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27 June 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

1. **Welcome Back**

I would like to welcome our students back to school after the break. I hope our Damaians had a wonderful holiday and return to school with renewed enthusiasm and vigour to learn in Semester 2.

2. **Travel Declaration for 2022 Mid-Year Holidays**

We would like to thank all parents who have submitted your child's/ward's 2022 mid-year holidays Travel Declaration.

If you have made last minute travel arrangements or changes to your travel plans, and have yet to submit the updated travel declaration, we would like to request that you submit a new travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG). Go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Alternatively, you may also submit your updated travel declaration via the following QR Code or link:



Please declare your child's/ward's updated travel declaration, indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, **by Sunday, 10 July 2022**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration. If you did not make any change to the travel plan you had submitted earlier, **no action is required** on your side.

3. **Driving In and Out of School Premises**

To maintain a smooth flow of traffic during arrival and dismissal times, parents who drop off and pick up their children at the school foyer are reminded not to disembark from the vehicle to avoid creating congestion. When leaving the school, do keep a look out for other road users as you approach the school's main gate. Please also take note of the zigzag lines and pedestrian crossings outside the school. We wish to thank all parents for adhering to our traffic guidelines and making the school compound safe for everyone. The school will continue to deploy staff at the school gates and nearby pedestrian crossing to assist students and parents at both arrival and dismissal times.

4. **Safe Management Measures**

To ensure that our school remains a safe learning environment, please ensure that your child brings a working Oral Digital Thermometer to school for daily temperature taking. We will be conducting a temperature taking exercise on **Wednesday, 29 June 2022**.

Form Teachers will carry out daily visual checks in the classrooms for your child's physical well-being. If any child is found to be unwell, parents will be contacted to take the child home to rest and seek medical advice.

Should your child feel unwell and exhibit any flu-like symptoms, keep him/her resting at home until he/she is well. Should your child be absent for the day, we appreciate that you inform your child's



Form Teacher or call the General Office at 64456483 in the morning of the day of absence. Please submit the medical certificate to your child's Form Teacher when your child is well enough to return to school.

The school maintains a high standard of hygiene and sanitation. These include emphasizing good hygiene practices, observing proper hand-washing techniques and respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette. We request that spare mask is also brought along to school to replace damaged, dirtied, or misplaced mask.

5. **Students' Attendance in School**

The school places a premium on the importance of attending school regularly, so that we can help our students develop learning routines and maximise their potential to learn. Regular attendance in school is necessary for your child to build a strong academic foundation. Should your child not be well, the school encourages you to take your child to consult a doctor and obtain a medical certificate to cover your child's absence from school. If you choose not to take your child to the doctor's, a parent's letter to cover the absence is to be submitted to the Form Teacher upon your child's return to school. **Please note that the school will accept no more than 5 days of absence covered by Parent's Letter for each semester.** Do contact your child's Form Teacher should your child's absence exceed the stipulated number parent's letter allowed, and the school will work with you to render any assistance if needed. We would like to thank you for the strong partnership in your child's learning thus far.

6. **Timetable – Semester 2**

There will be a change in students' timetable this semester. Students will receive their tentative timetable on **Monday, 27 June 2022**. The new timetable will take effect **from Tuesday, 28 June 2022**.

7. **Holistic Assessment Plan – Semester 2**

The Holistic Assessment (HA) Plan for Semester 2 will be issued on **Friday, 8 July 2022**. Parents can refer to the HA plan for detailed information on assessment matters.

8. **Primary 6 Supplementary Class and Primary 3 to 5 Remedial Class**

Please take note of the date of commencement for the following classes in Term 3:

Primary 6 Supplementary Class will commence from the **first week of Term 3**.

Primary 3 to 5 Remedial Class will commence from the **second week of Term 3**.

All Primary 6 students have received the consent form and schedule from their Form Teachers. **Selected Primary 3 to 5 students** will receive the consent form and schedule this week. Please refer to the schedule for the specific date and time.

