

**HPPS Monthly Newsletter** 

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

## **LET EVERY LIGHT SHINE**

Happy Deepavali to all our Hindu and Sikh families. May this Festival of Lights bring joy, prosperity, and brightness to your homes.

This celebration offers a beautiful metaphor for our children's educational journey. Just as Deepavali celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, our role is to help each child discover their own inner light - nurturing their unique strengths and supporting them at their own pace. Every child's light is valuable, and our goal is to help them find their own way to shine.

## **Celebrating Our Children**

We recently saw this joy in action during our Children's Day celebrations. I would like to thank our dedicated HPPA and the wonderful parent volunteers for their tremendous efforts in creating a memorable carnival for our students. Seeing the children enjoy the various activities was a delight.

## Celebrating the "We First" Spirit

In my previous note, I wrote about building a "We First" culture through our Toy Donation Drive. I am thrilled to update that we collected over 200 toys in just 10 days! Thank you for your overwhelming generosity.

This initiative was always about more than the toys; it was about the journey. A group of our students, including some who are beneficiaries of this programme, will have the empowering opportunity to give back, wrapping and packing gifts alongside our teachers. Our Peer Support Leaders and NE Ambassadors will then personally distribute these toys to other children on 14 Nov.

This is the "We First" spirit, lived and realised. It is a powerful, full-circle moment that shows our students how the culture of contribution you model at home is one they can now lead themselves.

Thank you for your partnership this year. Wishing you and your family a restful and joyful year-end break.

Honesty in Performance Pride in Service

Charles Chan Principal

## 1 Children's Day Celebration (2 Oct 2025)

The Children's Day celebration was a truly memorable occasion. The event featured a variety of funfilled activities that allowed students to spend meaningful time together and strengthen friendships.

The cheerful atmosphere was enhanced by an assortment of treats such as popcorn and cotton candy. Students eagerly took part in various carnival games that brought laughter and fun. At the art and craft booths, they showcased their creativity and took pride in their handmade creations. The excitement continued with the bouncy castle, obstacle course and the laser tag arena, all offering students lively and engaging experiences to enjoy with their friends.

Every student had the chance to participate and experience the joy of the festivities. The radiant smiles and laughter throughout the day were clear reminders of the happiness that this celebration brought to all.

The school extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Henry Park Parents' Association (HPPA) for their invaluable partnership to the day's success. Apart from organising engaging activities, they also gave out ice cream and yogurt, which added an extra touch of delight to the celebrations.



Aiming high and having fun!



Let's see if I can win this.



Hang in there! I'll save you!



Can't step here! The Floor is Lava!

## 2 P5 Interest-based Learning Journeys (13 to 14 Oct 2025)

Our Primary 5 students recently took part in an Interest-based Learning Journey, where they had the chance to choose an experience that matched their interests and curiosity. This experience was designed to help them discover their strengths and extend their learning beyond the classroom, while giving them opportunities to develop their social-emotional competencies and take ownership of their learning.

Students selected from a range of exciting options. Whether they were experimenting like young scientists, exploring virtual reality or choreographing a drone aerial show, every student enjoyed learning in an engaging and meaningful way.

It was heartening to see the students' enthusiasm and their joy of learning shining through as they immersed themselves in these experiences. Many walked away with new insights, lasting memories, and renewed excitement to continue exploring their interests.



Fresh from the oven, muffins made with teamwork and smiles!



Mixing, testing and discovering like real scientists!



A fun encounter with a robot dog!



Exploring the SG60 Heart & Soul Experience.



Stepping into new worlds with the power of virtual reality!



Learning to soar through the skies.

## 3 Schedule for the last week of school (17 to 21 Nov 2025)

The table below outlines the schedule for the last week of school. Please make note of the specific days your child is required to be at school.

