



# NEWSFLASH

PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

12 SEPTEMBER 2023

## Highlights from Term 3



In Term 3, the school celebrated Racial Harmony Day, National Day and Teachers' Day. We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Parent Support Group (PSG) for contributing to the Racial Harmony Day celebrations with traditional snacks for students. Special thanks to Ms Joanna Lim, Member of the School Advisory Committee for gracing the school's National Day Celebrations on 8 August and Vice-Chairman of the PSG, Mr Soh Yew Hin joined students and staff in celebrating Teachers' Day on 30 August.

On 6 July, the Sec 4 CCA leaders handed over their leadership batons to the Sec 3 cohort. We would like to thank the seniors for their leadership of the CCAs and wish them success in their GCE Exams and post-secondary education.

At the online Student Learning Festival held on 31 August, students shared the knowledge and skills gained from Student Initiated Learning. Students who embarked on the overseas learning journey to Penang in May 2023 also presented their insights on Penang's social, culture and education scene.



## CCA Achievements

Our CCAs have done well and flew the PRSS flag high in their respective endeavours. All Uniform Groups have achieved the top accolades in their respective proficiency/recognition awards.

In the sporting arena, our 'C' division teams continue to make good progress through their hard work and dedication. The teams prevailed in many matches that they played in the National School Games. The Basketball 'C' Boys and Badminton 'C' Boys qualified for the Quarter-finals stage of the East Zone (EZ) Tournaments. Our Football 'C' Boys did our school proud by achieving the Top 8 position at the NSG Tier 1 Football Championships.



## Authentic Learning Beyond Classrooms

Students are given opportunities to participate in a range of enrichment activities and competitions to appreciate the real-world applications of what they learn in the classrooms. The S2 students embarked on a cohort Learning Journey to the National Museum of Singapore on 25 and 26 July to understand the experiences of the different communities throughout Singapore's history, on how they forge connections with places, experiences, and one another.

Our students have also done very well in nation-wide academic competitions. Some highlights include:

Competition	List of Winners & Achievements
Singapore Junior Biology Olympiad (SJBO)	<b><u>Gold (Individual Award)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Avila Leigm Migne Paul Galacio (4E5)</li></ul> <b><u>Honourable Mention</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chong Hong Kai (4E6)</li><li>● Ethan Thean Lihen (4E6)</li><li>● Sim Rui En Joy (4E5)</li></ul>
Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad (SJChO)	<b><u>Bronze (Individual Award)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Avila Leigm Migne Paul Galacio (4E5)</li><li>● Poh Wee Ren (4E5)</li></ul>
Singapore Innovation Stem Innovation	<b><u>Bronze (Team Award)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Lim Shi Enn (2E6)</li><li>● Yeo Zi Suan, Chloey (2E6)</li></ul>

Challenge (SISTEMIC) 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bosco Lee (2E6)</li> </ul>
Singapore Youth Science Fair (SYSF)	<b><u>Certificate of Accomplishment</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanzim Mohamed (1E3)</li> </ul>
Unity Scientific Innovation Challenge 2023 by Singapore Poly & Energy Research Institute @ NTU	<b><u>Best Oral Defense (Team Award)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muhammed Aqil Bin Muhammad Ansari (2E6)</li> <li>• Madugula Arush (2E6)</li> <li>• Daniel John (2E6)</li> <li>• Challarapu Karthikeya (2E6)</li> </ul>
Young Reporter News Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hew Zhi Ying (2E4), Gao Ya Ruo (2E5) and Yao Yu Xin (2E5) - Outstanding News Video (Re-Tell Category)</li> </ul>
National Accounting Challenge 2023	<b><u>1st Runner Up</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loh Yin Ling, Zoe (3E3)</li> <li>Rinji Tan Ding Ze (3E3)</li> <li>Yew Choon Keong Jadon (3E3)</li> </ul>
Live On Festival Design Competition 2023	<b><u>Top 20 Merit</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julyet Lew Yun Shuen (3E5)</li> </ul>
Our School, Our Stories Photo Competition	<b><u>Honorable Mention Award</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nur Ashura Binte Jamallaile (3A2)</li> </ul>



### Holistic Development Activities

In Term 4, the school will continue to organize activities that cater to diverse interests and strengths of our students. A series of enrichment activities including sports, digital literacy, music & the performing arts as well as a showcase of students' IPW and ALP projects will be organised to inspire students to learn beyond their curriculum.