9. **Open House 2022**

Our school's Open House will be held on **Saturday, 2 July 2022, from 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon**. We would like to cordially invite all Primary 1 and 2 parents and students to join us at the Open House. We will be showcasing the co-curricular activities and special programmes conducted in our school. There will also be an art exhibition, special performances, and various hands-on activities for students to participate in. As this is an unsupervised, free and easy event, Primary 1 and 2 students who are keen to attend this event are to be accompanied by their parent(s). Primary 1 and 2 students are also reminded to put on their school PE attire when they attend the Open House. All visitors are to put on their masks at all times during the visit. We would also like to remind parents that there will be no parking available in the school.



10. **KidsREAD Programme, School-based Dyslexia Remediation Programme, Read Remediation Programme**

Please note the date of commencement for the following programmes in Term 3:

Levels	Programme	Date
Primary 1 and 2 selected students	KidsREAD Programme	From Term 3 Week 1 28 June, Tuesday onwards
Primary 3 and 4 selected students	School-based Dyslexia Remediation Programme (SDR)	From Term 3 Week 1 27 June, Monday onwards
Primary 4 selected students	Read Remediation Programme (RRP)	From Term 3 Week 1 28 June, Tuesday onwards

Students have been issued the consent form and schedule.

11. **Primary 5 National Education Show**

Primary 5 students will be attending the National Education (NE) Show at The Floating Platform @ Marina Bay this year. The NE Shows are organised for Primary 5 students to provide them with a cohort experience of the National Day Parade (NDP)

Date:	16 July 2022, Saturday
Reporting Time:	2.20 p.m.
Venue:	School Foyer
Dismissal Time:	10.00 p.m.

The consent form for NE Show will be issued on Wednesday, 29 June 2022.

12. **Racial Harmony Day**

The school will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on **Monday, 18 July 2022**. The theme this year is "Our Multicultural Mosaic". The theme reflects how each community, while having the space to express its own identity as part of Singapore society, also intertwines with others to depict the unique cultural diversity that characterizes Singapore life.

Through an assembly programme in the school hall and hands-on activities in class, students will learn about Singapore's unique hawker culture that brings people of diverse culture and background together. During recess, members of the Parents Support Group will conduct interactive activities aim at helping our students increase their knowledge of the various cultures in Singapore.

We hope that the series of activities will deepen our students understanding of the importance of respecting and appreciating every race and religion.

13. **Swimsafer 2.0 – Primary 4**

SwimSafer 2.0 is a national water safety programme developed to raise the standard of swimming proficiency in Singapore. The school will be organising the SwimSafer 2.0 Programme during curriculum hours for all Primary 4 students starting July 2022. Since swimming is part of the MOE Revised PE Syllabus, all Primary 4 students (swimmers/non-swimmers) are encouraged to participate in this programme as water-confidence, water-safety and swimming are essential life skills. The SwimSafer 2.0 Programme will be conducted by professional SwimSafer instructors, and each instructor is qualified to make a positive contribution to your child's/ward's progress in water competency.



14. Primary 6 Preliminary Oral Examination

Students in Primary 6 will take their Preliminary Oral Examination on **Monday and Tuesday, 25 and 26 July 2022**. The oral examination is conducted after curriculum hours. As such, parents and guardians will need to make the necessary transport arrangements for your children/wards after the examination. Please note that school bus service does not extend beyond the usual dismissal hours.

15. Primary 4 Subject Based Banding (SBB) Briefing

The Primary 4 Subject Based Banding (SBB) briefing aims to equip parents with a better understanding of the new PSLE scoring and posting system as well as the Primary 4 Subject-based banding criteria offered by the school. The briefing will be held on **Friday, 29 July 2022**. A letter regarding the briefing will be sent to parents of Primary 4 students at a later date

16. Primary 3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2022

The GEP Identification Exercise will be carried out on **Wednesday, 17 August 2022**. It will be based on the Primary 1 to Primary 3 English Language and Mathematics syllabuses. More details for the GEP Screening Exercise will be given to parents of students in Primary 3 nearer the date.

17. Primary 6 Direct School Admission Exercise (DSA) 2022

The Direct School Admission Exercise (DSA) 2022 has closed. Given the prevailing national posture, DSA-Sec schools will be conducting in-person selection for all DSA talent areas for 2022 DSA-Sec, with the prevailing safe management measures (SMMs) in place to ensure the safety of students and staff. Selected students will receive DSA-Sec offers from schools by **Monday, 12 September 2022**.

