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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## 1. Appreciation

This year, we saw the full resumption of school activities in tandem with the nation's transition to COVID-19 endemicity. Our staff has put much effort into ensuring the continuity of the holistic development of our students. As we come to the end of the final school term of 2022, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has made this academic year a wonderful one. The members of the Parents Support Group who have worked in partnership with our staff to create memorable experiences for our students, our valuable parents who have walked this journey with us, instilling and reinforcing the SPARK values in our students, ensuring they attend school regularly and develop good habits to maximize their learning - we are indeed thankful for this collaborative partnership!

This month also marks the final lap of our Primary 6 students' primary school education at Damai Primary School. To our Primary 6 parents, thank you for your steadfast partnership with the school as we work together to guide our graduating Damaians to reach this milestone. We are proud to see how much they have grown and how they are now ready for their next lap. May the friendships and foundations they have built prepare them for secondary school.

## 2. Parent-Teacher Meeting - 17 November 2022, Thursday

The Term 4 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) for selected students from Primary 1 to 5 will be held on 17 November, Thursday. Form Teachers will engage parents on their children's holistic growth and development. Respective Form Teachers would have informed the parents of the selected students on the date and mode of discussion. The school hopes that the PTM will be a fruitful session for parents. Please note that students will not be required to attend school on that day.

## 3. Prize Giving Day - 18 November 2022, Friday

The annual Prize Giving Day (PGD) will be held on 18 November, Friday, to celebrate the achievements of our Damaians. The theme, 'Believe. Make It Happen', represents the belief of every Damaian, both students and staff, that success can be achieved with a positive mindset and the courage to want to make a difference. The school believes every Damaian has self-discipline to uphold the SPARK values and grow to be Confident Individuals, Thinking Learners, and Engaged Leaders. A gentle reminder, only performers, student helpers, and prize recipients together with their parents, are to report to school for PGD.

<b>SESSION 1: Primary 4 to 6</b>	
Reporting Time of Prize Recipients & Parents	7.30 a.m.
Estimated Time of Completion of Prize Presentation Ceremony	8.20 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.
<b>SESSION 2: Primary 1 to 3</b>	
Reporting Time of Prize Recipients & Parents	10.30 a.m.
Estimated Time of Completion of Prize Presentation Ceremony	11.20 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.

Student Care Centre (SCC) will operate from 7.30 a.m. for SCC students who need school care arrangement on both days - 17 November (Thursday) and 18 November (Friday).



## 4. Family Values Card Games for Your Child

As we approach the year-end school holidays, we would like to encourage parents and/or guardians to spend quality time with their children to foster stronger family ties through some fun card games developed by Families for Life (FFL) in support of the Year of Celebrating SG Families (YCF) led by Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF).

Primary 1 to 3 students will receive 'The Family Race' and Primary 4 to 6 students will receive 'In a Home-Beat'. More information can be found in the PG message sent on 14 November 2022.

## 5. 2023 School Timetable & Mealtimes

The school timetable & mealtimes in 2023 will be as follows:

	Primary 1 and Primary 2	Primary 3 to Primary 6
Morning Assembly	7.30 a.m. (All students are to be in class/school hall for attendance-taking and morning assembly)	
Curriculum Time	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday 7.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Wednesday to Friday	7.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. Monday to Friday
Recess	P1: 8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. P2: 9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	P3: 9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. P4: 10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. P5 & P6: 10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.
Snack Break	P1: 11.20 a.m. P2: 11.20 a.m.	P3: 11.20 a.m. P4, P5 & P6: 8.50 a.m.

Students are to report to the hall (Mondays) / 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.

Students in Primary 3 to 6 will be dismissed at 1.30 p.m. on all days. Students in Primary 1 and 2 will be dismissed at 1.30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, and at 1.00 p.m. from Wednesdays to Fridays.

## 6. First Day of School for 2023 Primary 2 to 6 students on 4 January 2023 (Wednesday)

<b>Reporting Time</b>	By 7.20 a.m.
<b>Venue</b>	All students will report to their 2023 Classrooms
<b>Attire</b>	Damai Primary School P.E Attire (Primary 2 to 6)
<b>Dismissal Time</b>	Primary 1 – 1.00 p.m. Primary 2 – 1.00 p.m. Primary 3, 4, 5, 6 – 1.30 p.m.

Do refer to **Annex A** for the list of items to bring for the first week of school in 2023.

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. Student Safety

For the upcoming school holidays, the Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) have jointly provided an advisory to remind students to stay home and stay safe, as well as to take measures to prevent themselves from becoming victims of crime, especially through online platforms. Please refer to **Annex B** for more information.

