

Primary 3 Parents' Briefing Principal's Address

26 January 2023



Damai Primary School

Confident Individuals | Thinking Learners | Engaged Leaders

Welcome To All Parents

- **Hope 2023 started well and safe**
- **Looking forward to a strong partnership for 2023**



Agenda

7 Principal's Briefing	Year Head's Briefing
1. Introduction of School Personnel	1. Start It Right
2. School Vision, Mission and Values	2. Level Programmes
3. Parents - Partners in Education	3. Academic and Assessment Matters
4. Key Feature of PSLE Scoring from 2021	4. School-Parent Partnership
5. Subject-Base Banding (SBB) at P4	
6. Other Important Matters	

P3 Form Teachers and Level Managers

Class	Ms Laurice Ong	Year Head Middle Primary
3A	Ms Tracy Tseng	Form Teacher
3A	Ms Karen Chan	Form Teacher
3B	Mdm Rozi	Form Teacher
3B	Ms Zheng Jiawei	Form Teacher
3C	Mrs Kris Hay	Form Teacher / Level Manager
3C	Mr Khairulharis	Form Teacher
3D	Mr Calvin Lim	Form Teacher / Level Manager
3D	Mdm Sabrina	Form Teacher
3E	Mdm Marinah	Form Teacher
3E	Mdm Koo Swee Ying	Form Teacher

