

**Vision**

Achievers rooted in values, soaring beyond limits.

**Mission**

To nurture and inspire pupils to be self-directed learners, gracious and resilient, serving beyond self.

Website Address: <http://www.dazhongpri.moe.edu.sg>

80th Events Page: <https://tinyurl.com/dazhong80th>

29 June 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope that your child is well-rested and ready for a fulfilling time of learning in Term 3.

### ***DZ 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Highlights – DZ Dare to Soar***

This term, we will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary through two events - the **DZPS 80th Anniversary Musical Concert** and **Dazhong Family Day Carnival!** Our students have put a lot of hard work into preparing for both events and we look forward to seeing you there!

#### **DZPS 80th Anniversary Musical Concert - Dare to Soar**

Date : Saturday, 4 August 2018

Time : 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. (Matinee) or 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Evening Show)

Venue: The Alleyn Theatre

Dulwich College (Singapore)

71 Bukit Batok West Ave 8, S658966 (Musical tickets will be issued in T3/W5.)

#### **Dazhong Family Day Carnival cum Alumni Homecoming**

Date : Saturday, 18 August 2018

Time : **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** (\*Please note the change in timing.)

Venue: Dazhong Primary School

GOH : Dr Amy Khor

Senior Minister of State, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources and  
Ministry of Health, MP for Hong Kah North SMC

We are celebrating **Singapore's 53<sup>rd</sup> National Day** with Hong Kah North CC and are thankful for the strong support from Lions Club (Nanyang) for organising the carnival to raise funds for our school Financial Assistance Fund. Uncle Ringo fun-rides and carnival games will available on that day. Each class will man a food/ games stall on that day. Form Teachers will be informing parents and students of their involvement by Term 3 Week 5.

#### **Purchase Family Day Carnival Cards Now!**

Please purchase stored-value cards of \$20 each for the Carnival! Kindly indicate the amount you would like to purchase in the appended form (**Annex A**). Place the exact payment amount (cash) for your order in the attached envelope and seal it before returning it to your child's/ward's Form Teacher by Wednesday, 4 July 2018. Please note that each carnival ride and food items will cost about \$4. Hurry and grab your limited edition of the Carnival cards today!

## Let's Celebrate! **DZ Dare to Soar!**

### **MOE Schoolbag Website Feature—DZ Junior Orchestra**

Our Junior Orchestra (JO) has been featured in MOE's Schoolbag Website: <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/transforming-young-lives-with-music>. Read about how the Junior Orchestra experience has allowed our students to grow in confidence and values, and how our Learning for Life programme (LLP) on Arts Education provides students with exposure to music, the visual arts, drama, and dance.

### **Sports Achievements**

Muhammad Mirza Bin Muhairi from 6 Perseverance triumphed at the 4th Singapore Open 2018 Pencak Silat Championship when he clinched the gold medal in the Pre-Teen Category. Our heartiest congratulations to Mirza for his strong determination, hard work and achievement!

## **ST 1.1 Nurturing the Whole Child—Learner Excellence**

### **P6 Preliminary Examinations Schedule**

The P6 students will be having their Preliminary Examinations this term. Please find the examination schedule below:

Date	Subject
Thursday, 19 July 2018 Friday, 20 July 2018	- English Language / Foundation English Language Oral Communication - Mother Tongue Language / Foundation Mother Tongue Language Oral Communication
Tuesday, 31 July 2018	- English Language / Foundation English Language Listening Comprehension - Mother Tongue Language / Foundation Mother Tongue Language Listening Comprehension
Tuesday, 21 August 2018	Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 2
Friday, 24 August 2018	English Language / Foundation English Language Paper 1 and 2
Monday, 27 August 2018	Mother Tongue Language / Foundation Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 and 2
Tuesday, 28 August 2018	Mathematics / Foundation Mathematics Paper
Wednesday, 29 August 2018	Science / Foundation Science Paper

### **Math Exploration Week**

Dazhong students can look forward to exciting Math Exploration recess activities during the recess timing of Term 3, week 2. There will be a variety of fun activities such as Guess & Win, Fraction Bowling, Tangrams, Quiz on iPads, and other Math board games—promoting the joy of learning in Math through games!

