



TPPS

Vibes



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A Community School of Excellence: Care, Create, Connect, Contribute

Vice-Principal's Message

Time flies and it has been five months since I joined Tampines Primary School. Having started here as an untrained teacher, I am delighted to be posted back to serve the school. It is a privilege to be part of this community school with its rich 39-year heritage, where generations of teachers have shaped young minds and built strong foundations for learning.

Tampines Primary School has established itself as a distinguished institution through strong partnerships and continues to provide a nurturing environment where we know, grow and celebrate every child. Our commitment to excellence is reflected in our innovative teaching approaches, emphasis on character development and dedication to creating an inclusive learning environment where every Tampinesian can thrive.

As we conclude the first semester of 2025, we celebrate our students' growth, progress and meaningful learning experiences. They have embraced numerous opportunities to explore, create and excel in both academic and non-academic pursuits. We deeply appreciate the dedicated support of our staff, parents and stakeholders, whose collaborative efforts have enriched our students' educational journey.

Our students have excelled in various National School Games and competitions, growing into more confident individuals and stronger team players. Their achievements span multiple disciplines, from sports and the arts to academic competitions and student leadership initiatives. We are especially proud of our Tampinesians who have been "caught" and recognised for demonstrating our school's iREAP values (Integrity, Resilience, Excellence, Adaptability, Passion) through their exemplary behaviour and actions.

In this refreshed issue of TPPS Vibes, we showcase our students' diverse learning experiences, from school celebrations to learning journeys and level camp. These stories reflect our vibrant school community and highlight the dedication of our teachers, the invaluable support of our partners and our students' remarkable growth. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our Parent Support Group and all parents for your enthusiastic participation in our activities and events. Your partnership has been instrumental in creating meaningful learning experiences for our students.

In the coming months of 2025, we will embrace new opportunities and harness educational technology and AI to develop 21st Century Competencies in our Tampinesians. Our focus will be on strengthening their communication skills, civic literacy and capacity for adaptive and inventive thinking. Through our continued emphasis on iREAP values and with your strong support, we will nurture Tampinesians who possess not only educated minds but also caring hearts and resilient spirits.

Mr Kelvin Ho
Vice-Principal





ST1

Nurturing Every
Student through
Quality Teaching
and Learning

P1 Orientation and First day of school

Our Primary 1 students kicked off their exciting school adventure with lots of smiles and curiosity! They had fun getting to know their teachers, making new friends, exploring their new environment and learning the daily routines. It was a big milestone for these little ones and they embraced it with confidence and joy. We are so proud of how well they have started this important new chapter in their school life!



Mother Tongue Fortnight

CHINESE LANGUAGE

Mother Tongue Fortnight provided students with meaningful opportunities to appreciate Chinese language and culture. Highlights included class performances, storytelling about the Dumpling Festival and engaging cultural activities such as making fragrant sachets and learning about dragon boats. Students also recited rhythmic pieces using traditional bamboo clappers, deepening their understanding of festive traditions through hands-on experiences and expressive performances.



MALAY LANGUAGE

During Mother Tongue Fortnight 2025, students immersed themselves in the Malay language and culture through hands-on experiences beyond the classroom. From traditional games like Lereng and Batu Seremban to art forms such as Dikir Barat, Tarian and Kompong, students engaged meaningfully with their Mother Tongue. These vibrant cultural booths, including Silat, brought the richness of Malay heritage to life, deepening students' appreciation of Malay as a living language.



TAMIL LANGUAGE

As part of Mother Tongue Fortnight, students took part in exciting Tamil activities that deepened their language skills and cultural pride. They enjoyed hands-on experiences such as Agalvilaku (lamp) making, Thoranam tying and pot painting. Traditional games like Kabaddi and Aadu Puli Aatam brought much joy, while Bommalattam (puppetry) sparked their creativity. These authentic activities helped students connect meaningfully with the Tamil language and its rich cultural heritage.



P2 Integrated Trail SEA Aquarium



Our Primary 2 students enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to the S.E.A. Aquarium as part of their Integrated Trail! They got up close with sea jellies, sea stars, sharks, manta rays, dolphins and a dazzling variety of fish. Along the way, they also picked up important lessons about caring for the environment and protecting marine life. It was a fun-filled day of learning and discovery under the sea!



Social Studies Learning Journey



Our Primary 3 students took a meaningful trip to the Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery, where they learned more about the rich culture and traditions of the Malay community. From traditional clothing and kampong life to festive celebrations like Hari Raya and the meaning behind Malay customs, students gained a deeper appreciation of the community's heritage. It was a memorable experience that brought Social Studies to life in a fun and engaging way!

Geylang Serai Heritage Gallery



Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery



Our Primary 4 students went on an exciting learning journey to the Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery as part of their Social Studies experience. They explored the richness of Chinese culture through hands-on activities like calligraphy, tea appreciation, Chinese opera and traditional music. The engaging visit helped bring their lessons to life, giving them a deeper understanding of Chinese heritage and traditions in a fun and meaningful way!