## 8. Cyberwellness Education

In this digital era where almost every child owns a mobile phone and has access to the internet, protecting our children on the internet becomes increasingly important. As the school holiday draws near, our children may be spending more time online. The internet offers an exciting world of experiences to our children. Although it can be entertaining, educational, and rewarding, it also poses risks and challenges. While the internet is a treasure trove of information and knowledge, our children also run into the risks of being exposed to inappropriate or undesirable content that is unsafe and inappropriate for their age. We seek parents support to read the tips provided in **Annex C** to guide your child to manage his/her online time and phone usage.

## 9. Photographs of Student for Non-Commercial Use

Photographs that include your child's/ward's image may be used in displays, presentations, publications, or other related materials, in any format (print, electronic, web or other media), for the purposes of documentation or non-commercial use. Please write to the school if you do not wish the photographs that include your child's/ward's image to be used in 2023.

## 10. Purchase of books and school uniforms for 2023

Your child/ward would be receiving his/her booklist and the instructions for the purchase of books. To safeguard the health of our students, staff, and parents, we seek your cooperation to reserve a slot on the website of the school bookshop, [www.actlink.com.sg](http://www.actlink.com.sg), before heading to the school premise for collection of items. It is strongly encouraged that **only one parent/guardian accompany your child/ward** to purchase books and school uniforms.

## 11. 2023 President's Awards for Teachers [PAT] and Outstanding Youth in Education Award [OYEA]

The **President's Award for Teachers (PAT)** gives national recognition to the critical role that teachers play in moulding the future of our nation. It pays tribute to excellent teachers who, through words and deeds, inspire both their students and peers. Likewise, the **Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA)** is a national award that recognises and honours the achievements of young educators who have shown admirable passion for teaching, and commitment to inspiring and nurturing their students. Teachers who are eligible are those born on or after 30 June 1988 (35 years old and below). Nominations for both awards are now open and will close on **11 January 2023 (Wednesday)**. Do take the opportunity to nominate the teacher who has supported your child in his/her educational journey.

Express your appreciation to the teachers by submitting the nominations **online** via the QR-codes available below or the given links:

PAT 2023	OYEA 2023
	
<a href="https://go.gov.sg/pat2023">go.gov.sg/pat2023</a>	<a href="https://go.gov.sg/oysa2023">go.gov.sg/oysa2023</a>



## 12. Our Damaians, Our Pride

Congratulations to the following Damaians who have done our school proud!

Competition	Award	Winners
National Mathematical Olympiad of Singapore	Honourable Mention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nur Amelia Binte Mohamad Taib</li> <li>Luo YiXuan</li> </ul>
	Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ma XiaoYang</li> </ul>
Singapore Primary Science Olympiad	Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaithiyanathan Aganith</li> </ul>
EDN Malay Creative Writing Competition	Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Muhammad Putra Syamma Bin Mohamed Amin</li> <li>Muhammad Jasman Bulya Bin Zulkifli</li> </ul>
	Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fadlan Nafis Bin Mohamed Loqman</li> <li>Avara Husna Karmila</li> <li>Muhammad Hazim Syazani Bin Hairulnizam</li> <li>Muhammad Asyraf Rafiqi Bin Adriss</li> <li>Qistina Rasyiqah Binte Mohamed Sharil</li> <li>Mohammad Izdhihar Bin Ibrahim</li> </ul>
Brownies – Poster Design	Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janelle Tay Zi Rou</li> </ul>
Brownies – Mixed Media Art	Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audrey Tan</li> <li>Nur Qailisha Ayanah</li> <li>Ymilia Audriana Mulay</li> </ul>
Brownies – Comic Strip Competition	Merit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nurul Amirah</li> <li>Aerilyn Elliana</li> <li>Jade Foo</li> </ul>

## 13. Travel Declaration

We require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward **if he/she will be travelling** for the holidays. You may do the declaration via the Parents' Gateway (PG) app (refer to <https://pg.moe.edu.sg>). If you do not have access to Parents' Gateway (PG), you may do so by submitting an online form via the weblink/QR code below. Please indicate clearly both the country and city of travel. Only one parent is required to make the declaration. If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**.

You should refer to <https://ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please inform the school as soon as possible.



<https://go.gov.sg/dpstraveldeclaration1>

I would like to wish you and your family a restful and safe holiday. We look forward to welcoming 2023 Primary 2 to 6 students back on 4 January 2023, Wednesday. Lastly, wishing you and your family a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Jenny Leong  
Principal





## Annex A

### First Day of School, 4 January 2023 (Wednesday)

<b>Reporting Time</b>	By 7.20 a.m. (P2 – P6 students only)
<b>Venue</b>	All students will report to the 2023 Classrooms
<b>Attire</b>	Damai Primary School <b>P.E Attire</b>
<b>Dismissal Time</b>	Primary 1 – 1.00 p.m. Primary 2 – 1.00 p.m. Primary 3, 4, 5, 6 – 1.30 p.m.  There will be staggered dismissal as follows: - P3 – 1.30 p.m.; P4 – 1.35 p.m.; P5 & P6 – 1.40 p.m.

