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Dear Parents

We have come to the end of Term 3. Following are some key information to take note of:

1. School Holidays & Key Activities

Day/ Date	School Holidays/ Celebrations
Thu, 29 Aug 24	Teachers' Day Celebrations School Hours: 7.30 am – 10.30 am
Fri, 30 Aug 24	Teachers' Day (School Holiday)
Sat - Sun, 1 - 8 Sep 24	School Holidays
Wed - Fri, 4 - 6 Sep 24	Remedial/ Supplementary Lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1 – P5 Remedial (Identified Students)• P6 Supplementary (All Students)
Mon, 9 Sep 24	Commencement of Term 4
Fri, 13 Sep 24	PSLE Listening Comprehension <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HBL for P1 – P5 Students
Mon - Wed, 23 - 25 Sep 24	PSLE Study Break for P6 Students <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HBL for P6 Students• Normal school hours for P1 to P5 students
Thu - Wed, 26 Sep - 2 Oct 24	PSLE Written Papers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal school hours for P1 to P5
Thu, 3 Oct 24	Children's Day Celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Hours: 7.30 am – 10.30 am
Fri, 4 Oct 24	Children's Day (School Holiday)
Mon - Wed, 14 - 16 Oct 24	PSLE Marking Exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HBL for P1 – P6 Students• P1 – P5 Remedial/ Supplementary for identified Students
Thu, 31 Oct 24	Deepavali (Public Holiday)
Mon, 4 Nov 24	Marking & Administration Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HBL for P1 – P6 students
Fri, 8 Nov 24	e-Parent-Teacher Conference (e-PTC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School for P1 – P6 students
Wed, 13 Nov 24	Promotion Day (Last Day of School)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Hours: 7.30 am – 10.30 am
Thu, 14 Nov 24	P6 Graduation Day (only for P6 students) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Hours: 8 am – 11 am
Fri, 15 Nov 24	Annual Awards Day (only for Award Recipients)
Sat, 16 Nov 24 - Wed, 1 Jan 25	School Holidays
Thu, 2 Jan 25	School Starts for 2025 P1 Students only
Fri, 3 Jan 25	School Starts for 2025 P2 – P6 Students

2. School Calendar of Events (COE)

Please refer to this link [School Calendar \(moe.edu.sg\)](https://moe.edu.sg) to access live and updated information on the school website. Do also take note of the dates for weighted assessments or end-of-year examinations for the level your child is in.

In addition, you may click on the link below and add the school's COE to your personal google account using your own mobile device/s for ease of retrieval.

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=dW5pdHlw0BnbWFpbC5jb20>

3. School Attendance and Punctuality

We applaud all students who come to school regularly and punctually. Regular school attendance is fundamental so that the students do not miss out on precious schooling experiences and learning.

Punctuality is another key virtue; hence, we must impress on the students its importance and cultivate this habit right from young. Please work with the school to ensure that your child arrive in school before 7.30 am daily for flag raising ceremony and lessons.

4. Home-School Communications

Regular and open communication between School and Home is important in providing a support system that allows the students to flourish and succeed in school. As such, we value your suggestions and feedback.

Should you have any concerns pertaining to your child's learning, to ensure well-being and work-life harmony of our teachers, **please contact them only during weekdays between 7.30 am and 6 pm**. They will do their best to respond to your queries as soon as possible. Because of their teaching schedule, we appeal to your understanding that they may only be able to respond to you on the next working day or later. If the queries or requests made during work hours are urgent, parents should contact the General Office for assistance.

Please access PG and retain important information related to your child's school activities such as date, duration, dismissal time, venue, etc. We seek your co-operation to convey such pertinent details within your household to avoid inconveniences and overwhelming our staff/ teachers with unnecessary queries/ messages to your children.

5. Reminder on Student Expectations

Students are **not allowed to use mobile phones and other unauthorised devices**, including smart watches, **in class or within the school compound**. Should your child bring any, he/she is expected to ensure that they are kept switched off and safely out of sight to minimise distractions to teaching and learning.