Our Vision

Confident Individuals
Thinking Learners
Engaged Leaders



Our Mission

*To Nurture and Empower
every Damaian
to Learn, Grow, and Lead*



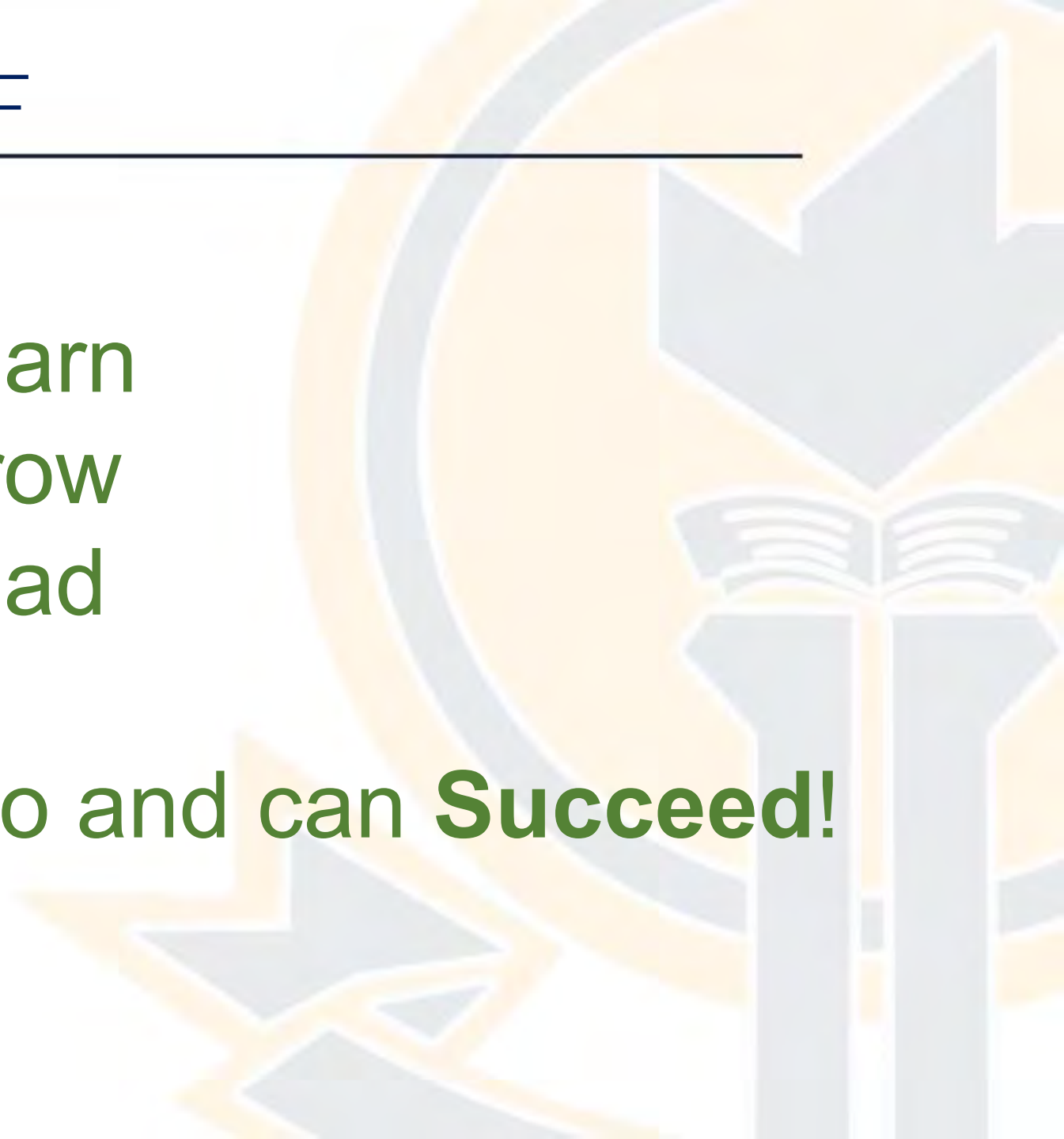
OUR CORE BELIEF

Every Student Can Learn

Every Student Can Grow

Every Student Can Lead

Every Student wants to and can **Succeed!**



DPS - A School of Care & Distinction

Care

Showing concern (through thoughts, words & actions) for each teacher & student.

Distinction

Marked by unique & quality learning experiences (based on student profile & school programmes).

Our **SPARK** Values

Sincerity to self and others

Passion for learning

Aspiration to succeed

Resilience in life

Kindness to all



Our **SPARK** Values

“Every Damaian has self-discipline to uphold our SPARK values.”

S incerity to self and others	Honesty / Care / Respect
P assion for learning	Responsibility / Self-directed / Curiosity
A spiration to succeed	Commitment / Seek to improve
R esilience in life	Perseverance / Adaptability
K indness to all	Helpful / Empathy

Good Discipline

- The school believes that good discipline is an important factor to help create positive school with a conducive environment for our students
- All Damaians need to know our school rules and adhere to them as expected
- Parents are our partners in this journey



Good Discipline

- Help us to educate Damaians
 - must be mindful of own actions/words
 - treat others the way you would like to be treated
 - respect personal space
 - interact / play safely
 - have the morale courage to be an upstander



Good Discipline

- When something happened
 - Tell the person to stop what he/she is doing
 - Share that you do not like it
 - Inform your teacher soonest possible
- DO NOT take things into your own hands



Good Discipline

- School is a safe place – **Zero Tolerance** for Unacceptable behaviour that
 - is hurtful and undermines others to feel safe and secure
 - hinders effective learning and healthy development



Good Discipline – Beyond School

- Safety on school buses
- Buckle up and be seated until time to alight
- No playing and avoid talking loudly on school buses
- Follow the instructions by driver and bus attendance

Remember

In all that you do, always think before you act

1) Is it right or wrong?

2) Is it kind or helpful?

3) Will my parents/teachers be proud of me?



Parents are important partners in education

- **T**rust is the foundation
- **R**emember the child as our focus
- **U**nderstand our shared responsibilities
- **S**eek common ground
- **T**ogether, we work towards common goals



Parent-Teacher Communication

At DPS, we value parent-teacher communication via

- Parents Gateway
- Student Handbook
- Emails
- Phone calls – via school line **6445 6483**
- Meetings
- School Website
- Letters to parents
- Parents' Briefings
- Parents-Teacher Meeting



Parent-Teacher Communication

- First point of contact – Form Teachers / Subject Teachers
- Level-related matters – Year Heads
- School-related matters – Admin Manager / School Leaders
- School is still the best point of contact

Parent-Teacher Communication

- Seek parents' understanding for the following:
 - Teachers can be contacted during **school days between 7.30 am and 5.30 pm**
 - Teachers may only be able to respond on the next working day if they are not contactable or unable to access their email promptly during the day or if the queries and / or requests are made beyond the school hours
 - Teachers will try their best to respond to all queries and feedback within 3 working days. For complicated matters / issues, we seek your understanding that more time may be required to resolve them before we get back to you.