Library Activities



We kicked off an exciting book launch for students and the library was buzzing! Students explored vibrant displays of new storybooks in English and Mother Tongue languages and started collecting Book Bugs to earn fun rewards. Big thanks to our awesome PSG for the lively storytelling sessions. With Star Reader Awards back, it has been a joyful celebration of reading, culture and imagination that sparked excitement all around the school!





P5 Applied Learning Programme (ALP) Public Speaking

As part of our Applied Learning Programme (ALP), our Primary 5 students took part in the Public Speaking Programme, where they learned the 5Ps – Projection, Pace, Pause, Pitch and Posture. Through engaging speeches and impromptu challenges, they discovered the impact of non-verbal cues, body language and audience engagement. It was a fun and enriching experience that boosted their confidence and communication skills!



P6 Inter-school Debate Competition

Kudos to our Primary 6 debate team for their remarkable showing at the Wits & Words Inter-school Debate Championship, hosted by Nanyang Girls' High! Since November last year, they have dedicated themselves to honing their arguments and sharpening their delivery. Their well-earned win in the first round was a proud moment and despite a tough second round, they impressed with grit, quick thinking and composure. We celebrate their growth, confidence and commitment to the art of debating!





ST2

Building a Strong
Core through
Values-based
Education

Hosting of International Students



We had a fantastic time hosting the students from Anubaan School, Chiang Mai on 11th February! One of the key goals of their visit was to build friendships and promote cultural exchange—and it was a great success. Our students connected through exciting games, lively performances and a fun-filled drama session. The experience helped everyone broaden their horizons and appreciate the beauty of different cultures. A huge thank you to the students and teachers of Anubaan School for making the day so special and memorable for all of us at TPPS!



Say No to Single-Use Plastic

As part of their Values in Action project, our Primary 2 students explored how single-use plastics harm the environment—and how they can help! They created catchy jingles to spread the message of saying “No!” to disposable plastic and presented them proudly at our Early-Bird Programme. They also reused plastic waste to make fun and creative toys. Our young changemakers showed that small actions can lead to a greener, brighter future!



World Thinking Day



On 22 February 2025, our Brownies proudly took part in World Thinking Day at Singapore Expo! With this year's theme, "Our Story," they reflected on the Girl Guiding journey and their role in creating change. The girls ran an interactive booth on Climate Action, inspiring visitors with fun eco-friendly tips and hands-on activities. From upcycling projects to sustainability pledges, our Brownies showcased their passion for protecting the planet and making a difference!





Annual Tree-Planting

A highlight of Earth Week was our Annual Joint Tree Planting Activity with Tampines Secondary School. Students and staff from both schools planted trees together, building a sense of community and care for the environment. Performances by our Primary 2 and Secondary 1 students added colour and meaning. School Leaders and Student Leaders planted trees side by side, showing unity in action. The event reminded us that real change begins when we work together.



Recycling Batteries Campaign



As part of our Eco-Stewardship Programme and Earth Week celebrations, our school launched a Recycling Batteries Campaign. Students and staff brought used batteries from home, learning the importance of proper disposal and its impact on the environment. This meaningful initiative raised awareness about recycling and highlighted the harmful effects of battery waste. The strong participation from everyone reflected our shared commitment to caring for the Earth and protecting our planet together.





Career Week



We celebrated Career Week in April with the inspiring theme of Environmental Sustainability. Students enjoyed a vibrant career fair, an engaging skit Ally in Wanderland by Play Inc. and insightful talks by Mr. Jason Goh from ALBA and our Vice-Principal, Mr. Tin. A big thank you to our students, staff and Parent Support Group (PSG) for making the day meaningful, fun and full of learning about careers and caring for our planet!





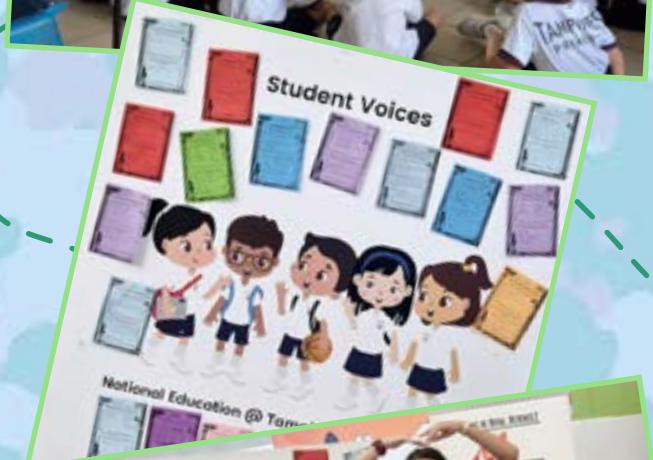
Prefects' Investiture

The Prefectorial Board represents the student voice at Tampines Primary School. Our prefects are caring, empathetic role models who embody our school values. In a meaningful ceremony, we inducted the 2025 board, where prefects took the Prefect's Pledge to serve with pride and dedication. Congratulations to all, especially our new Head Prefect, Adele Lee En Xi of 5 Care. We look forward to their inspiring leadership. Serve. Lead. Inspire!