In addition, students must also bring along:

- A notebook, a storybook, a water bottle, and a pencil case with colour pencils and stationery
- A working thermometer
- An empty A4 plastic file to keep letters/materials that will be issued on Day 1.
- Please keep yourself posted on any updates through Parents Gateway or school website

### Things to bring on the first week of school

Day 1/ Wed, 04 Jan 2023	Day 2/ Thu, 05 Jan 2023
<b>English (EL)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stellar Handwriting (for P2 only)</li> <li>• 2 A5 broad-lined exercise book (for P2 only)</li> <li>• 3 A5 single-lined exercise book (for P3 – P6)</li> <li>• 1 Blue Ring File (EL)</li> </ul> <b>Mathematics (MA)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook (Part A)</li> <li>• Workbook (Part A)</li> <li>• 1 A5 single-lined exercise book (P3-P6)</li> <li>• 1 Red Ring File (Foundation Math)</li> <li>or 2 Red Ring Files (Standard Math)</li> </ul> <b>Others</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Character and Citizenship Education (FTGP)</li> <li>• A4 Button plastic clear file – Card case, Duster and 2 markers</li> </ul>	<b>Science (SC) – (for P3 – P6 only)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science teachers will be informing the students of relevant books to bring for Semester 1. (Refer to Student's Handbook)</li> <li>• 1 A4 Biology Book</li> <li>• 1 Orange Ring File (SC)</li> </ul> <b>Others</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Black Ring File (With 10 coloured plastic dividers, 10 protector sheets)</li> </ul> <b>Art</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A3 Drawing Block</li> <li>A4 Clear Folder 40 pockets (P2, 3)</li> <li>A3 Clear Folder 40 pockets (P1, 4, 5, 6)</li> </ul>
Day 3/ Fri, 06 Jan 2023	
<b>Mother Tongue (MT)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook (Part A)</li> <li>• Activity Book (Part A)</li> <li>• Small Readers (Chinese Language) – P3 and P4</li> <li>• Small Readers (Malay Language) – P2 to P4</li> <li>• Small Readers (Tamil Language) – P2 to P6</li> <li>• Writing Exercise Book (Part A) – (for P2 students taking Tamil Language, and P2 and P3 students taking Chinese Language)</li> <li>• Character and Citizenship Education Activity Book</li> <li>• 1 Green Ring File (MT)</li> </ul> <b>Others</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Step to Music –</li> <li>• Social Studies Activity Book</li> <li>• An Active and Healthy Me</li> </ul>	



## Annex B

### CRIME PREVENTION – A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

With the upcoming year-end school holidays, the Singapore Police Force (SPF), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), Health Promotion Board (HPB), Health Sciences Authority (HSA) and National Council Against Drug Abuse (NCADA) would like to remind you to stay away from crime and drug/inhalant abuse, as well as to maintain a healthy lifestyle by keeping a distance from unhealthy activities such as vaping and smoking. Here are a few pointers to guide you in enjoying a safe and healthy holiday:

- 1. Shop theft is an offence.** Always pay for your items before you leave a store.
- 2. Avoid disputes or confrontations, amongst your friends, classmates, and strangers.** Disputes and heated arguments can often lead to fights or assaults that may result in severe injuries for both parties. Offenders may be arrested for serious offences such as affray and unlawful assembly. In addition, joining a gang is a crime.
- 3. Vaping at any age, and underaged smoking is illegal.** All e-cigarettes, cigarettes and other types of vaporisers are harmful and can adversely affect your health and families. Youths who are caught using or possessing such products will be reported to the Health Sciences Authority.
- 4. Always take care of your personal belongings, stay alert to your surroundings, and avoid uncomfortable situations with strangers.** Where possible, arrange for an adult family member or trusted friend to escort you home when returning alone late at night. If you suspect that you are being followed, remain calm and proceed to a crowded area or call the Police immediately on our emergency hotline – 999.
- 5. Be careful of who you talk to online and do not respond to unsolicited messages from strangers on Telegram, WhatsApp, or any other social media platform.** Scammers may impersonate your friend by hacking into your friend's social media account or creating a fake account using your friend's profile picture and details. Be wary of people especially if they ask for money, personal information, or compromising photos/videos. You should verify if the request is legitimate by checking with your family and friends through alternative means such as physical meetups, video calls or email other than using the contact details on your phone. Inform an adult if you receive such requests.

