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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Warmest greetings to all of you.

August is a month of National Celebrations. We have much to learn from Singapore's history and development. Undaunted by her physical size, Singapore has developed into a respectable Garden City, with a collage of cultures and languages, coming together as One Singapore.

1. Citizenship and Character Education

For August, the 'Value of the Month' is Responsibility. Our foci are as follows:

Habit 2: Begin With the End In Mind: I look for ways to be a good citizen.

Habit 1: Be Proactive: I take initiative.

Students put the value of responsibility into action in school-wide programmes like Sparkling Canteen and Sparkling Classroom where they keep the canteen and their classrooms clean daily. The cleanliness of the canteen and classrooms are closely monitored. Every term, classes that have shown consistent effort in the upkeep of these two areas are highlighted to the school and presented with the Sparkling Canteen certificate and Sparkling Classroom banner respectively.

As we celebrate National Day in the month of August, we remind our students to be responsible citizens. We recap with students their learning and experiences during events like Total Defence Day, NE Show and Racial Harmony Day and guide them to look for ways to be a good citizen.

2. National Day Celebration – Tuesday, 8 August 2023

We will be celebrating National Day on **Tuesday, 8 August**. This year's theme for National Day is "Onward As One!". It calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people. "Onward" reflects a nation that is forward looking and resilient to any challenges that lie ahead. "As One" underscores the collective ownership of Singapore's future and the importance of inclusivity and unity.



Students will wear their House T-shirts with school shorts/skirts and school shoes on that day.

School will function from 7.30am to 10.30am on Tuesday, 8 August. The dismissal time for the levels is as follows:

- P1 and P2 at 10.15am
- P3 to P6 at 10.30am

Light refreshments will be provided for the students. The school canteen stalls will not operate on 8 August. Students are to bring their water bottles.

Students taking the school bus will be ferried back at 10.30am. The Student Care Centre will operate till 1.15pm.

Please note that **Wednesday, 9 August** is a Public Holiday and **Thursday, 10 August** is a school holiday. School will resume on **Friday, 11 August 2023**.

3. P6 Preliminary Listening Comprehension Examination – Monday, 7 August 2023

The P6 Preliminary Listening Comprehension examination is scheduled for **7 August 2023** from 1.30pm to 4.45pm. Candidates not taking Mother Tongue Languages will be dismissed at 3.30pm. All afternoon classes and activities will be cancelled for the day.

As most teachers will be involved in the examination, all afternoon activities for the other levels will be cancelled with the exception of the following:

- P4 SDR and RRP sessions
- P1 Numeracy Programme

4. PSLE Oral Examination – Tuesday, 15 August 2023 and Wednesday, 16 August 2023

The PSLE Oral Examinations will be held from **15 to 16 August 2023**. Students will be informed of their session groupings closer to the date.

5. Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Exercise 2023 – Thursday, 17 August 2023

The Gifted Education Branch of the Ministry of Education is carrying out the identification of students for the Gifted Education Programme 2024. The identification exercise is conducted in two stages – Screening and Selection. The Screening exercise will be held in the school on **Thursday, 17 August 2023**.

6. P6 Preliminary Written Examination – Thursday, 17 August 2023 to Wednesday, 23 August 2023

The P6 Preliminary Written Examinations will be held from **17 to 23 August 2023**. The schedule of the papers is shown below:

Date	Subject
Thursday, 17 August	English Language
Friday, 18 August	Mathematics
Monday, 21 August	Mother Tongue Language
Tuesday, 22 August	Science
Wednesday, 23 August	Higher Mother Tongue

7. Teachers' Day Celebrations – Thursday, 31 August 2023

Teachers' Day falls on **Friday, 1 September 2023**. It is a school holiday. The school will celebrate Teachers' Day on Thursday, 31 August 2023. The Prefectorial Board will be putting together a simple programme consisting of performances and games in honour of our teachers. The school will function as per normal on that day.

8. End-of-Year Examination – for P3 to P5 students only

Please refer to Annex P3/P4/P5 for the dates and durations of the End-of-Year Examination, as well as the End-of-Year Examination topics and formats.

9. School Activities (1 August to 15 September 2023)

The following school activities will be held from **1 August to 15 September 2023**. The school will provide further details as necessary, nearer the dates, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Attachments/ Reply Slips
3 August 2023 (Thu)	P2 Learning Journey to the National Orchid Garden	P2	<i>More details will be given on Parents Gateway</i>
3 August (Thu) to 4 August 2023 (Fri)	P4 2D1N Outdoor Adventure Camp	P4	<i>More details will be given on Parents Gateway nearer the date</i>
7 August 2023 (Mon)	P6 Preliminary Listening Comprehension Examination – <i>Examination will be held in the afternoon</i>	P6	
8 August 2023 (Tue)	National Day Celebration – <i>P1 & P2 students will be dismissed at 10.15am while the remaining students will be dismissed at 10.30am.</i>	All	
9 August 2023 (Wed)	Public Holiday – National Day	All	
10 August 2023 (Thu)	School Holiday – Day After National Day	All	
15 August (Tue) to 16 August 2023 (Wed)	P6 PSLE Oral Examination	P6	
	P1 to P5 students need not report to school	P1 to P5	
17 August (Thu)	P1 Learning Journey to Jacob Ballas Children's Garden	P1	<i>More details will be given on Parents Gateway nearer the date</i>
17 August (Thu)	P3 GEP Screening Exercise	P3	<i>Details provided to parents on Parents Gateway on 23 March & 17 July 2023</i>

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Attachments/ Reply Slips
17 August (Thu) to 19 August 2023 (Sat)	P5 3D2N Outdoor Adventure Camp	P5	<i>More details will be given on Parents Gateway nearer the date</i>
17 August (Thu) to 23 Aug 2023 (Wed)	P6 Preliminary Written Examination	P6	
31 August 2023 (Thu)	Teachers' Day Celebration	All	
1 September 2023 (Fri)	School Holiday – Teachers' Day	All	
2 September (Sat) to 10 September 2023 (Sun)	September School Holiday	All	
15 September 2023 (Fri)	P6 PSLE Listening Comprehension	P6	
	P1 to P5 students need not report to school	P1 to P5	

We wish all our students and their families a Happy 58th National Day.



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