The school will have the right to confiscate any gadgets/devices if any student is found to be flouting the regulation. For the first violation, the phone will be confiscated and stored in the General Office (GO) for safe keeping until the end of the school day. The offending student will have to retrieve the phone from the GO after school. For subsequent violations, the phone will be confiscated and a parent of the student producing identification of relationship can retrieve the phone from GO after school that day. Please see the Student Handbook Page 10 for more information.

6. Security & Safety

a. All Visitors to School

- Make an appointment before turning up at the school. **Visitors with no appointment will be turned away.**
- Register at the Security Post before proceeding to the General Office for assistance.
- **Wear the issued Visitor Pass** while in the school premises and ensure that it is visible.
- Visitors will have to comply with the safety measures and are disallowed to go beyond any unauthorised areas unaccompanied by our staff.
- There is strictly no parking for all visitors.

b. Outside School

After school and with the school holidays approaching, do remind your children to take the following precautions:

- Be alert and attentive to their surroundings, especially when they are in a crowded and confined space.
- If a stranger moves very close to them, e.g. someone deliberately stands or sits close to them, to move away quickly.
- Avoid going out at night alone.
- Avoid wandering around alone especially in deserted areas, to be wary and distance themselves from strangers.
- Proceed straight home after school and not play/ loiter/ congregate at common areas or the neighbourhood including the playgrounds and convenience stores in consideration of the community and their safety.

c. Dismissals

As mentioned in our Term 2 Week 10 Letter to Parents, P3 to P6 students will be dismissed from Side Gate 3 on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 3 pm if they have remedial/supplementary lessons. The gate will remain open from 3 pm to 3.30 pm.

Please remind your child to exit via the correct gate and exercise the kerb drills and safe pedestrian practices. We seek parents' understanding not to crowd the pathway outside Gate 3 but wait at the sheltered HDB void deck for your child during dismissals.

For students with siblings, they can be dismissed collectively via a gate that is convenient for the family. Please inform your children's Form Teacher. We seek your help to inform your children where they should be picked up daily. Dismissal points **should not vary** on a day-to-day basis in order not to confuse the students and teachers.

We appreciate your co-operation and together we can work towards much safer and orderly dismissals of the students.

d. Driving into school

We urge all parents driving in to observe the following to keep the school safe for your child:

- All parents and visitors will have to drive into the school to drop off/ pick up students/ passengers. Heed traffic rules, **drive slowly** in the school compound and queue patiently for drop off/ moving off.
- A reminder that there is **no right turn for vehicles exiting the school** from 6.45 am to 7.45 am & 1.45 pm to 2 pm to facilitate smoother and safer traffic flow. All vehicles exiting during that timing will need to turn left.

We seek the cooperation of all drivers to comply with the regulation to mitigate the traffic congestion in the school carpark and the road outside.

7. **Cyber Wellness (CW)**

The evolving digital landscape in Singapore has brought about a greater focus on educating primary school students about responsible technology use. School initiatives such as the Cyber Wellness Awareness Initiative (CWAi), Safer Internet Day (SID), CW to YoUnity and nationwide social media campaigns aim to teach online safety, digital etiquette and responsible behaviour. It is important for parents to be aware of potential risks like cyberbullying and exposure to inappropriate content, and to help children balance online and offline activities for their mental well-being.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Media Literacy Council are continuously providing resources to support parents in guiding children through safe and meaningful digital experiences. Parents are encouraged to have open dialogues with their children, promote critical thinking and stay updated on the latest online trends. You may refer to the following resources:

- Parents, the Guardians of Internet Safety
(<https://go.gov.sg/parentstheguardiansofinternetsafety>)
- Guide your child in leaving Better Digital Footprints
(<https://www.digitalforlife.gov.sg/-/media/Digital-For-Life/Resources/Documents/2024/06/RCDC-Resources/Guide-your-Child-in-Leaving-Better-Digital-Footprints.pdf>)
- Screen Free Activities for your child
(<https://www.kingmaker.com.sg/unplugged-activities-diversifying-beyond-screens/>)

Let's take time to recharge during the well-deserved break and prepare for the final term of the year. Happy holidays and take care.

Yours sincerely
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Principal