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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to welcome our students back to school after the Term 1 school vacation. We hope you have had a restful break with your child/ward. As Term 2 begins, the school would like to update you on the upcoming programmes and activities. We also seek your continual partnership and support in the holistic development of your child/ward.

1. Achievement, Affirmation and Appreciation

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students for their outstanding achievements:

| Name of Student / Team | Award / Recognition |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Lee Zhen Yang – P6-RY | Boys' Brigade – Best Boy Award (Tan Boon Chiang Medal) |
| Nathalia Kang Mong Ean – P6-IN | Girls' Brigade – Junior Brigader Brooch |
| Girls' Brigade Company | Girls' Brigade – GOLD Award |

We would like to extend our deep appreciation to the following staff members for their dedicated services to the Ministry of Education and school. Many have served 5, 10 or even 35 years and their tireless work has not only touched countless lives but has also paved the way for a brighter tomorrow. We want to commend them for their passion and steadfast commitment to nurturing the future generations.

| Name of Staff | | Award / Recognition |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Miss Chia Hui Siang | Mdm Lim Tiew Ling | Long Service Award |
| Miss Seng Siok Kuan Anne | Mrs Tan Joo Hui, Effie | |
| Mrs Verachelvan | Miss Lee Chung Fang | |
| Mdm Tan Ai Choo | Mdm Salawati Bte Sarie | |
| Mdm Whey Ai Ling Rina | Mrs Shen Tian Rong | |
| Mr Abraham Abe | Mdm Balaraman Deepa | |
| Mdm Junainah Binte Md Taib | Miss Zhao Na | |
| Mdm Lee Hwee Kheng | Miss Xiao Rong | |
| Mdm Tong Meng Lan | Mdm Noor Yasmeen Bensmeer Binti Abdul Rahman | |
| Ms Aw Yong Bi Zhu | Mdm Saleha Ahmadi Binte Mirza Quayam Ali | |
| Mr Joel Prathiev Vinson | | |

2. Character & Citizenship Education

For April, the 'Value of the Month' is **Respect**. Our foci are as follows:

Habit 5 Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood:

- I listen to others without interrupting
- I listen to other people's ideas and feelings
- I see things from the viewpoint of others
- I listen with my ears, my eyes, and my heart

Habit 6 Synergize:

- I get along well with others, even people who are different from me

Respect means caring for the dignity of others in what one says or does. In line with that, students are taught social skills like using an appropriate voice level and listening. These skills are essential to Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood. In addition, FTGP lessons this month will also focus on empathy and resolving disagreements.

For resources on respect and Habit 5, please refer to the story and guide found Annex A-1.

3. International Friendship Day – Friday, 5 April 2024

The commemoration of IFD allows our students to be sensitised to Singapore's geopolitical realities, and to reflect on the importance of

- an active foreign policy to maintain Singapore's international space
- openness to the international flow of trade, ideas and talent
- cross-cultural skills and a global orientation
- the spirit of friendship and collaboration amongst different people

The school will be commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD) on 5 April 2024. This year, the theme for IFD is **Singapore in Asia**. International cooperation remains key in our complex world. Asia is the world's fastest-growing region, and Singapore continues to facilitate closer economic, political, social, and cultural cooperation within ASEAN and in Asia.

By recognising the importance of connectedness between our neighbouring countries, our youth can play an active role in fostering people-to-people ties, and thus celebrate the region's diversity and vibrancy and promote the spirit of friendship and collaboration. In collaboration with the Parents Support Group, we have planned various activities during recess that day to help our students to be acquainted with the diverse and colourful culture and traditions of ASEAN and nurture in them the spirit of friendship and collaboration.

4. Hari Raya Puasa Celebration – Friday, 12 April 2024

This year, Hari Raya Puasa falls on Wednesday, 10 April 2024, our Muslim students will be dismissed at 10.30am on Tuesday, 9 April 2024, the eve of Hari Raya Puasa. All other students will be dismissed at the normal school dismissal time at 1.15pm for Primary 1 students and 1.30pm for Primary 2 to Primary 6 students.

Parents/guardians of Muslim students who wish to give consent for their child's/ward's early dismissal on the eve of Hari Raya Puasa are to submit their consent through a separate consent form issued through Parents Gateway.

Wednesday, 10 April 2024 is a school holiday and school will resume on Thursday, 11 April 2024.

The school will hold its Hari Raya Puasa Celebration on Friday, 12 April 2024. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim students and their families Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

5. Earth Day – Monday, 22 April 2024

Many activities will be organized to mark World Water Day (22 March), Earth Day (22 April) and Biodiversity Week (17 May to 26 May). The purpose of these activities is to help our students understand the importance of everyone playing a part in protecting the environment.