Parent-Teacher Communication

- Seek parents' understanding for the following:
 - Teachers are not expected to respond to parents' and students' queries during the weekends except for emergencies.
 - If the queries and / or requests made during school hours are urgent, please contact the school's General Office for assistance.
 - Teachers are not expected to provide their personal phone number to parents.

Principal's Monthly Letter to Parents

- Keep a look out for the Principal's Letter to Parents
- Important information is available for parents to allow you to keep posted of the school matters
 - Through Parent Gateway (PG)
 - Keep your PG notification on
- ***Help to communicate with your child on notifications/letters you have given consent***



Attendance in School

- Your child's attendance in school is important and compulsory
- Only when your child is in school will we be able to nurture him/her
- Let's work to support your child to have a good start to P3 in 2023



Attendance in School

- Help our children to cultivate the good habit of responsibility and punctuality in primary school
- Students are to report to the classrooms for attendance-taking and morning assembly by 7.30 am
- Ensure your child be in school 5 to 10 min before 7.30 am to give them time to reach the classrooms for morning assembly
- Students who are not in school by 7.30 am to participate in flag-raising together with the student population, will be deemed late for school
- Habitual late-coming will be noted and included in student's behaviour record which will impact the conduct grade of the students

School-Home Partnership

- Familiarise yourself with school communication platforms
- Read the Student Handbook, parent memos & notifications
- Build good relationships & trust the teachers to want the best for each student

School-Home Partnership

- Proper school uniforms/PE attire – **include name tag**
- School driveway – **drop and go**
- Safety – utmost importance

Eg Follow safety rules,

No parking on the red zone outside main gate,

Be punctual in picking up your child

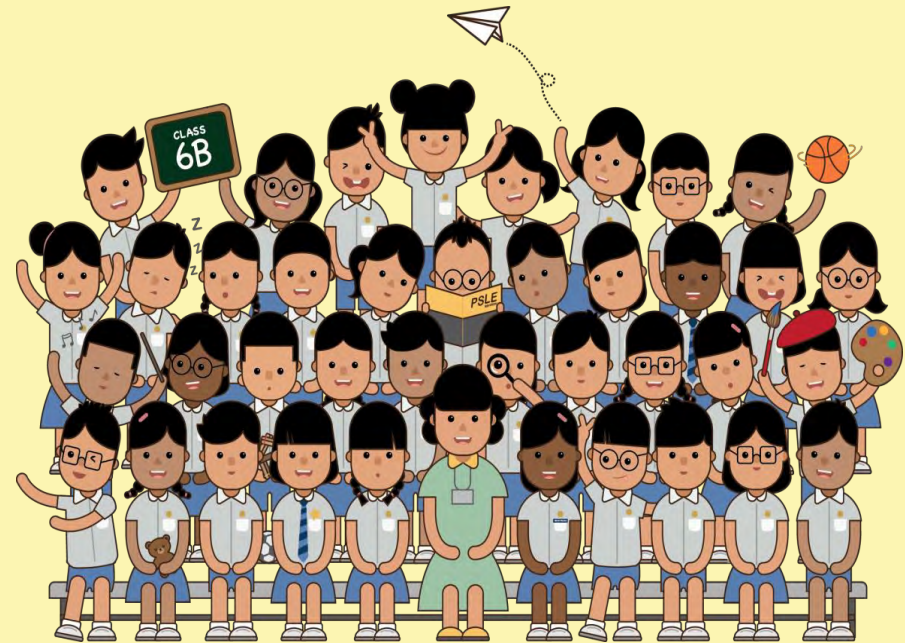


Parents Must Not:-

- Allow the child to stay at home during school days when they are well
- Bring them overseas during school days
- Do homework or assignments for them
- Make **Home Delivery** for forgotten items
- Rescue them from the consequences of their actions
- Hide or give reasons to justify mistakes or wrongdoing