The Health Promotion Board (HPB) and Health Sciences Authority (HSA) would like to remind you of the following:

### VAPING IS ILLEGAL, REGARDLESS OF AGE.

Under the Tobacco Act:

- It is an offence to purchase, use or possess these products and/or their components. Offenders can be fined up to \$2000.
- It is also an offence to advertise, import, distribute, sell, offer for sale, or possess for sale these products in Singapore. Offenders can be fined up to \$10,000 or face imprisonment of up to 6 months or both, for first time offenders.**
- Youths caught for any of the above offences will be **reported to Health Science Authority and disciplinary actions will be taken.**



Refer to the table below for more information on the penalties imposed on the offences.

Examples of scenarios of possessing, using or purchasing of e-cigarettes:

Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C
"I bought an e-cigarette online, but I did not use it."	"I bought 2 e-cigarettes, 1 for me and 1 for my friend, who paid me for his share."	"I post vape content on my Tiktok and Instagram account."
This is considered as a <u>purchase</u> .	This is considered as a <u>sale</u> .	This is considered as an <u>advertisement</u> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Penalty imposed for possessing, using or purchasing e-cigarettes.</li><li>All offences, fine up to \$2,000.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Penalty imposed for selling or advertising e-cigarettes</li><li>1<sup>st</sup> offence<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fine up to \$10,000</li><li>Imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months; or</li><li>Both fine &amp; imprisonment</li></ul></li><li>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; subsequent offences<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fine up to \$20,000</li><li>Imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months; or</li><li>Both fine &amp; imprisonment</li></ul></li></ul>	

**VAPING IS HARMFUL AND CAN BE A GATEWAY TO CIGARETTE SMOKING.**

Vaping, just like smoking traditional cigarettes is harmful and can lead to lifelong addiction. E-cigarettes contain many harmful substances such as nicotine. These substances can negatively impact brain development, especially to parts of the brain that control attention, learning and memory. E-cigarettes also contain benzene and formaldehyde – which can cause cancer and infertility. Studies have also shown that individuals who vape are more likely to pick up cigarette smoking later in life.

**If you know of someone who vapes or owns an e-cigarette, please inform the school so that timely cessation support can be offered to them. Alternatively, please call QuitLine at 1800 438 2000 for vaping/smoking cessation support.**



## Annex C

### CyberWellness@Damai – Cyber Security

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While the internet is a treasure trove of information and knowledge, our children also run into the risks of being exposed to inappropriate or undesirable content that is unsafe and inappropriate for their age. Below are a few tips to help you keep your child and their devices safe when using the internet.

#### 1. **Know the technologies your child is using.**

This will help you better understand the types of risks your child faces and be able to talk to them about what they are doing online.

#### 2. **Set rules and boundaries and post them clearly near the digital devices.**

Set clear rules on the use of the internet and post them clearly near the devices that they are using to remind them of the Do's and Don'ts. Placing the computer in common areas like the living room or getting them to use the devices in common areas so that you can easily monitor their internet activities and manage the time they spend on the internet.

#### 3. **Discuss the risks with your child.**

Children can be much more trusting than adults as they tend to see the fun in activities first, without realising the risks and dangers involved. It is important for you to ensure that your children understand the basic risks they face and what safety precautions they need to take before they start surfing the Internet.

#### 4. **Set a strong password.**

A strong password will better prevent your account from being hacked by others. Having a combination of numbers, letters, and symbols to create a strong password will significantly lower the risk of your accounts being hacked.

#### 5. **Beware of scams**

If you receive emails or messages that promise free items by clicking on a link provided, delete them immediately. Remember, nothing comes free. Never disclose your personal details or Singpass details to anyone.

#### 6. **Check the source and install an anti-virus software**

Before you download any software, be sure to check if it comes from a reliable source. Installing an anti-virus software will protect your devices from malwares.





## 7. Update your device's software

Keeping your device's software updated is very important. Software vulnerabilities enable cybercriminals to access your computer.

You and your child can also watch the video launched by the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore titled 'Better Cyber Safe than Sorry'. The video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/ktUTe6GbxSY>  
We hope these tips will help you protect your child from the dangers of the internet.

Adapted from articles from the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore

For more resources on how to keep your children safe online, check out:

1. Cyber Security Agency of Singapore: <https://www.csa.gov.sg/>
2. MOE website: <https://beta.moe.gov.sg/programmes/cyber-wellness/>
3. Media Literacy Council: <https://www.betterinternet.sg/>
4. Common sense Media: <https://www.common sense media.org/>