Date	Event	Remarks
		Only P1 to P5 students are required to attend school. School hours: 7.30am to 10.30am
17 Nov 2025 (Monday)	Promotion Day	Dismissal for P1 to P3: 1015am Dismissal for P4 to P6: 1030am
		No School for P6 students.
18 Nov 2025 (Tuesday)	P6 Grad Party	Only P6 students are required to attend school. (More information will be shared with the P6 parents via PG.)  No School for P1 to P5 students.
19 Nov 2025 (Wednesday)	HPPS Celebrates!	Only prize winners are required to attend school.  (More information will be shared with the parents of prize winners via PG.)  No School for P1 to P6 students.
20 Nov 2025 (Thursday)	P1 Orientation Day	Only for 2026 P1 students and parents No School for P1 to P6 students.
21 Nov 2025 (Friday)	School Admin Day	No School for P1 to P6 students.

## 4 Book List and Packing List

Please note that your child will receive the 2026 book list by Monday, 17 Nov 2025. The packing list will be sent via Parents Gateway. Please follow the packing list to help lighten your child's school bag during the first few days of school in 2026. Subject teachers will collect the books and materials according to the packing list.

### 5 HPPS Celebrates!

We are delighted to share that Henry Park Primary School will hold its Prize Presentation Ceremony on Wednesday, 19 Nov 2025, to honour our prize-winners and their invited guests. This special occasion shines a spotlight on our students' well-rounded achievements — recognising not only their academic success, but also their character, leadership, and personal growth.

To make the celebration even more meaningful, guests can look forward to performances by selected Co-Curricular (CCA) and student groups, as well as a reception to enjoy after the ceremony. Photo booths will also be available for families to capture proud moments together. As instant photo printing will not be provided, guests are encouraged to bring their own cameras or mobile devices to snap their memories.

Please note that students who are **not participating** in the event n**eed not report to school on Wedneday, 19 Nov 2025**. Further details will be shared with parents of prize recipients via Parents Gateway (PG) closer to the date.

### 6 2026 P1 Orientation

The P1 Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, 20 Nov 2025, from 9 am to 11 am. This orientation is a pivotal event to ensure a smooth and successful transition for our Primary 1 students into our school community.

During the orientation, our new Primary 1 students will engage in activities and receive important information that will help them acclimate to the new school environment and begin their educational journey with confidence.

Simultaneously, we have organised a parallel session for parents during the same time frame. We believe that parents play a crucial role in a child's education, and this session will provide them with valuable insights into our school's values, goals, and expectations. It is also an excellent opportunity for parents to understand how they can actively support their child's academic and personal development.

After the orientation, we will make available the essential resources and materials online on our school website under Circulars and Forms.

## 7 Eat with Your Family Day (21 Nov 2025)

"Eat with Your Family Day" (EWYFD) is a nation-wide initiative led by the Centre For Fathering and supported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), to encourage all Singaporeans to consciously set aside time that day to be with their families. Through the simple practice of having a family meal, we hope the event will serve as a reminder to families to eat together regularly.

HPPS and our Student Care Centre (SCC) will support this and would like to inform our parents that 21 November 2025 is the date set aside for this term. Please note that on that day, the General Office and SCC will close by 5.00pm. We seek the co-operation of our parents to make the necessary arrangement and enjoy a day with your family.

For more information on the EWYFD initiative, please refer to http://fathers.com.sg/ewyfd/.

#### 8 Release of PSLE results

The 2025 PSLE results will be released tentatively between Monday, 24 Nov 2025 and Wednesday, 26 Nov 2025. More information will be shared with the P6 parents via PG at a later date.

# 9 School holidays & Start of School Year 2026

Our staff will have their protected holidays from **22 November 2025** to **30 December 2025**. We seek your understanding that they may have limited access to their emails during this period and may not be able to respond to your queries as promptly.

Similar to the arrangements in 2025, only Primary 1 students will report on the first day of school on Friday, 2 Jan 2026. Primary 2 to 6 will report to school on Monday, 5 Jan 2026.

# 10 Parenting Article

## 13 and ready for social media... or not?

Ever wondered why social media apps are rated as 12+ on the Google's Play Store and Apple's App Store? Is 13 the 'magic age' when children can be on social media? Aside from age, what else should parents be looking out for in terms of whether their children are social-media ready? Ministry of Education's Senior Guidance Specialist Hendriawan Selamat shares more in this article.

You may read more from this article.

Vision
Lead with Character, Serve with Talents

Mission

Nurturing concerned citizens with integrity and a spirit of excellence through holistic education

School Values Respect, Integrity, Care, Excellence











