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Dear Parents / Guardians

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS (TERM 3/2023)

1. Welcome back to a new term of school. We hope you have a rewarding and fulfilling parent-child bonding time during the June holidays.
2. All students do not attend school on **3 Jul (Mon)** as it is a school holiday in lieu of Youth Day falling on 2 Jul (Sun).
3. **Traffic Safety.** The school seeks your cooperation in preventing potential traffic accidents at the front gate when dropping off or picking up your son/ward. Due to the heavy traffic conditions of both vehicles travelling along the road and pedestrians crossing the walkway outside of the gate along Hougang Ave 8 (main road outside the school), any stoppage of vehicles near the front gate would constitute a breach of safety. On some occasions, the cars are blocking the entrance and cause congestion on the road. Please help the school to reinforce the importance of traffic safety and role model safety practices by dropping off or picking up your son/ward at any of the HDB car parks next to the side gate.
4. **Safety on the Road.** For students and parents who cycle to school, please note that cycling along the narrow pedestrian pavements just outside the school can pose a danger to both the riders and pedestrians alike. All riders are recommended to wear appropriate protective gears as recommended by LTA. Pedestrians and riders should constantly look out for dangers by staying alert and moving at an appropriate speed.
5. **Safety in the School Bus.** For parents whose children are taking the school bus, please be informed that it is a requirement that all children wear seat belts when in the school bus. We seek your help in reminding your children of the importance of wearing their seat belts and always remaining seated while in the school bus. Repeated failure to wear the seat belts may result in the bus company preventing your child/ward from using the school bus services. Parents can feedback to school on any school bus safety related concerns so that we can follow up with the bus company accordingly. On a similar note, bus drivers are told to communicate to the school on any safety concern due to students' behaviour such as not wearing seat belt, behaving rowdily to distract the drivers etc. The school will put in place interventions to ensure safety will not be compromised.

6. **Consideration for Residents.** The school seeks your understanding when you are dropping off your sons/wards in the residential carparks nearby as follows:
- Do make full use of all 3 available carparks near the school to prevent congestion and bottlenecks. Especially the one nearest to side gate (between blocks 526 and 527). This carpark has been observed to be congested during peak period (usually close to 7.30 am). Cars have also been observed to maneuver dangerously on some occasions affecting residents.
 - In the event there is a congestion in the carparks, do exercise patience and avoid using the vehicle horns. They disturb and cause distress to nearby residents. You can help to role-model the school values of Respect and Compassion to your sons/wards and help the school maintain our good relationship with the community.
7. **Safe Management Measures (SMM).** The school will continue with the community SMMs, in alignment with national posture, as Singapore becomes more Covid-resilient:
- Daily visual and question screening will continue to be carried out for all students and staff. Students and staff who are unwell **OR** have COVID-like symptoms (e.g., *fever, runny nose, cough, loss of smell*) will be reminded to stay away from school. It would be recommended for students who have slight symptoms to continue to wear a face mask until they have fully recovered.
 - Students will continue to bring a working thermometer with them daily as part of social responsibility to check their own temperature whenever they feel unwell. Temperature-taking Exercise would be conducted **on 5 Jul (Wed)**. Please ensure that your child / ward has a working thermometer during the exercise.
 - The school will continue to clean high-touch surfaces and disinfect the premises regularly.
 - Students will be reminded on maintaining a high level of personal hygiene such as washing their hands frequently with soap / using of hand sanitisers, refraining of touching their eyes, mouths, and noses etc.
 - Dismissal and recess timings will remain staggered to reduce congestions.
 - Students who have just recovered from C+/Ag+, as well as those who have received their Covid vaccinations will be exempted from any physical activity for 2 weeks (i.e., 14 days).
8. **Social Responsibility to Safeguard the Well-Being of the Community.** In alignment with Singapore's endemic COVID-19 new norm, the revised guidelines in *Management of C+/Ag+ cases* will be as follows:
- If students are unwell
Students, including those with mild symptoms, should seek medical attention and/or stay home to rest (regardless of ART result). If their COVID-19 condition is not getting better or has deteriorated, they should seek medical treatment. Schools will mark students who test Ag+ as 'Absent with MC' without the need for MC or doctor's memo.
- Please note that for any absence from school-based Weighted Assessments or End-of-Year Examination, photo evidence of the C+/Ag+ test must be submitted to school through the Form Teachers.