18. Canteen Drink Prices

With the recent surge in prices for food products, the prices of selected drinks sold in the canteen will be increased by 10 cents with effect from Term 3. The adjusted prices will be displayed for our students' awareness. We appreciate your understanding on this matter.

19. Primary 1 Registration

The registration of children for admission to Primary One (P1) classes in 2023 will open from **Wednesday to Friday, 29 June 2022 to 31 October 2022**. (Phase 1 to Phase 3). You may refer to the MOE website at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration> for updates on the 2022 P1 Registration exercise. Please contact the General Office at 6445 6483 should you need any further clarifications.

20. Our Damaians, Our Pride – CCA Achievements in Semester 1

With the resumption of the National School Games (NSG) this year, we are pleased to share the results of competitions that our students have participated in. Congratulations to the following teams:

CCA	Results
Floorball Senior Girls	National Champion [National School Games]
Rugby Senior Boys	Top 8 [National School Games]
Red Cross Youth	Excellent Unit Award Director's Award



The school wishes to express encouragement and support for our school representatives for their sustained effort and participation in their CCAs thus far. We would also like to wish our junior floorball and rugby teams all the best in the upcoming NSG.

21. **Youth Day School Holiday**

Please note that **Monday, 4 July 2022**, is a Youth Day School Holiday. Students are not required to attend school on that day.

Appended to this letter for your reference is the school calendar for Semester 2 and an article on cyberbullying.

On behalf of my staff, I would like to wish all Muslim parents and students Selamat Hari Raya Haji.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Jenny Leong
Principal





Annex A

2022 Semester 2 Calendar

DATE	DAY	PROGRAMME/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	TIME
JUNE				
27 Jun	Mon	Welcome back to School	ALL	AM
		Start of P6 Supplementary Classes	P6	2-4pm
JULY				
4 Jul	Mon	Youth Day School Holiday	ALL	-
7 Jul	Thu	Start of Remedial Classes	P3-P5	2-3pm
11 Jul	Mon	Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday	ALL	-
25 – 26 Jul	Mon-Tue	P6 Prelim Oral	P6	PM
29 Jul	Fri	Primary 4 Subject Based Banding (SBB) Briefing	P4	PM
AUGUST				
4 Aug	Thu	P6 Prelim Listening Comprehension	P6	AM
8 Aug	Mon	National Day Celebration (Dismissal Timing to be informed at a later date)	ALL	AM
9 Aug	Tue	National Day Public Holiday	ALL	-
10 Aug	Wed	Day after National Day School Holiday	ALL	-
15 - 16 Aug	Mon-Tue	PSLE Oral Day 1 and 2	P6	AM
		E-Learning Day (No School for P1-P5)	P1-P5	AM
17 Aug	Wed	P6 Prelim English Paper 1 & 2	P6	AM
18 Aug	Thu	P6 Prelim Mathematics	P6	AM
19 Aug	Fri	P6 Prelim Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2	P6	AM
22 Aug	Mon	P6 Prelim Science	P6	AM
23 Aug	Tue	P6 Prelim Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2	P6	AM
SEPTEMBER				
1 Sep	Thu	No Supplementary & Remedial classes	ALL	PM
2 Sep	Fri	Teachers' Day School Holiday	ALL	-
3 – 11 Sep	Sat-Sun	September School Holidays	ALL	-
7-9 Sep	Wed-Fri	P6 Holiday Classes	P6	8am – 12.30pm
16 Sep	Fri	PSLE Listening Comprehension	P6	AM
26-27 Sep	Mon-Tue	P5 End-Year-Exam EL/MT Oral	P5	PM
29 Sep	Thu	PSLE English/Foundation English	P6	AM
		eLearning for P3 Students (Details to be shared at a later date)	P3	AM
		No Supplementary & Remedial classes	ALL	PM



