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Dear parents/ guardians,

We welcome your children back to school as we begin Term 2. Just like during pre-Covid times, this is a term that will continue to keep the students engaged in a plethora of activities and learning experiences. The teachers have been in conversation about the progress of the students' learning and overall conduct. We will continue to put in place key processes to ensure the rigour of the curriculum and more importantly, to keep the students excited about learning as they develop the belief that they can be better in the spirit of having a Growth Mindset.

1. Safety of Our Pupils around School's Vicinity

Safety and well-being of our students, staff and the school community are of great importance to us. We would like to remind students who are walking to school to use the signalised road crossings (traffic lights) or zebra crossing to reach school. Students are also reminded not to cross Gate A (main vehicular gate) during arrival and dismissal time.

Parents who are turning into Pasir Ris St 13 to make a U-turn out to Pasir Ris St 11 so as to drop your child in school, are reminded to use the roundabout at end of St 13 (near Blk 153) and not make illegal U-turn along St 13. The school seeks parents' understanding and support in this to reduce traffic obstruction and ensure the safety of pedestrians using the zebra-crossing along this stretch of road.

2. Cyber Wellness Tips for Parents: What is Sharent?

In an increasingly digitally connected world, parents and guardians frequently use social media to share photographs and videos of their children. When such information is shared, it is important to avoid oversharing and create a digital presence for a child too young to sign up for a social media account. We would like to share some information and tips when you are sharing photographs and videos of your child online in Annex A.

3. International Friendship Day 2023

Based on the theme 'Singapore In Asia', the school will be commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD) in Term 2 Week 3-4. To develop students to be future ready global citizens, the IFD programme aims to develop in our students, cross-cultural skills and global outlook as well as mutual respect and understanding to maintain social cohesion in our multicultural society as they are acquainted with the diverse and colourful culture and traditions of the ASEAN region.

In our effort to instil in our students the values of appreciation and gratitude towards migrant workers in Singapore, the school will be organizing a donation drive from Monday, 3 April to Friday, 7 April 2023.

Through this donation drive, we hope to provide the beneficiaries with some of their daily necessities. Below are the items that we will be collecting.

Primary Level	Items
1	Toothbrush, Toothpaste (approx. 200-250g)
2	Face masks, Hand sanitisers (approx. 50-100ml)
3	Soap bars
4	Cup Noodles (Halal)
5	Biscuits (Halal)
6	Beverages (Halal) Example: 3-in-1 Milo sachets

Students are encouraged to bring any of the above donated items to school on the collection week. They are to place the donated items at a designated space in their classrooms. The donation drive is in collaboration with the Migrant Workers' Centre, a non-government organisation whose mission is to champion fair employment practices and the well-being of migrant workers in Singapore. You may find out more about these organisations from this link https://www.mwc.org.sg/wps/portal/mwc/home. We hope that you can join us in this effort to show kindness and bring smiles to their faces.

4. Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Fortnight Activities 2023

As part of the school's continuous efforts to expose students to various cultures and traditions and to deepen students' engagement in the learning of the Mother Tongue Languages, the MTL Department will be organizing the Mother Tongue Languages Fortnight (MTLF) for all Primary 1 to Primary 6 students in Term 2 Week 4 and Term 2 Week 5. Through MTL Fortnight activities, the school aims to:

- · create an engaging environment for the learning of MTL
- provide platforms for students to learn MTL actively
- provide authentic opportunities for students to use MTL and experience different aspects of culture

During the MTL Fortnight, a wide range of MTL activities is conducted to enable students to learn and use MTL in novel and exciting ways. The activities include handicrafts, storytelling, show and tell, making of traditional snacks and desserts using clay, traditional games etc. Cultural camps are organised to provide students with an immersive environment to learn and use the language. It is therefore hoped that the students will enjoy the event tremendously and have a very rich cultural learning experience.

5. Assessment Schedule

Please take note of the assessment schedule in the table below.