b. If students are well

Students are allowed to return to school regardless of ART result once they are well, i.e. there is no requirement for students to produce a negative ART result to return to school. If the student still has mild symptoms or test C+/Ag+ with no symptoms, the student should exercise social responsibility by minimising close physical contact with others in large group settings and by wearing masks to school.

9. **Respect & Responsibility.** To instill a sense of responsibility in our students, kindly ensure that your child/ward packs his bag daily according to the timetable given. This will enable him to have all that he needs for learning while preventing an excessively heavy bag. Students should not bring valuable items e.g., expensive watches, card games, electronic games, to school.
10. **School Attendance & Punctuality.** Please note that regular attendance in school is very important for students' learning. If your child is unwell, please do seek medical treatment. If parents/guardians choose not to bring their children to the professional health practitioners, supporting letters from parents/guardians up to 6 per semester is allowed but are not acceptable during Term Tests, P6 Preliminary Examinations and End-of-Year Examinations. Only medical certificates from professional health practitioners are acceptable.
11. The school seeks your cooperation in ensuring that your child/ward arrives punctually by 7.30 a.m. Any student who is late for school can be taken to task as per school's discipline policy (you may refer to Student Handbook 2023). The school has observed some students developing a habit of turning up for school "Just-In-Time", and hence risking being late for school. We hope to eradicate such habits through partnering the parents in ensuring that all students to be seated with their class by 7.20 a.m. during term time. Arriving earlier will allow the teachers to check in on their well-being and for the boys to interact with their peers to start the day better. On this note, the school takes a strong stance in punctuality, and we seek the parents'/guardians' partnership to instill the same message as well.

School Programmes

12. **Racial Harmony Day & National Day.** Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day and celebration of National Day will be carried out in class and during recess. Racial Harmony Day will be commemorated on 21 Jul (Fri). Students are encouraged to wear **traditional costumes** on **21 Jul (Fri)**. National Day celebrations will be on **8 Aug (Tue)** and students are encouraged to come in **red shirt / T-shirts and white pants**. School will end at 10 a.m. on 8 Aug (Tue). Please arrange to pick up your son if he is not taking the school bus.
13. The **NE Show for P5 students** will be on **15 Jul (Sat)**.
14. **CCA.** Our CCA teachers will be sending the Term 3 CCA schedule to you via Parents Gateway (PG). Please take note there will be no CCA on 17 to 18 Jul and on 31 Aug due to the Primary 6 Prelim Oral and Teachers' Day Celebrations respectively.
15. **Teachers' Day Celebrations.** We will celebrate Teachers' Day on 31 Aug (Thu). We like to discourage the purchase of gift as our teachers are unable to accept any gift from parents. A note of appreciation from the boys would be greatly appreciated by our teachers. It would be a great encouragement to the teachers to receive such messages of affirmation from them.

16. The Term 3 Calendar of Events and Weighted Test Schedule are in **Annex A** and **Annex B** respectively.

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Yours sincerely,

Victor Tan
Principal

Calendar for Term 3 (2023)