CHANGES TO THE PSLE SCORING & S1 POSTING FROM 2021

IT'S PART OF
A BIGGER STORY



THE PSLE CHANGES ARE PART OF A BIGGER STORY

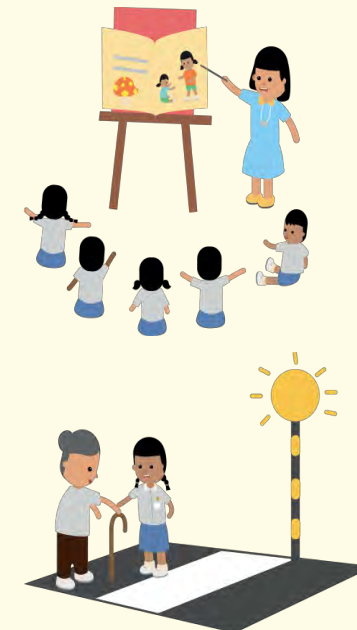
Over the years, we have been fine-tuning the education system to help our students discover and develop their strengths and interests, while moving away from an over-emphasis on academic results.

Our PSLE scoring changes aim to:

- Reduce fine differentiation at a young age
- Recognise students' level of achievement, regardless of how their peers have done

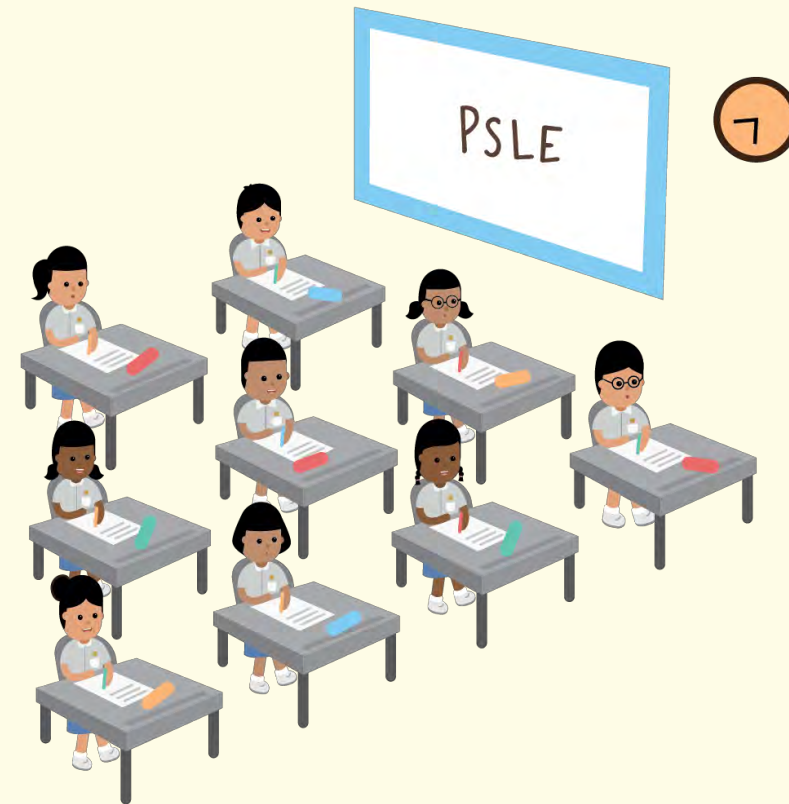
The changes will not affect the curriculum and subjects tested at PSLE

- However, MOE does review the curriculum regularly to ensure that it is relevant and up-to-date. This will continue as per current practice.



