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FERNVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Global Learners of Tomorrow

Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope that you managed to spend some time together with your child during the one-week break and that your child is recharged and ready to start the final term of the year. As we begin Term 4, we would like to provide an update on matters pertaining to staff and students as well as to keep you informed of upcoming school events and programmes that will take place this term.

1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 School Achievements

National School Games (NSG) Junior Division

Our Sports CCA junior teams participated in the NSG from May to July 2023. They fought hard and demonstrated the value of resilience and commitment throughout the competition.

We are proud to share that our Basketball Girl's team emerged champions in the Tier 3 groupings while our Boy's team came in 4th place in the Tier 2 groupings. In Floorball, our Boy's team achieved 3rd place in the Tier 1 groupings.

We would also like to congratulate our Badminton boys and girls for the following achievements:

Tier 1 groupings

| Name of student | Class | Placing |
|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Beh En Xuan | 4 Graciousness | Singles (4 th place) |
| Sofia Amber Yeo | 4 Graciousness | Singles (5 th place) |
| Shauqi Bin Sidiq | 4 Resilience | Doubles (4 th place) |
| Tan Shao Lun | 4 Responsibility | Doubles (4 th place) |

Tier 2 groupings

| Name of student | Class | Placing |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Alfred Tan Zi Xuan | 4 Graciousness | Singles (3 rd place) |
| Isen Chia Huai Kang | 5 Responsibility | Doubles (2 nd place) |
| Tan Zhi Ven Joseph | 4 Integrity | Doubles (2 nd place) |
| Cabriel Teo Boon Chuan | 4 Resilience | Doubles (4 th place) |
| Jayden Loh Dee Onn | 4 Respect | Doubles (4 th place) |

Storvretacupen Tournament

The Storvretacupen Tournament is a floorball competition that has been running in Sweden for the last 30 years. The competition held its first Asia edition in June this year. We are delighted to share that our Floorball Boys participated in the competition and achieved 3rd place in the Under-12 category.

Singapore Olympic Foundation (SOF) - Peter Lim Scholarship

The SOF – Peter Lim Scholarship aims to help young deserving sports talents to achieve their sporting goals and pursue sporting excellence in their chosen fields. We would like to congratulate our floorball boys, Muhammad Aliff Bin Kosnan from 6 Care and Mohamed Arfan Bin Syed Abdul Rahim from 6 Resilience, for receiving this prestigious scholarship.

Frank Cooper Sands Award

The Frank Cooper Sands Award is awarded annually to Scout units for unit excellence. We are happy to announce that our Scouts CCA has achieved the Gold Award. Well done boys!

'Our Schools, Our Stories' Photo and Video Contest

'Our Schools, Our Stories' is an annual photo and video contest organised by MOE. The contest showcases the stories of everyday school life through the eyes of our students. We would like to congratulate our Primary 5 Infocomm Club students – Ng Ray Hong, Alexis Tan Le Xin and Lee Ci Ling Chloe, who won the Best Photo Story Award under the Junior category for their entry, 'The Heart and Future of Our Community'.

National Malay Proverb Video Competition

Our Primary 5 students - Jasmine Medina Chua Binti Chua Muhammad Taufiq, Afif Bin Noor Azhar and Arieq Azqa Bin Mazlan, participated in the competition jointly organised by White Sands Primary School and the Malay Language Learning and Promotion Committee, where they had to produce a 1-minute video based on a Malay proverb. We are proud to announce that our students clinched the Silver award!

Elementz Science Project Competition

The competition is an annual Science fair organized by Anderson Secondary School for schools in the North Zone. Our group of young scientists from Primary 4 - Alia Blanche Garces Torres, Goh Shao Feng Rayner, Kayla Tan Kai Xin and Lionel Lam You En, participated in the competition and received the Certificate of Commendation for their project titled 'Powered by Fruity Soil'. The project aimed to investigate which citrus fruit juice and soil mixture produces the most electricity.

1.2 Staff Achievements

The school wishes to extend our heartiest congratulation to the following teachers for being the recipients of the National Day Awards:

Mrs Mabel Soh and Ms Diane Tiu On Ki were awarded the Commendation Medal for their commendable performance and conduct.