Date	Event	Remarks
8 May – 19 May	P3 to P6 WA2	Dates of the WA2 will be provided by the subject teachers to the class one week before the assessment.

6. Schedule for Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)

Please be informed of the following dates for PSLE 2023.

Date	Paper
Tue 15 Aug and Wed 16 Aug	Oral
Fri 15 Sep	Listening Comprehension
Thu 28 Sep	English Language Paper 1 & 2
	Foundation English Language Paper 1 & 2
Fri 29 Sep	Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
	Foundation Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
Mon 2 Oct	Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & 2
	Foundation Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & 2
Tue 3 Oct	Science
	Foundation Science
Wed 4 Oct	Higher Mother Tongue Language Paper 1 & 2

More details on PSLE can be found in the SEAB website https://www.seab.gov.sg/home/examinations/psle

7. Healthy Snack Break Ideas

As shared in our March In-Link Bulletin, fruits are essential in keeping our bodies healthy and free from diseases. We would also like to encourage parents to prepare some healthy snacks for your child during their snack breaks. Where possible, let's choose the Healthier Choice Symbol (HCS) or lower fat/lower sugar options. Below are the snacks recommended by the Health Promotion Board which are easy to prepare and pack for consumption during snack breaks.

Food Type	Examples
Wholemeal items	 Sandwiches Peanut butter & jam (HCS variety) Cucumber & tomato Grilled Cheese (HCS variety wrapped in aluminium foil to retain freshness)
	 Wraps Homemade popiah filled with vegetables (toasted) Vietnamese Rolls Slice into triangles & toasted to make 'chips' (store in an airtight bag/ container to maintain crisp)
	Pancakes, muffins & Cakes
Pizza	Wholemeal bread pizza with vegetable toppings (wrapped in aluminium foil to retain freshness)
Vegetables	 Carrot or cucumber sticks with chickpea dip (mashed chickpea with HCS orange juice) Boiled broccoli with cute toppers

Fruits & Nuts	 Fresh fruit kebab Almonds added to plain cereal for a higher fibre snack or plain nuts
Popcorn/ Crackers	 Homemade without additional toppings like salt, butter Wholegrain or HCS variety

8. Growth Mindset Nuggets #3: Is your child future ready?

The world that we and our children live in is often referred to as VUCA (volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous). Constant and rapid changes result in volatility in many areas. To prepare our children for the future reality, we need to develop in them the dispositions of adaptability and lifelong learning so that they can navigate education and career pathways purposefully and take on challenges of the future, including the world of work and life.

We need to constantly search for opportunities to equip our children with skills such as complex problem-solving & critical thinking skills. Our children need to develop a high level of creativity as well as cognitive flexibility to anticipate rapid changes in both their education and job landscapes. Without these skills, they would not be prepared for the future workforce.

9. Education Career Guidance (ECG) – My SkillsFuture Student Portal (Primary)

With reference to March In-Link Bulletin in 'Supporting Your Child's Aspirations', all Primary 5 and Primary 6 students are strongly encouraged to navigate MySkillsFuture Student Portal (Primary) with their parents for charting their education pathways. The portal is accessible through this website: https://www.myskillsfuture.gov.sg/content/student/en/primary.html

Do share your positive experience of discussing the education pathways with your child by scanning the QR code provided. We look forward to hearing from you!



Your partner-in-education,

Ms Audrey Wong Principal



Parents who share images of their children on social media. What parents don't realise is that they are creating digital footprints for their child, and thus creating consequences for their future. There are risks involved when

future. There are risks involved when details fall into the hands of predators and identity thieves.







Use these tips to be a better "Sharent"

#1

Adjust privacy settings on social media and allow only trusted audiences to view posts

#2

Don't post personal information (e.g., address or student card) or geo-tagged photos that can reveal their locations (e.g., school, home, tuition centre)

#3 Before posting, ask yourself if your V child will feel embarrassed or upset if they see your post now or in the future

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Parents as Guardians

