

24 June 2024



FERNVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Global Learners of Tomorrow

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to Term 3!

We hope you had a rejuvenating break and are ready for the exciting times ahead. Term 2 was filled with remarkable experiences and achievements for our students, and we are thrilled to share more about it in our termly publication, The Fernvale Times.

As we dive into the new term, we are confident that your child is returning with a fresh burst of energy and eagerness to participate in the engaging activities and educational experiences that await them.

I would like to take the opportunity to provide an update on matters pertaining to staff and students as well as keep you informed of the school events in Term 3.

1 ANNOUNCEMENT

1.1 School Achievement

Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation

We are incredibly proud of our talented students who excelled in the SYF Arts Presentation. Throughout their preparation, our students demonstrated teamwork and resilience. The results of the SYF Arts Presentation are as stated below:

Category	Achievement
Indian Dance	Certificate of Distinction
Guitar	Certificate of Distinction
Guzheng	Certificate of Distinction

National School Games (NSG)

Our student athletes participated in the NSG senior division competition, and we are immensely proud of their dedication and sportsmanship displayed during the competition. The competition results are presented in the table below:

CCA	Competition	Results
Badminton	Senior Boys League 4 (Finals)	4 th
	Senior Girls League 2 (Preliminary Round)	2 nd
Basketball	Senior Boys League 3 (Finals)	4 th
	Senior Girls League 2 (Preliminary Round)	2 nd

Floorball	Senior Boys League 2 (Finals)	4 th
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We would like to extend our best wishes to all our students participating in the upcoming NSG junior division. We have no doubt that our students will continue to shine in the upcoming games.

1.2 Staff Movement

We would like to welcome the following staff to the school:

Name	Designation
Mdm Teoh Hai Wei	Teacher/Chinese Language
Mdm Puvaneswary d/o Balakrishnan	Teacher/Tamil Language
Mdm Khaw Wei Shuen	Special Educational Needs Officer

Ms Jeyananthini d/o Jeyapal (Head of Department/English Language) and Ms Soh Wei Ying will be on maternity leave this semester. Mdm Tan Siok Kheng Grace and Mdm Fardyana Binte Abdul Aziz will be on long term leave due to personal reasons. Two of our staff, Mr Aznahr Bin Baharudin (Subject Head/Malay Language) and Mdm Soh Seok Khim (Senior Teacher/Education Support) will also be away this term/semester to attend their milestone leadership programme.

2 SCHOOL CALENDAR, EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES

2.1 School Events and Public/School Holidays

Term 3 commences on **Monday, 24 June 2024** and ends on **Friday, 30 August 2024**. Please take note of the school events and public/school holidays during Term 3 as shown below. Students are **not required to report to school** on these days.

Date	Day	School Event
13 – 14 August	Tuesday – Wednesday	PSLE Oral Examinations

Date	Day	Public/School Holiday
1 July	Monday	Day after Youth Day
9 August	Friday	National Day
30 August	Friday	Teachers' Day
31 August – 8 September	Saturday – Sunday	Term 3 School Holidays

2.2 School Programmes

Please take note of the programmes and activities that have been planned for the students in Term 3.

Level	Date	Day	Programme	Remarks
Primary 1 - 6	Term 3	Selected Wednesdays	WONDERful Wednesday	
	24 June	Monday	Start It Right Programme	
	8 – 12 July	Monday - Friday	Aesthetics Week	
	18 July	Thursday	Racial Harmony Day	
	8 August	Thursday	National Day Celebrations	Students will be dismissed at 10.30 am
	29 August	Thursday	Teachers' Day Celebrations	Students will be dismissed at 10.30 am
Primary 1	Term 3	-	Let's Appreciate Music and Movement	The programme will be conducted during Music lessons.
	15, 16, 22, 23 July	-	Learning Journey (LJ) to Singapore Zoological Garden	Classes are scheduled to go for their LJ on different days. More details will be provided later.
Primary 3	24 June	Monday	Learn-to-Play Programme: Cycling	
Primary 4	2, 16 August	-	Cohort Learning Journey (LJ) to Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery	Selected classes are scheduled to go for their LJ this term. The other classes will go for the LJ next term. The LJ will take place after school. More details will be provided later.
Primary 5	24 June	Monday	Learn-to-Play Programme: Tchoukball	
	6 July	Saturday	National Education Show	More details will be provided later.

	9, 11, 16 July	-	Learning Journey to Gardens by the Bay	
	5 – 7 August	Monday - Wednesday	Primary 5 Camp	
	27 August		Cohort Learning Journey (LJ) to Indian Heritage Centre	Selected classes are scheduled to go for their LJ this term. The other classes will go for the LJ next term. The LJ will take place after school. More details will be provided later.
Primary 6	4 – 6 September	Wednesday - Friday	READY Programme	For selected students. More details will be provided later.

2.3 Aesthetic Programme

To nurture our students' appreciation of arts and music and provide them with platforms to express their creativity, the school will be organising the Aesthetic Week and WONDERful Wednesday this term.

The theme for this year's Aesthetic Week is 'Aesthetics for Tomorrow'. This theme aims to inspire our students to explore how art and music can drive positive actions on environmental issues, address social challenges, and promote meaningful change. Throughout the week-long event, students will participate in engaging activities such as assembly programmes, pop-up art exhibitions, and performances, allowing them to delve into the transformative power of artistic expression.

WONDERful Wednesday will take place during recess on selected Wednesdays, providing students with the opportunity to engage in activities such as printmaking and jamming sessions.

3 PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

3.1 Breakfast with School Management

The Parent Support Group (PSG) hosted the inaugural 'Breakfast with School Management' on 19 April 2024. In addition to breakfast and networking, parents had the opportunity to interact with the School Leaders on school-related matters.

The next 'Breakfast with School Management' will take place this term, focusing on stress management for students. Parents interested in attending can register to be a PSG member via this link (<https://go.gov.sg/fvps-psg-signup>). Details of the session will be known to the PSG members closer to the date.

4 SAFETY MATTERS

4.1 Temperature-Taking Exercise

There will be a temperature-taking exercise on **Wednesday, 3 July 2024**. Please ensure that your child/ward brings a working oral digital thermometer (ODT) on that day.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

5.1 POSB Smart Buddy

We will be implementing the POSB Smart Buddy as an e-payment option in our school from **9 September 2024** (start of Term 4). With the Smart Buddy card/watch, your child can make purchases in our school canteen and bookstore. Parents can also download the POSB Smart Buddy mobile app and link the card/watch to track your child's payments and savings.

Parents who wish to sign up for the Smart Buddy may apply via the POSB website at <http://www.posb.com.sg/sb-schools>.

Arrangements for students on MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS)

Students on MOE FAS can apply for the POSB Smart Buddy if they wish to do so. Upon receiving the POSB Smart Buddy card/watch, your child will need to register it at the school's General Office. Do note that if your child were to use the registered card/watch at places not enabled for the School Meal Subsidy programme, the amount will be debited from the stored value or allowances allocated by the parent in the card/watch.

Alternatively, students can continue to use the School Smart Card (the orange card) for the School Meal Subsidy programme. The school will do a one-time registration of the School Smart Card between **28 and 29 August 2024**.

My teachers and I look forward to working with you in the coming semester to bring out the best in your child/ward. Please contact the General Office at 63153051 or email us at fernvale_ps@moe.edu.sg should you have any further queries.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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