### Support for Graduating Classes

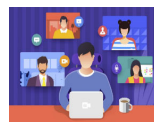
The Post-Prelim Programme (PPP) is conducted for the graduating students (i.e. the 4N and 4E/5N cohorts) to support them in their final preparation for the national examinations. Attendance is compulsory. Following the PPP, graduating classes will also go on a short study break to consolidate their learning before sitting for the national exams. Students are welcome to arrange academic consultations with their teachers during the break. Timetable for the PPP will

be uploaded onto the school website by 19 September.



### Graduation Ceremonies

Graduation ceremonies for 4NA/NT and 4E/5N cohorts will be held on 13 Oct and 14 Nov 2023 respectively. Details of the events will be provided closer to date.



### Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM)

Home Teachers (HTs) will be conducting PTMs from 25 – 27 Oct with S1 – 3 parents and guardians to discuss their child's / ward's progress. Details on the sign-up will be provided in early October.



### Secondary 2 Streaming

The Sec 2 Streaming online option exercise will be conducted from 31 Oct - 2 Nov. Students are to indicate their preferred Sec 3 subject combinations via the 'All Ears' portal during this period. Parents/ guardians of Sec 2 students are strongly encouraged to complete the exercise with their child /ward. The results of the streaming exercise will be released on 10 Nov.



### New Drinks Vending Machine

In response to students' feedback, the school has installed a vending machine for drinks in our school canteen on 20th July. Students now have quick and easy access to a variety of drinks during their breaks, especially during their CCAs in the afternoon. The new vending machine promotes healthier choice of beverages, in alignment with HPB's Healthy Meals Schools Programme (HMSP).



### Estate Matters

The General Repair & Redecoration (GR&R) consisting of painting work began on 22 May and is scheduled to complete by the end of September. As part of enhancement to PE and Sports facilities, acrylic coating will be carried out for the outdoor play court and basketball court below the elevated ISH. The work is scheduled to start on 4 September and will be completed by 29 September.

### Staff News

Our heartiest congratulations to our Operations Manager, Mr Mohd Amin Bin Kadir on being conferred the **National Day Commendation Medal** and Technical Support Officer, Mdm Tan Kwee Choo on being conferred the **National Day Efficiency Medal**.

Also, congratulations to the following teachers for receiving the **National Day Long Service Medal**: Mdm Loy Lin Li Lynn (LT/EL), Mr Ng Tze Keen Daniel, Mr Abdul Halim Bin Udori and Ms Jiang Wei Yeow Jaslin.

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to PRSS:

Name	Designation
Ms Nor'Ain Bte Rahman	ICT Manager
Ms Ng Si Min Jasmine	School Counsellor (Trainee)

### Important Dates in Term 4:

Date	Event
12 Sep – 21 Sep	GCE N Level Written Examinations (Wave 1) GCE N Level Listening Comprehension
20 Sep	Blended Learning (All levels except Sec 4NA/NT) GCE N Level Listening Comprehension
15 Sep	Last Day of CCA for Sec 1 – 3
18 Sep – 5 Oct	4E/5N Post-Prelims Programme (PPP)
19 - 22 Sep & 25 - 28 Sep	4NA Post-Prelims Programme (PPP)
22 Sep – 28 Sep	4NT Post-Prelims Programme (PPP)
29 Sep	Sec 4N Study Break
29 Sep – 11 Oct	Secondary 1 – 3 End-of-Year Examinations

2 Oct – 10 Oct	GCE N Level Written Examinations (Wave 2)
4, 9, 12 and 17 Oct	GCE O Level Science Practical Examinations
6 Oct – 18 Oct	Sec 4E/5N Study Break
12 Oct – 13 Oct	Marking Days for S1 - 3 EOY Exams <b>S1 - 3 Students need not attend school</b>
13 Oct	S4N Graduation Ceremony
16 Oct	CCA resumes for Sec 1 – 3
20 Oct	Results Processing Day <b>S1 - 3 Students need not attend school</b>
20 Oct – 10 Nov	GCE O Level Written Examinations
23 Oct – 27 Oct	Post-Examination Activities
25 Oct – 27 Oct	Parent-Teacher Meetings
27 Oct	Last day of school
30 Oct – 3 Nov	Sec 2 & 3 Bridging Programme
31 Oct – 2 Nov	Sec 2 Streaming Exercise
14 Nov	S4E5N Graduation Ceremony
25 Nov	Open House