Together, we can help our children enjoy a safe, balanced, and meaningful online experience during the holidays.

If you would like to learn more about helping your child stay safe online, here are some useful websites that you can visit:

Media Literacy Council
<https://www.betterinternet.sg>

IMDA's Digital for Life
<https://www.digitalforlife.gov.sg>

Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA)
<https://www.csa.gov.sg>

Touch Cyber Wellness
<https://www.touch.org.sg>

Let us continue to guide our children together — helping them grow into kind, caring, and confident individuals, both in the real world and the digital one.