



# De La Salle School

*A school of the De La Salle Brothers*

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## Parent Notification for October 2023

### Principal's Note

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of October is one that is dedicated to all our children as we look forward to celebrating Children's Day on 5<sup>th</sup> October in school. Our teachers, admin staff and Parent Support Group have come together to plan a fun-filled day of games and entertainment for our Lasallians. We hope that they will enjoy bonding with their friends and teachers on that day. Our theme for this year's celebrations is "Superheroes" and we would like our Lasallians to celebrate the special gifts that they have been blessed with. They can use their "superpower" of kindness to brighten someone's day, to make our school and our community a better place and to inspire others to do the same.

Apart from just celebrating the children in our school, some of our P1 Lasallians gave back to the community by hosting pre-school children from PCF Sparkletots and Little Footprints Preschool. Our Lasallians played their role as big brothers and sisters to host the preschoolers on a tour around the school as well as experience classroom activities and recess together. Through this, we hope that our P1 Lasallians will learn that they can contribute in both big and small ways even though they might be the youngest children in our school.

Hence, I would like to encourage all parents to celebrate your children no matter what age they are because every affirmation and praise you give means a lot to them. To share a quote, *"Our children are only ever lent to us. We never know how long we will be able to keep them for. So kiss them, cuddle them, praise them & hold them tightly. But most of all... tell them that you LOVE them"*.

Happy Children's Day!

Semper Fidelis,

Cheryl Choo  
Principal

#### 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.

#### Vision Statement

Lifelong Learners, Caring Citizens

## 1. Accolades

Our Primary 1 to 6 Lasallians participated in the **15th Inter-Primary School Tamil Talent Quest Competition** organised by Yew Tee Community Club's Indian Activity Executive Committee on 29 July 2023. The Inter-School Competition is an annual event since 2005 for schools within the Choa Chu Kang, Limbang and Yew Tee Constituencies. The competition was organised this year to encourage students in speaking Tamil while engaging in the arts.

The below are the winners for the various categories.

Name	Class	Category	Prize
Suthan Thanishkha	1 Dominic	Fancy Dress	2nd Runner up
Taruniksha Govindaraj	1 Christopher	Fancy Dress	1st Runner up
Jeyashreya Sanjeev Nambiar	3 Christopher	Singing	Champion
Harshitha Swaminathan	3 Dominic	Singing	Consolation
Raghav Ramasubbu	4 Bernadette	Storytelling	Champion
Raghav Ramasubbu	4 Bernadette	Junior Star - Standup comedy	Champion
Meddha Venkatesh	5 Dominic	Quiz	Champion
Saravanan Nivrithi	5 Gabriel	Quiz	Champion

De La Salle School emerged **Overall Second** in position amongst all other schools.

## 2. Children's Day Celebrations 2023

The school will be celebrating Children's Day on **Thursday, 5 October 2023**. It will be a normal school day. There will be a special Children's Day service conducted for our Lasallians.

In addition, an exciting array of sports and games activities will be organised in a school-wide carnival format to engage our Lasallians in a fun-filled and enriching time. This school-wide event is organised by the entire team of De La Salle staff (teachers and support staff) with avid support from our Parent Support Group.

Our theme for this year's Children's Day Celebrations is "**Superheroes**". Lasallians are allowed to report to school in their superhero outfit or school PE attire for the day. Please note that the wearing of this superhero outfit is voluntary. Parents need not buy special outfits for the event.

For Lasallians intending to don a Superhero outfit, please note the following safety precautions:

- School shoes must be worn by Lasallians.
- There should not be any offensive prints on the outfit.
- Full and half-face masks are not allowed.
- No face paint is allowed.

To ensure that our Lasallians are properly attired and equipped for this fun-filled day, we would like parents to take note of the following administrative instructions:

Things to bring

- A small bag
- Water bottle
- Snacks (School Canteen is open for purchase of food during the event)
- Story book
- Stationery

Please note that Friday, 6 October 2023 is a school holiday. School will resume on Monday, 9 October 2023.

**3. Lower Primary Games**

The Lower Primary Games will be held on **Thursday, 2 November 2023**.