THE PSLE REMAINS A USEFUL CHECKPOINT

- To understand where our children are at in their learning after six years of primary school
- Gauge their learning needs so that they can progress to a secondary school and take subjects at a suitable level



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

OFFERING DIFFERENT SUBJECT COMBINATIONS



GRADING SYSTEM AT P3-P4

- The grading system for P3 and P4 End Year Examination is in 4 Bands

ACHIEVEMENT BAND	MARK RANGE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
1	85 – 100	Is very good at the subject
2	70 – 84	Is good at the subject
3	50 – 69	Has adequate grasp of the subject
4	Below 50	Has not met the minimum requirements for the subject

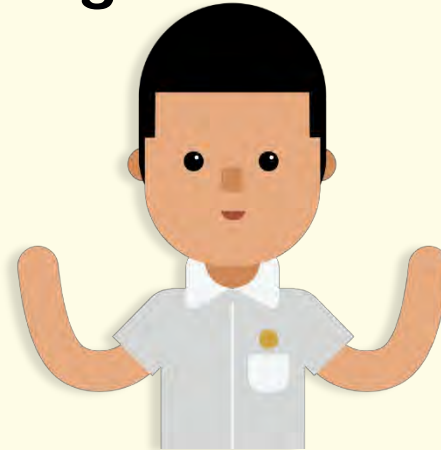
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- Offers students the option of Standard and Foundation Subjects, depending on their strengths.
- Allow students to focus on and stretch their potential in the subjects they are strong in while building up the fundamentals in the subject they need more support in.
- The new PSLE scoring system will not change the considerations for deciding on a student's subject combination.



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

- Schools will continue to recommend based on the following:
 - Student's aptitude, motivation and performance in each subject;
 - Student's ability to cope with a particular subject combination; and
 - Whether the subject combination focuses sufficiently on literacy and numeracy, and facilitates the student's articulation to secondary school and beyond.
- Offering subjects at Foundation level is not a disadvantage to the students. It enables them to focus on building up strong fundamentals in these subjects and better prepares them for progression to secondary school.



HOW DOES SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRI) WORK?

@ PRIMARY 4

Student sits for school-based examinations

School recommends a subject combination based on the student's results.

Parents fill up an option form indicating the preferred combination.

@ PRIMARY 5

Student takes subject combination chosen by parents

English Language, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue Language are available at standard and foundation levels.

Higher Mother Tongue Language is also available.

School assesses student's ability to cope with the current subject combination at the end of the year. Adjustments to the number of standard and foundation subjects can be made, if necessary.

@ PRIMARY 6

Student takes subject combination decided by his school and sits for the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) at the end of Primary 6.

Our Focus

Damaians

- enjoy their learning
- have a strong foundation for their learning
- have good character
- demonstrate resilience and social-emotional well-being
- have the dispositions to be future ready

Damaians to

- Attend school regularly
- Take learning during lessons seriously
- Develop good study habits
- Complete homework and learning activities given
- Exercise self-discipline and diligence to revise daily
- Seek clarification and help from teachers, classmates or friends when they face difficulty
- Demonstrate Passion for Learning, Aspiration to Succeed and Resilience in Life

Parents' Support

- Child's attendance in school is key
- Child's attention and focus during lesson is important
- Encourage child to ask questions to clarify and understand better
- Ensure child completes homework given
- Daily / Regular revision
 - revisit the lesson/concept taught for the day
 - revisit concepts learnt from P1 to P3
- Encourage child to continue to improve

RESILIENCE-FOSTERING INTERACTIONS

Give our Children **S.P.A.C.E** to grow

SUPPORT

- Provide positive feedback
- Be willing to listen

PROBLEM SOLVE

- Reflect on setbacks together
- Guide your child to develop alternate plans

AFFIRM

- Affirm strengths and efforts
- Use of effective praise

CHEER

- Cheer your child on for every effort
- Celebrate all successes, even small ones

EMPower

- Let your child make decisions
- Encourage your child to voice his/her ideas, and carry out the plans made

PROVIDE ADEQUATE CHALLENGE

• Stimulating Environment

- Provide opportunities for challenges
- Nurture your child's talents

• Structure

- Set consistent and realistic expectations
- Maintain daily routines with clear boundaries
- Assign responsibilities (e.g. household chores)

• Supervision

- Monitor your child's progress
- Look out for signs of distress



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