### **New Library Initiatives @ D'Safari—Borrowing System and Mobile Library @ DZ**

Reading quality literature regularly is key to improving literacy skills among our students. To enable students to borrow books regularly during recess, two new initiatives will be launched in Term 3 of week 3. A new borrowing system will allow students to select a book, drop it off for processing and pick it up the next day without having to wait in line during recess, at the librarian counter. Mobile Library @ DZ will be available at the canteen on Wednesdays during recess to encourage students to borrow and read books. Through these new initiatives, we hope to see more students borrowing books and developing a habit of reading regularly.

### **ST 1.2 Nurturing the Whole Child—Character Excellence**

### **Bringing Arts to the Community**

#### **Junior Orchestra Performance @ SYF Arts Celebrations 2018**

Please support our Junior Orchestra (JO) who will be performing with Methodist Girls' School as part of SYF Arts Celebrations. Minister for Education, Mr Ong Ye Kung, will be gracing the occasion. Admission is free.

Date of Performance	Venue	Time 2 Shows
Saturday, 30 June 2018	National Art Gallery Address: 1 St Andrew's Rd, Singapore 178957	1 <sup>st</sup> show: 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Show: 4.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

#### **Passion Arts Village @ Hong Kah North CC**

The Art Club will showcase their art works at the Passion Arts Village event at Hong Kah North CC. MP Dr Amy Khor is the Guest-of-Honour for the event. Please join us to support the Art Club students.

Date of Performance	Venue	Time 2 Shows
Saturday, 14 July 2018	Passion Arts Village @ Hong Kah North CC	5.30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### **Hari Raya Puasa Celebrations**

The Hari Raya Puasa celebrations held this Friday, 29 June 2018 will enhance our students' cultural awareness of different racial celebrations in Singapore. We hope that our students will continue to promote racial and religious harmony in Singapore via living our the school values of IREAP well.

### **Primary 4 & 6 NAPFA Test**

The annual NAPFA Test will be held for Primary 4 and 6 students on Friday, 6 July 2018, from 2.15 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Please remind your child/ward to have light lunch after school. Students who are unwell not need take the test but are required to produce a medical certificate from a medical doctor. Their tests will be rescheduled.

The test schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Level	Reporting Venue
6 July 2018	2.15 pm – 3.00 p.m.	Primary 4	Playground
	3.00 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	Primary 6	

### **Mother Tongue Language Fortnight cum Racial Harmony Day Celebrations**

The annual Mother Tongue Language Fortnight will be held in conjunction with Racial Harmony Day in Term 3, week 4. This year, the theme for Racial Harmony Day (RHD) is “**Diversity Our Strength**”. Our students will strengthen their appreciation for the rich diversity of cultures in Singapore through the week-long classroom activities and a 2-day recess carnival that will provide opportunities for students to apply their Mother Tongue Language skills in authentic situations.

On Friday, 20 July 2018, students are encouraged to wear ethnic costumes of their own race/other races to school. They are to wear their regular school shoes. If your child/ward is unable to wear any ethnic costume, he/she should be in full school attire. Please note that jeans, track pants, home t-shirts, and head-dress are considered inappropriate and not allowed for school events.

### **National Education (NE) Show – We Are Singapore**

Primary 5 students will be attending the NE Show on **Saturday, 21 July 2018**. This particular event is a milestone programme and cohort NE experience for all Primary 5 students in Singapore. Attendance for the event is compulsory. More details will be provided in a separate letter to the students of Primary 5 level.