The objective of the Games is to build resilience in our young Lasallians through sports and games and to provide an authentic setting for our Lasallians to learn sportsmanship. They will also learn to win with humility and cope with failure. Lasallians will also develop and hone their psychomotor skills which are learned as part of the Physical Education syllabus for lower primary students. The Games will be conducted during curriculum time.

**4. Health Screening for Primary 1 to 6 Lasallians**

School health screening for Primary 1 to 6 Lasallians will be held in school from **24 October to 3 November 2023**. Details pertaining to specific dates for each class and other related instructions will be disseminated at a later date.

**5. Caring Teacher Award 2024**

The Caring Teacher Award, by National Institute of Education, aims to acknowledge teachers in our schools who go beyond the call of duty to nurture the holistic development of their students and ensure their charges grow up to be confident, independent and resilient learners for our nation.

Nomination closes on **12 January 2024**. Parents and Lasallians may access the online nomination form at <https://www.cta.nie.edu.sg/nominate>. Alternatively, you may download the hardcopy nomination form to nominate. Hard copy nomination forms are to be submitted to the General Office upon completion. We would like to encourage parents and Lasallians to nominate deserving teachers for this award.

## **6. Encouraging Good Study Habits**

As your child steps up his/her learning this final school term for the academic year and in preparation for the end-of-year examinations, we would like to encourage Lasallians to adopt good study habits and practices. We hope that parents will help to reinforce these habits with our Lasallians:

- Work with your child to set a study schedule that includes sufficient break and rest time
- Factor in some time for bonding and recreation
- Ensure your child gets enough sleep daily
- Regulate your child's screen time and ensure there is sufficient rest for the eyes
- Remind your child to write-down questions they would like to clarify with their teachers and bring them to ask the teachers in school
- Encourage your child to talk about their feelings and experiences when they are preparing for the examinations

## **7. Post-Examination Activities**

We would like to affirm our P6 Lasallians for their resilience and hard work in preparing for the PSLE. An array of exciting post-examination activities has been planned for them as well as other levels of Lasallians. Lasallians will be participating in programmes chosen by themselves such as Dance & Music, Code for Fun, Archery and Kinball. In addition, our Primary 6 Lasallians will plan a day of Innogames for our Primary 1 & 2 Lasallians in November, using the Design Thinking process that they have learnt from the school's Applied Learning Programme.

## **8. Pricing Cap Adjustment for Existing School Bus Contracts**

With effect from January 2024, the pricing cap for school bus services provided by our current school bus operator, Richard Leong Transport Company, will be increased by up to 11% for distance ranging up to 10km. This pricing cap adjustment is to help schools by supporting the sustainability of school bus services in view of rising operating costs. Please refer MOE's media release dated 24 Aug 2023 for more information (<https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20230824-pricing-cap-adjustment-for-existing-school-bus-contracts>).

To arrange school bus service for your child/ward, please submit a form to "Request for School Bus Services" (available in mid-October) to our school bus operator and liaise with the bus operator directly. The form to "Request for School Bus Services", the bus operator's contacts, and the updated bus fares will be available on the school website in mid-October 2023. The bus operator will inform you of the bus fare for your child/ward after consolidating all requests and planning the bus routes.

MOE will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with schools and bus operators to ensure a sustainable school bus service model.

#### **9. Year-End School Holiday Travel Advisory & Declaration**

School requires parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward only if he/she intends to travel for the year-end holidays.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by **31 October 2023 (Tuesday)**. Only one parent is required to declare.

If your child/ward is not travelling during the year-end holidays, no action is required on your side.

#### **10. Term 4 Week 4 - 10 School Calendar (Annex)**

Please note of the **No-School Days** during the PSLE Marking Exercise period, 16 – 18 October 2023 and Results Processing Day on 8 November 2023.

#### **11. Home Based Learning on 19 October 2023**

There will be Home Based Learning on 19 October 2023, Thursday. **All Lasallians need not report to school on that day.** The eLearning packages for 19 October 2023 will be made available on SLS from 16 October 2023, 7.00am, to 23 October 2023, 5.00pm.