DATE	DAY	PROGRAMME/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	TIME
30 Sep	Fri	PSLE Mathematics/Foundation Mathematics	P6	AM
		eLearning for P3 Students (Details to be shared at a later date)	P3	AM
OCTOBER				
3 Oct	Mon	PSLE Mother Tongue/Foundation Mother Tongue	P6	AM
		eLearning for P4 Students (Details to be shared at a later date)	P4	AM
		P5 Camp (Details to be shared at a later date)	P5	-
4 Oct	Tue	PSLE Science/Foundation Science	P6	AM
		eLearning for P4 Students (Details to be shared at a later date)	P4	AM
		P5 Camp (Details to be shared at a later date)	P5	-
5 Oct	Wed	PSLE Higher Mother Tongue	P6	AM
		P5 Camp (Details to be shared at a later date)	P5	-
7 Oct	Fri	Children's Day School Holiday	ALL	-
10-11 Oct	Mon-Tue	P4 End-Year-Exam EL/MT Oral	P4	PM
12-13 Oct	Wed-Thu	P3 End-Year-Exam EL/MT Oral	P3	PM
14 Oct	Fri	P3-P5 End-Year-Exam EL/MT Listening Comprehension	P3-P5	AM
17-20 Oct	Mon-Thu	PSLE Marking Days (No School)	ALL	-
		E-Learning Day 1 to Day 4	ALL	AM
21 Oct	Fri	End-Year-Exam English Language Paper 1	P3-P5	AM
24 Oct	Mon	Deepavali Public Holiday	ALL	
26 Oct	Wed	End-Year-Exam Mother Tongue Paper 1	P3-P5	AM
27 Oct	Thu	End-Year-Exam English Language Paper 2	P3-P5	AM
28 Oct	Fri	End-Year-Exam Mathematics	P3-P5	AM
31 Oct	Mon	End-Year-Exam Mother Tongue Paper 2	P3-P5	AM
NOVEMBER				
1 Nov	Tue	End-Year-Exam Science	P3-P5	AM
2 Nov	Wed	End-Year-Exam Higher Mother Tongue	P5	AM
11 Nov	Fri	School Admin Day (No School)	ALL	-
14 Nov	Mon	P1 2023 Orientation Day	-	PM
17 Nov	Thu	Parent Teacher Meeting	Selected Students	AM
18 Nov	Fri	Prize Giving Day (Details to be shared at a later date)	ALL	AM
19 Nov - 31 Dec		December School Holidays	ALL	-



Annex B

Cyber Wellness@Damai – Cyberbullying

This year, the United Nations agency polled its followers on Twitter and LinkedIn to find out what worries them most about children being active online. Roughly 40 per cent listed cyberbullying as the main concern, with data protection lapses at 27 per cent, and the threat of grooming, which refers to abusers deliberately exploiting children online, at 26 per cent.

In Singapore, a study conducted by Google that involved 3,445 parents with at least one child aged five to 17 across the Asia-Pacific, including 315 parents in Singapore has reported that a quarter of the parents surveyed said their children experienced cyber bullying, up from 16 per cent in 2019 alone.

Anticipating this growing concern, the former Minister for Education, Mr Ong Ye Kung, announced in MOE FY2020 Committee of Supply Debate that the new Character and Citizenship Education 2021 (CCE 2021) syllabus “will have greater focus on mental wellness, which is closely related to cyber wellness.” A move to equip students with more ways to deal with cyberbullying.

Parents play a key role in their children’s growth. Students benefit the most when the home and school environments are attuned to each other. Parents can help by encouraging children to talk about what is happening at school, in their neighbourhoods, on the bus, on the internet etc. Be a good active listener and avoid passing judgement. Allow your child to have the airtime to share their experiences and enable them to feel safe in their sharing. After which you can take the necessary follow-up actions. Children will need to recognise how important it is to be an active upstander in reporting cyberbullying.

We need to teach our children to:

- be caring and empathetic to others
- develop tolerance and appreciation of differences
- deal with emotions
- be assertive without being aggressive in standing up for themselves

Cyberbullying is unpredictable and it can happen to anyone at any time. So, when cyberbullying happens, what can parents do? Below are links to articles that will help you understand cyberbullying and respond appropriately.



	Source	Scan QR Code to find out more.
1.	<u>Straits Times News</u> https://www.straitstimes.com/tech/tech-news/more-children-faced-cyber-threats-last-year-after-covid-19-struck-study-finds	
2.	<u>Media Literacy Council</u> https://www.betterinternet.sg/Resources/Resources-Listing/Be-Kind---Cyberbullying	
3.	<u>United Nations News</u> https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/02/1111512	
4.	<u>Bully Free</u> https://bullyfree.sg/parents/how-can-parents-prevent-bullying/	