Total Defence Day

This Total Defence Day, our students brought the 6 pillars of defence to life—from the NE Community Cafe to the Power Disruption Exercise! Despite the heat, they showed resilience, teamwork and adaptability. Thoughtful class discussions and fun activities like sing-alongs, an interactive cyber safety pop-up and an engaging assembly play reminded us that everyone has a role in defending Singapore. It was inspiring to see our students step up with such spirit and commitment!



International Friendship Day

In celebration of International Friendship Day, students connected through traditional ASEAN games like five stones, capteh, marbles and gasing. Heartfelt song dedications and reflections from the NE Student Voices Board added to the spirit of friendship. Activities such as the NE Community Café, our tribute to 50 years of Singapore–South Korea ties and support for Myanmar highlighted the importance of unity. Let's keep building friendships across cultures, one smile at a time!





Chinese New Year

Our school celebrated Chinese New Year in style! The day was filled with fun classroom activities and a spectacular concert. We were captivated by the beautiful Guzheng performance, energized by the lion and dragon dance and charmed by the festive dance from our MK students! The NE Community Café, hosted by our NE Ambassadors, shared fascinating insights into Chinese New Year customs. Our Choir and Modern Dance CCA added to the festive spirit with a lively sing-along and energetic dance. What a perfect start to the Year of the Snake!



Hari Raya

Recess Activities

To celebrate Hari Raya, the Malay Language Department organised lively recess activities that brought traditions to life. Students created personalised keychains with shrinking plastic—an exciting collaboration with the ICT Department. They also wove heart-shaped ketupat and enjoyed festive treats. A fashion booth offered a hands-on experience with traditional Malay attire. The celebration was filled with creativity, fun and cultural appreciation, giving everyone a meaningful and memorable taste of Hari Raya!



Concert

Under the theme “*Celebrating Traditions, Strengthening Bonds*,” our Hari Raya celebration brought the school to life with vibrant displays of Malay culture. The event featured an electrifying Silat performance, graceful Malay dance and an engaging sharing session by our NE ambassadors. A lively fashion show showcasing traditional attire added colour and cheer. It was a meaningful celebration that deepened our appreciation of traditions and strengthened our sense of community.





P5 Camp



Our Primary 5 students took on three days of adventure, laughter and learning at this year's camp! From cheering one another on at high elements to tackling team challenges, they grew closer as friends and braver as individuals. They worked on relationship skills, faced their fears and discovered how much they could achieve together. It was truly an unforgettable experience—one full of heart, grit and fun that they will remember for years to come!



Theatre outing

On 14 March 2025, members of Theatrics in Action (English Drama CCA) enjoyed an exciting trip to Wild Rice Theatre to catch the lively production of *Red Riding Hood*. They picked up tips on stagecraft, voice projection and expressive storytelling. It was an eye-opening experience that inspired many budding performers. Big thanks to Wild Rice (@wildricesg) for the magical show—we can't wait for the next theatre adventure!



Drama - Singapore Youth Festival

Our Drama CCA students proudly took part in the SYF Drama Trial Performance at Gateway Theatre! This exciting event is a big step forward, paving the way for the official launch of the Primary Drama category in SYF 2025. From early call times to the final bow, our young performers shone with confidence, teamwork and passion. A huge thank you to all parents, teachers and supporters who cheered them on every step of the way!





TPPS Superstars

TPPS Superstars 2025 was a spectacular celebration of creativity and confidence! With over 119 performances submitted, we honoured top acts across singing, dancing, instrumentals, silat and more. From captivating vocals to powerful moves, each performance showcased the passion and talent of our Tampinesians. A huge round of applause to all participants for sharing your gifts—keep shining, keep inspiring and continue reaching for the stars!



National School Games

BASKETBALL

It's been an action-packed term for our Basketball CCA! Each week, our players train with passion and discipline—honing their skills and strategies. They show resilience and strive for excellence in every session. A big shoutout to our Senior Boys' team for winning four out of five games in the National School Games! With more matches ahead, we wish them continued success. Keep playing hard and making Tampines Primary proud!



FLOORBALL



If you hear the thwack of a ball and loud cheers, you've probably found our Floorball team in action! This year was filled with fast-paced matches, teamwork and growth. A highlight was competing in the National School Games, where the team showed resilience, sportsmanship and determination. From drills to game day, the players gave their all—building not just skills on the court, but confidence and friendships that will last beyond the season.



FOOTBALL



This year, our Senior Boys' Football team represented the school with heart and determination in the National School Games 2025. From the first whistle to the last match, they showed skill, teamwork and sportsmanship. Every goal, tackle and sprint reflected their hard work and spirit. Despite tough competition, they never gave up. We thank our footballers for their courage, effort and for making the school proud every step of the way!

