PARENT NOTIFICATION

3 Mar 2023

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Principal's Note

Dear Parents.

As a Lasallian school, we believe in providing an environment for holistic education in character development and leadership growth, with a focus on servitude towards the community.

To strengthen our Lasallian values of Faith, Service and Community, our school recently had our election campaign for our Primary 6 Lasallian Leaders. Primary 4 to Primary 6 Lasallians had the chance to vote for the chairpersons of the Lasallian Leadership Board. We are proud to share the team of Lasallian Leaders will be working together to serve the school community.

Lasallian Leadership Board

Chairperson:

Gabriel Teoh Hong Jie

Vice Chairpersons:

Liu Hongyu Anvitha Bodi

Executive Committee Members:

Chong Meng Fai Isaac Wong Ze Xiang Jeyasankar Shanmugapriya Vasubbratha Karen Natt Lim Yan Zhe Pradeep Anusha Soham Sharma

We look forward to the leadership of the Lasallian Leadership Board.

Mission Statement

Enabling Lasallians in a Lasallian community to learn how to learn and to learn how to live; empowering them to be the persons of integrity and persons for others.

We would like to share Gabriel's message as the newly appointed Chairperson of the Lasallian Leadership Board.

I am Gabriel Teoh. I am truly honoured to be given the opportunity to serve our school as the newly appointed Chairperson of the Lasallian Leadership Board 2023. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the trust and responsibility bestowed upon me.

As the new Chairperson, I promise to do my best to serve the school together with other Lasallian leaders. My main goal is to unite the Lasallian community and make school a positive and inclusive environment. One of the projects that I intend to carry out is to plan for a Sports Carnival. Every Lasallian will have fun during the carnival. There will also be opportunities for inter-level interaction between junior and senior Lasallians. I believe that from this experience, we can be more closely knitted as a Lasallian family, with new friendships forged and many fond memories formed together. I also hope that as a school, we can serve the community as Mindful Servant Leaders and live the Lasallian spirit of faith and zeal.

Once again, I want to thank the school leaders, teachers and fellow Lasallians who have entrusted me with this leadership role. With your support, we can make our school a better place for learning and playing, and truly our home away from home.

In Term 2, we will be focusing on the School Value of Responsibility and Mindful Servant Leader Characteristic: *A Leader is a Servant First*.

All Primary 2 to Primary 6 Lasallians have been assigned class leadership roles, so that everyone has a part to play in class. Through these opportunities in which Lasallians learn to lead their peers, we hope that they can develop a sense of responsibility, as well as to grow to become mindful servant leaders who will always take the initiative to extend a helping hand serve the community.

As we come to a close for Term 1, we would like to thank all parents for your support and partnership in nurturing our Lasallians to be leaders for the future. We wish them a happy term break!

Semper Fidelis, Cheryl Choo Principal

March 2023 Notification

1. Reinstatement of Pre-COVID Code for Wearing of School Uniform

Wearing of our Lasallian school uniform reiterates our school identity and association with fellow La Salle schools, as Singapore has transited to the endemic phase of COVID-19 and adjusted to DORSCON – Green, the school will revert to the wearing of school uniform with effect from <u>Term 3</u>, <u>Semester 2</u>.

Lasallians are to note the following changes:

- PE attire is only to be worn on days with PE/CCA/PAL lessons. On other days, the full school uniform with tie should be worn. Lasallians are to remove their ties before going for recess and the ties can be kept away for the rest of the school day.
- To support parents and Lasallians in mitigating these changes, the school uniform supplier will be stationed in school for a few days during the June school holidays to facilitate on-site purchases by parents.
- The resumption of wearing of full school uniform with tie will be optional for Primary 6 Lasallians as this is their graduating year. However, please note that Primary 6 Lasallians are expected to don full uniform with tie for class phototaking and Prize-Giving Day.

2. Class Photo-taking

Please take note that the class photo-taking sessions for our Lasallians will take place in Term 2, Week 2 on Monday 27 March & Tuesday 28 March 2023.

Primary 6 Lasallians are to be in their full school uniform (include tie) while Primary 1 – 5 Lasallians may take their photos in clean and neat school PE attire.

3. 2023 Parent-Teacher Meeting 1

The first Parent-Teacher Meeting for 2023 via Zoom will be held in Term 2 Week 2 on 30 & 31 March 2023. It will be held over 1.5 days with half-day after school on Thursday, 30 March 2023 (normal school day) and a full day on Friday, 31 March 2023 (no school day). More details on the appointment selection process and the preparation for this meeting has been given in a separate dedicated parent notification.

4. NAPFA Test for Primary 4 and Primary 6 Lasallians

The NAPFA Test for Primary 4 and Primary 6 Lasallians will be held in Term 2. Our PE teachers have started preparing our Lasallians for the NAPFA test during their PE lessons. The 5-station test includes sit-ups, inclined pull-ups, standing broad jump, sit and reach as well as the shuttle run.