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Mr Goh Tong Wee, Ms Tan Hwee Ping Elsie, Mdm Noor A'shikin Bte Osman, Mr Lau Peng Sheng and Mr Tay Peng Cheng Eric, were awarded the Long Service Medal for their devotion to duty.

1.3 Staff Movement

Due to personal reasons, our Mother Tongue teacher, Ms Tong Minyan, has left the education service. We thank her for her valuable contributions to the school and wish her the very best in future endeavours.

2 SCHOOL CALENDAR, EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES

2.1 School Events and Public/School Holidays

Term 4 commences on **Tuesday**, **12 September 2023** and ends on **Friday**, **17 November 2023**. Please take note of the school events and public/school holidays during Term 4 as shown below. Students are **not required to report to school** on these days.

| Date | Day | School Event | |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 15 September | Friday | PSLE Listening Comprehension | |
| 16 – 18 October | Monday – Wednesday | PSLE Marking Days | |
| 10 November | Friday | Results Processing Day | |
| 17 November | Friday | Parent – Teacher Meeting | |

| Date | Day | Public/School Holiday |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 6 October | Friday | Children's Day |
| 13 November | Monday | Deepavali |
| 18 November – 31 December | Saturday – Sunday | Term 4 School Holidays |

The dates for the PSLE written examinations are as follows:

| Date | Day | Subject |
|--------------|-----------|--|
| 28 September | Thursday | English Language / Foundation English Language |
| 29 September | Friday | Mathematics / Foundation Mathematics |
| 2 October | Monday | Mother Tongue Language / Foundation Mother Tongue Language |
| 3 October | Tuesday | Science / Foundation Science |
| 4 October | Wednesday | Higher Mother Tongue Language |

2.2 E-Learning Days

During the PSLE written examination period, the Primary 1 to 5 students will be having e-learning on selected days. Please take note of the e-learning days for the various levels.

| Dates | Levels / Classes having e-learning at home | Levels / Classes having lessons in school | |
|--|--|--|--|
| 28 and 29 September (Thursday and Friday) | All Primary 1 classes All Primary 3 classes P5 Integrity P5 Respect P5 Resilience P5 Care | All Primary 2 classes All Primary 4 classes P5 Joy P5 Graciousness P5 Responsibility | |
| 2 and 3 October (Monday and Tuesday) | All Primary 2 classes All Primary 4 classes P5 Joy P5 Graciousness P5 Responsibility | All Primary 1 classes All Primary 3 classes P5 Integrity P5 Respect P5 Resilience P5 Care | |
| 4 October (Wednesday) | All students to attend lessons as usual in school. | | |

Please refer to the letter sent on 3 August for more details.

2.3 School Programmes

Please take note of the programmes and activities that have been planned for the students in Term 4.

| Levels involved | Date | Day | Programme | Remarks |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------|--|--|
| Primary 1 - 6 | 12 September | Tuesday | Start It Right (SIR) Programme | |
| | 5 October | Thursday | Children's Day Celebrations | All students will be dismissed at 10.30 am |
| | 8 November | Wednesday | Deepavali Celebrations | |
| Primary 2 | 20 & 27 September | Wednesdays | Learn-to-Play Programme: Archery | |

| Primary 4 | 12 September | Tuesday | Learn-to-Play Programme: Inline Skating | |
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| Primary 5 | 12 – 13 September | Tuesday & Wednesday | P5 Adventure Camp | |

2.4 Post-PSLE Programme

The school has put together an exciting post-PSLE programme for our Primary 6 students to help them in their transition to secondary school as well as to equip them with various skills. We will be sharing more details on the programme at a later date.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3.1 Price Revision for Canteen Food

With the rising cost, canteen food prices need to reflect the underlying cost of the food items and allow the stallholders to earn a reasonable profit margin to sustain the business. Therefore, the school will be adjusting the price of each bento set and selected ala carte items (e.g. buns, breads, drinks) proportionately across all the stalls. The revised pricing will be \$2.00 for all bento sets and an increase of \$0.10 to \$0.20 for ala carte items. The revised food prices will take effect from 2 January 2024.

We look forward to your continuous partnership with you. Should you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact your child/ward's Form Teachers or email us at fernvale_ps@moe.edu.sg.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Enoch Lau Principal