### **53<sup>rd</sup> National Day Celebrations with Young Scientist Week@DZ**

The theme for this year's NDP, “**We Are Singapore**”, celebrates our people, our nation and our home. It is a pledge of unity and togetherness among our diverse cultures. “We are Singapore” defines the Singapore Spirit, invoking the strength and resilience which built Singapore and empowers Singaporeans to overcome future challenges and adversities together. Please visit the website <https://www.ndp.org.sg/>.

This year, the National Day Celebrations in school will be combined with the Young Scientist Week to promote students' interest in Science while bringing them a greater sense of the historical importance and solemnity of Singapore's Independence Day.

Our school will commemorate National Day Celebrations on **Wednesday, 8 August**. Students are encouraged to come to school in red t-shirts, school shorts/skirts and white school shoes. School will end at 10 am on that day. Students need not come to school on **Thursday, 9 August and Friday, 10 August as these two days are scheduled as school holidays** in view of National Day celebrations. School will reopen on **Monday, 13 August**.

## **Edusave Character Award 2018**

The Edusave Character Award (ECHA) enables schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. This is part of the larger goal to foster an inclusive and stronger Singapore as we broaden the qualities and achievements of students to be encouraged and applauded.

At Dazhong Primary School, we believe in nurturing students with good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens. As such, this award further strengthens the school's recognition of students who consistently demonstrate exemplary character and values.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. The nominated student is a **Singaporean** and is from the **Primary 4 to Primary 6** levels.
2. The nominated student must have demonstrated good character and values in a consistent manner. Student may be identified for the following types of qualities:
  - a. Qualities associated with the school values (Integrity, Responsibility, Excellence, Acceptance and Perseverance) and the school mission (Self-Directed Learner, Gracious, Resilience and Serving beyond Self).
  - b. Demonstration of a high level of civic responsibility: Student must have demonstrated concerns about issues related to their community or issues faced by others. They could have initiated simple actions or played an active role to address these issues and demonstrated commitment to making a difference; and/or
  - c. Qualities associated with resilience: Student who has persevered and managed to overcome the odds despite facing difficult circumstances (e.g. financial problems, health issues, family issues, peer resistance, etc.).

### Form of Award

The ECHA award quantum is as follows:

Levels	Award Quantum
Primary 4 to 6	\$350

### Structured Selection Process

There will be 3 key stages in the selection process by a panel comprising the school leaders, staff members and various stakeholders. The 3 stages are as follows:

- Nomination (Form Teachers will submit nominees to Panel by Term 3 of week 4)
- Shortlisting
- Endorsement

We look forward to your partnership in nurturing and developing good character and values in your children/wards, and hence equipping them to become more effective individuals and useful citizens to our society.

## **ST 2 Empowering and Engaging Staff for Professional Excellence and Leadership**

### **Staff Matters**

We welcome the following new staff who have joined our Dazhong family and we wish them a fulfilling Teaching and Learning experience with our students:

1. Mdm Wong Siow Yen
2. Ms Grace Tan
3. Mr Muhammad Haziq Bin Zailani
4. Ms Tay Woon Cheng (FAJT)

### **Farewell to Teachers**

We bid farewell to the following staff:

1. Mrs Teo Pui San
2. Ms Khoo Wan Ying Hilda
3. Mrs Goh Poh Geok (CAJT)

### **Staff Recognition**

Congratulations to our Mother Tongue (Chinese Language) and Mathematics teachers whose papers have been accepted for the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on The Teaching and Learning of Chinese as a Second Language and the West Zone ICT Seminar - "Teachers as Designer, Learning for Future" respectively. We wish the presenters all the best in supporting the development of our fraternity.

### **Staff Appreciation @ Dazhong**

Please send your compliments for our staff to [dazhong\\_ps@moe.edu.sg](mailto:dazhong_ps@moe.edu.sg) or write an appreciation card at the Guard Post! Also, look out for information on our staff's good work displayed on the noticeboards near the school gate.