**End of Notification**

**De La Salle School**  
**2023 Term 4 Calendar of Events**

Week	Date	Day	Event/Activity	Level (s)
1	15-Sep	Fri	PSLE - Listening Comprehension (P6) <b>No-school day (P1- 5)</b>	P6
2	21 Sep	Thu	End of Year Exam (EYE) - P3 MT ORAL (during curriculum time)	P3
	22-Sep	Fri	EYE - P3 EL ORAL (during curriculum time)	P3
3	25 – 27 Sep	Mon - Wed	PSLE Study Break (No-school days – P6)	P6
	28 Sep	Thu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PSLE (Written) - English/Fdn English</li> <li>▪ EYE - ORAL EXAM (P5) - AFTER SCH (EL &amp; MT)</li> <li>▪ <b>No-school day - P1 (Home-Based Learning)</b></li> </ul>	P6 P5 P1
	29 Sep	Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PSLE (Written) - Maths / Fdn Maths</li> <li>▪ EYE - ORAL EXAM (P5) - AFTER SCH (EL &amp; MT)</li> <li>▪ <b>No-school day - P2 (Home-Based Learning)</b></li> </ul>	P6 P5 P2
4	2-Oct	Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PSLE (Written) - Mother Tongue / Fdn Mother Tongue</li> <li>▪ <b>No-school day – P3 (Home-Based Learning)</b></li> </ul>	P6 P3
	3-Oct	Tues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PSLE (Written) - Science / Fdn Science</li> <li>▪ <b>No-school day - P4 (Home-Based Learning)</b></li> </ul>	P6 P4
	4-Oct	Wed	PSLE (Written) - Higher Mother Tongue	P6
	5-Oct	Thu	Children's Day Celebrations & Prayer Service (normal school hours)	ALL
	6-Oct	Fri	<b>CHILDREN'S DAY - School Holiday</b>	ALL
5	9-Oct	Mon	EYE - P4 EL ORAL (during curriculum time)	P4
	10-Oct	Tues	EYE - P4 MT ORAL (during curriculum time)	P4
	11-Oct	Wed	EYE - English Language /Fdn EL (Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension)	P3 - 5
	12-Oct	Thu	EYE - Mother Tongue (Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension)	P3 - 5

	13-Oct	Fri	P6 Learning Journey To Science Centre	P6
6	16-Oct	Mon	▪ PSLE - MARKING EXERCISE <b>(No-school day)</b>	ALL
	17-Oct	Tues	▪ PSLE - MARKING EXERCISE <b>(No-school day)</b> ▪ P3 GEP Selection Exercise - for shortlisted Lasallians only	ALL
	18-Oct	Wed	▪ PSLE - MARKING EXERCISE <b>(No-school day)</b> ▪ P3 GEP Selection Exercise - for shortlisted Lasallians only	ALL
	19-Oct	Thu	▪ <b>No-school day for P1 - 6 – P1- 5 (Home-Based Learning)</b>	ALL
7	24-Oct	Tues	EYE - English Language/Fdn English Language (Paper 2)	P3 - 5
	25-Oct	Wed	EYE - Maths /Fdn Maths	P3 - 5
	26-Oct	Thu	EYE - Mother Tongue / Fdn MT (Paper 2)	P3 - 5
	27-Oct	Fri	EYE - Science /Fdn Science	P3 - 5
8	30 Oct	Mon	EYE - Higher Mother Tongue (PAPER 1 & 2)	P5
	2 Nov	Thu	Lower Primary Games	P1 & 2
9	8 Nov	Wed	<b>RESULTS PROCESSING DAY (No-school day for P1 - 6)</b>	ALL
10	13-Nov	Mon	<b>DEEPAVALI (Sun 12 Nov) - Public Holiday</b>	ALL
	14-Nov	Tues	Thanksgiving Mass	ALL
	15-Nov	Wed	P6 Prize-giving / Graduation Day	P6
	17-Nov	Fri	Appreciation / Acts of Service Day	ALL

*Updated as at 28 Sept 2023*