DAY / DATE	EVENT
29 Jun (Thu)	Public Holiday (Hari Raya Haji)
3 Jul (Mon)	School Holiday (Youth Day)
17 – 18 Jul (Mon-Tue)	P6 Prelim – Oral Examination for EL & MTL (After-school hours)
21 Jul (Fri)	Commemoration of Racial Harmony Day
8 Aug (Tue)	National Day Celebrations
9 Aug (Wed)	Public Holiday (National Day)
10 Aug (Thu)	School Holiday (Day after National Day)
15-16 Aug (Tue-Wed)	PSLE Oral Examination <i>*Please note that there is <u>no school</u> for P1-P5 pupils on both days.</i>
17 Aug (Thu)	P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening
18 Aug (Fri)	P6 Prelim Listening Comprehension (English Language & Mother Tongue Languages)
21 Aug (Mon)	P6 Prelim English Language Paper 1 & 2
22 Aug (Tue)	P6 Prelim Mathematics
23 Aug (Wed)	P6 Prelim Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 and 2
24 Aug (Thu)	P6 Prelim Science
25 Aug (Fri)	P6 Prelim Higher Mother Tongue Languages
31 Aug (Thu)	Teachers' Day Celebrations
1 Sep (Fri)	School Holiday (Teachers' Day)
4 - 8 Sep (Mon – Fri)	School Holidays
6 – 8 Sep (Wed-Fri)	P6 Supplementary Lessons
11 Sep (Mon)	Start of Term 4

Term 3 Weighted Tests

1. Attached in Annex B are the details of the Term 3 weighted tests for Primary 1 to Primary 5. Please refer to the relevant information.
2. Please support your son/ward in revising for the weighted tests. If he is absent from the test, a Medical Certificate (MC) is required to account for his absence for the day. For absentees with valid reason, the overall marks are pro-rated.
3. If he is absent from the tests, a letter from parents/ guardians is NOT valid on the test dates. Absentees without a valid reason will be awarded zero marks.

Term 3 Term Tests (Primary 1)

Subjects	Content	Week
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening tasks • Choral reading • Reading Comprehension 	2 exercises/term Week 8 Week 9
Mother Tongue Languages	Chinese Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read aloud • Show & Tell Malay Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read aloud • Draw & Tell Tamil Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read aloud • Draw & Tell 	Week 8 – 9
Mathematics	Math Performance Task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length Math Retrieval Practice 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers to 100 • Addition and Subtraction within 100 • Length 	Week 8 Week 9

Term 3 Term Tests (Primary 2)

Subjects	Content	Week
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening tasks • Choral reading • Reading Comprehension 	2 exercises per term Week 8 Week 9
Mother Tongue Languages	<p>Chinese Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read aloud • Show & Tell <p>Malay Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read aloud • Draw & Tell <p>Tamil Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read aloud • Draw & Tell 	Week 8 – 9
Mathematics	<p>Math Performance Task</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money <p>Math Retrieval Practice 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and Subtraction within 1000 (Include word problems) • Multiplication tables of 2 to 4, 5 & 10 • Money 	Week 5 – 6 Week 9

Term 3 Term Tests (Primary 3)

Subjects	Content	Week
English	Continuous writing	Week 9
Mother Tongue Languages	<p>Chinese Language/Malay Language/Tamil Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 <p>Chinese 看图作文</p> <p>Malay Karangan 4 Gambar Bersiri</p> <p>Tamil 4 படங்களைப் பார்த்து உதவிச் சொற்றொடர்களைப் பயன்படுத்தி கட்டுரை எழுதுதல்</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive Performance Task (IPW) 	<p>Week 9</p> <p>Week 8 – 9</p>
Mathematics	<p>Term 3 Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bar Graphs Area and Perimeter Fractions 	Week 9
Science	<p>Performance Task</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Cycles 	Week 6

Term 3 Term Tests (Primary 4)

Subjects	Content	Week
English	Continuous writing	Week 9
Mother Tongue Languages	<p>Chinese Language/Malay Language/Tamil Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 1 <p>Chinese 看图作文</p> <p>Malay Karangan 4 Gambar Bersiri</p> <p>Tamil 4 படங்களைப் பார்த்து உதவிச் சொற்றொடர்களைப் பயன்படுத்தி கட்டுரை எழுதுதல்</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interactive Performance Task (Oral) 	<p>Week 9</p> <p>Week 8 – 9</p>
Mathematics	<p>Term 3 Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angles Decimals Area and Perimeter Include MA + Model & Heuristics 	Week 9
Science	Heat	Week 6

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