## **ST 3 Engaging Partnerships for Support**

### **Every Parent A Supportive Partner**

#### **P6 Transition to Secondary School**

MOE is organising “Preparing Your Child’s Transition to Secondary School” Seminar to help parents understand the importance of parental support as their child transits from Primary to Secondary School. Tips and information on how you can support your P6 child in dealing with stress in the lead-up to PSLE, selecting a suitable secondary school and adapting to a secondary school life will be shared. Details of the seminar are as follows:

	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Session 2</b>
<b>Date</b>	28 July	4 August
<b>Time</b>	9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	9 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
<b>Venue</b>	Auditorium, Nanyang Junior College	Edutorium, MOE Headquarters Buona Vista
<b>Registration</b>	Please visit the website <a href="https://bit.ly/2JL7lzd">https://bit.ly/2JL7lzd</a>	

### **Dads for Life Programme**

Thank you Fathers for supporting the two sessions for Dads for Life programme in Semester 1! A total of 300 parents have joined us so far. Do look out for more activities to deepen the bond between fathers and your child!

Date	Time	Programme	Venue
30 June 2018	8.30 a.m. -10.30 p.m.	Hiking	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve
25 August 2018	8.30 a.m. -10.30 p.m.	Treasure Hunt	West Coast Park

### **Internationalisation Programme @DZ**

Dazhong is pleased to play host to 2 International schools and a Chinese Foreign Delegate of school leaders from Zhengzhou. These exchanges will allow our staff and students to deepen our civic literacy, cross-cultural skills and broaden our global awareness.

Country / School	Date	Programme
China, Dali Experimental School	10 July	School Visit & Exchange
China, Zhengzhou Delegate of School Leaders	17 July	School Visit & Dialogue
Thailand, Bangkok, Anubansamsen School	1 August to 5 August	School Twinning Programme & Performance at DZ 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Musical

### **Student Well-Being**

#### **Technology & Internet Access at Home**

As we embark on using the Student Learning Space (SLS), the school would like to obtain data on technology and Internet access at home so that we can better support students' learning. Please complete [Annex B](#) and return it to the Form Teacher by 4 July 2018.

### **Safety and Security / Other Administrative Matters**

#### **Updates on Students' Particulars**

A gentle reminder to update the school of any change(s) in your child's/ ward's particulars, including his / her medical condition(s) whenever necessary. The students' particulars update form can be downloaded from the school website at <http://dazhongpri.moe.edu.sg/parents-hub/useful-forms>. Alternatively, you may approach our staff at the General Office during office hours for a copy of the form.

## **2018 Primary One Registration Exercise**

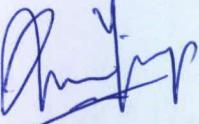
The 2018 Primary One Registration Exercise is for children born between 2 January 2012 and 1 January 2013 (both dates inclusive). If you have a child/ children born during the abovementioned dates, you have to register your child/ children at the 2018 Primary One Registration Exercise for admission to Primary One in January 2019. The 2018 Primary One Registration Exercise will be conducted in phases comprising Phases 1, 2A(1), 2A(2), 2B, 2C, 2C Supplementary and 3. Phase 1 will commence on Thursday, 28 June 2018.

Please refer to the MOE website <https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/primary/primary-1-registration-insert> for relevant details. Kindly approach our staff at the General Office for assistance if required.

## **School Holidays and Home-Based Learning Days**

Please note the following school holidays and make childcare arrangements if necessary. Kindly refer to the Term 3 School Calendar as attached for details.

Date	School Holiday / Home-Based Learning Day
Monday, 2 July	Youth Day School Holiday
Friday, 3 August	Home-Based Learning Day (Preparation for Musical Concert)
Friday, 10 August	National Day School Holiday
Thursday, 16 August	Home-Based Learning Day for P1-5 students (PSLE Oral)
Friday, 17 August	
Monday, 20 August	DZPS School Holiday (In view of 80th Anniversary Celebrations)
Friday, 31 August	Teachers' Day School Holiday



Mdm Rina Yap Siu Lin  
Principal