The 5-station test will take place on 26 and 27 April 2023 while the 1.6km run will be held from 2 May to 5 May 2023 during school hours.

Lasallians who are unwell or received vaccination within 2 weeks of the test date will be given a chance to make up for the test. Those with underlying medical conditions or long-term medical leave seeking exemption from the test should be supported by a doctor's letter.

5. Founder's Day cum Primary 3 to Primary 5 (2022) Prize-Giving Day

School will be commemorating our Founders' Day and P3 to P5 (2022) Prize Giving Day on Monday, 15 May 2023 from 7.30am to 10.30am. School hours will be curtailed at 10.30am.

Parents are to notify Form Teachers or school bus operators/external student care centre operators in advance of any changes in usual school dismissal arrangements due to the curtailed school hours.

6. Road Safety & Security

For the safety and security of our Lasallians, the Gate Operating Hours for the school have been communicated at the start of the year as follows:

Gate	Operating Hours (Morning Arrival)	Operating Hours (School Dismissal)
A (for Staff & Cyclists only)	6.30 am – 7.20 am	Nil
B (Lasallians on foot and	6.45 am – 7.00 pm	1.00 pm - 1.45 pm
Visitors)	(Controlled by security	(only for school vans)
	guard or staff on duty)	
C (Vehicular Access for school buses & parents	6.45 am – 7.30 am	Only for school buses
dropping off Lasallians)		
D (Vehicular Access for	6.45 am – 7.30 am	Only for school buses
exit only)		
E	6.45 am – 7.30 am	1.00 pm – 1.45 pm

For Lasallians traveling by private vehicles/school bus, please note that Gate C will only be opened from **6.45 am** onwards. Gate A will only be used for entry for school staff and Lasallians who cycle to school. Parents are encouraged to drive through Gate C after 6.45 am to drop off your child at the Bus Bay. In view of our Lasallian's safety, drop off and/or pick up at Gate B is not allowed.

7. <u>First-time use of School Smart Card (SSC) for Concessionary Travel by Primary 1 Lasallians</u>

To start using the SSCs for concessionary travel, Primary 1 Lasallians are required to activate their cards at the TransitLink Ticket Office (TO), TransitLink Concession Card Replacement Office (CCRO) or Passenger Service Centre (PSC) at the MRT stations or bus interchanges by topping-up the value for the card. Cash top-up at the PSC has ceased but PSC will continue to assist in the activation of SSCs for students. To avoid being turned away, students are advised to inform the PSC staff that they would like to activate their SSCs. The minimum top-up value is \$2.

Parents/Guardians are advised to check the photo and details printed on the card upon receipt of their child's SSC. They are to inform the school immediately of any discrepancy.

8. Singapore Sports School (SSP) Learn-to-Play Programme

Singapore Sports School (SSP) is offering a suite of sports programmes and clinics for primary school students especially those keen in sports but may not have many opportunities due to their financial background. Please refer to the <u>attached PDF</u> file on the programmes offered which include fencing, football, netball and shooting. This is part of their partnership with MOE schools to increase sports opportunities for our children to learn, play, enjoy and even excel in sports through these learn-to-play programmes and clinics.

As SSP admit Sec 1 student-athletes via their own direct admission process, some of these programmes/clinics may also be used as part of the selection process. If your child is interested in joining SSP to pursue their sports and education, he/she may wish to join in some of these programmes. Most of these programmes or clinics are free of charge. Students on MOE Financial Assistance Scheme will be given subsidy if they are successful in joining the programmes.

9. Term 2 Calendar of Key School Events

Please refer to **Annex 2** for Term 2 Calendar of School Events.

Attachments

Annex 1 PDF doc on SSP Learn-to-Play Programmes Annex 2 Term 2 Calendar of School Events

End of Notification

De La Salle School 2023 <u>Term 2</u> Calendar of Events

Week	Date	Day	Event/Activity	Level (s)
2	27 & 28 Mar	Mon & Tue	Class Photo-Taking	All
	30 Mar	Thu	Parent-Teacher Meeting (via Zoom) – 2 to 5 pm	All
	31 Mar	Fri	Parent-Teacher Meeting (via Zoom) -No-school Day for Lasallians	All
3	7 Apr	Fri	Good Friday (Public Holiday)	
24 Apr		Mon	Hari Raya Puasa (School Holiday)	
6	26 & 27 Apr	Wed	NAPFA Test (5 stations)	P4 & P6
7	1 May	Mon	Labour Day (Public Holiday)	
	2 – 5 May	Tue – Fri	NAPFA Test (1.6 km Run)	P4 & P6
9	15 May	Mon	Founder's Day / P3 to P5 (2022) Prize-giving Day (curtailed hours – school ends at 10.30 am)	All
June Hols		Mon -	P5 Camp @ Bahtera Campsite	P5
		Wed	P6 Supplementary Lessons (8 am – 1 pm)	P6

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