6. Home-based Learning

Home-based Learning provides students with more opportunities to learn independently and to be more self-directed in their learning. Through home-based learning, students will become digitally-empowered 21st century learners who are collaborative and connected in using digital tools to co-construct and share knowledge with others. Also, it helps our students keep current and easily transit to online teaching and learning in the event of a nationwide school closure.

Primary 3, 4 and 5 students will not attend school and do home-based learning via the Student Learning Space on the following days:

| Level | Date |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| P3 | Thu, 23 May 2024 Thu, 26 Sep 2024 |
| P4 | Thu, 23 May 2024 Fri, 27 Sep 2024 |
| P5 | Mon, 30 Sep 2024 Tue, 1 Oct 2024 |

More information will be given to students by their subject teachers.

7. 2024 PSLE Timetable

The 2024 PSLE Timetable is attached in [Annex P6](#). [*Information is taken publicly from Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) Website, with a link from MOE website*]

Below is a summary of the examination dates:

| Date | Paper |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, 13 August 2024 & Wednesday, 14 August 2024 | Oral Examinations |
| Friday, 13 September 2024 | Listening Comprehension Examination |
| Thursday, 26 September 2024 to Wednesday, 2 October 2024 | Written Examinations |

8. Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC)

We would like to invite you to the PTSC to discuss your child's holistic development and foster a stronger home-school partnership. Students should attend the PTSC with their parents/guardians at the allocated timeslot. Students must be in full school uniform when they attend the PTSC in person.

This year, the PTSC will be held via a hybrid mode on the following days and you can opt for either mode:

| Day/Date | Time | Mode of Meeting | Remarks |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Thursday, 23 May 2024 | 1.30pm to 4.00pm | e-Meeting via Zoom | The school dismissal for P1, P2, P5 and P6 levels will be at 12pm. Home-based learning for P3 and P4 levels; students will not attend school. [Refer to booking information below] |
| Friday, 24 May 2024 | 8.00am to 4.00pm | In person | There will be no lessons on that day. However, students should attend the PTSC with their parents/guardians at the allocated timeslot. You may choose to meet the Mother Tongue Language teacher at the Harmony Hall on a first come, first serve basis, before or after your scheduled timeslot with your child's Form Teacher. [Refer to booking information below] |

The details of the booking information for **PTSC** are as follows:

| Day/Date | Time | Mode of Meeting | Meeting with Form Teachers | Meeting with Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Teachers | Booking Date |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| Thursday, 23 May 2024 | 1.30pm to 4.00pm | e-Meeting via Zoom | Book a slot via PG | Book a slot via PG | Book a slot via Parents Gateway (PG) 6-10 May 2024 |
| Friday, 24 May 2024 | 8.00am to 4.00pm | In person | Book a slot via PG | No booking required | |

The details of the booking information will be sent to you separately by the Form Teachers via Parents Gateway in May 2024. You may start booking your preferred slot from 6 to 10 May 2024.

We ask for your understanding and co-operation to keep your conversation with the teachers to within 15 minutes, so as to allow other parents to also have the chance to meet with the teachers.

As the designated 'Eat with Your Family' day is also on Friday, 24 May 2024, we seek your understanding that the PTSC will end by 4pm that day to enable our staff and students to return home early.

9. School Activities (1 April to 24 May 2024)

The school will provide further details of these activities, if any, closer to the date. Otherwise, the schedule below serves as a notification.

| Date | Activities | Levels & Classes involved | Attachment/ Reply slips |
|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 5 April 2024 (Fri) | International Friendship Day | All | |
| 9 April 2024 (Tue) | Eve of Hari Raya Puasa | Muslim students with parents' consent will be dismissed at 10.30am. All other students will be dismissed as per normal. | A separate consent form will be issued through Parents Gateway. |
| 10 April 2024 (Wed) | Public Holiday – Hari Raya Puasa | All | |
| 12 April 2024 (Fri) | Hari Raya Celebration | All | |
| 15 April 2024 (Mon) & 18 April 2024 (Thu) | P6 Mid-Year Review Oral (PM) * | P6 | |
| 18 April 2024 (Thur) & 19 April 2024 (Fri) | P2 Sports Education Programme | P2 | A separate consent form will be issued through Parents Gateway. |
| 29 April 2024 (Mon) to 10 May 2024 (Fri) | Modular Tests | P3 to P5 | |
| 1 May 2024 (Wed) | Public Holiday – Labour Day | All | |
| 15 May 2024 (Wed) & 20 May 2024 (Mon) | P5 Sports Education Programme | All | A separate consent form will be issued through Parents Gateway. |
| 16 May 2024 (Thu) | Language & Cultural Camp | P5 students taking MTL | |
| 22 May 2024 (Wed) | Public Holiday – Vesak Day | All | |
| 23 May 2024 (Thu) | Open House | For Invited K2 students and parents | |
| 23 May 2024 (Thu) | Home-based Learning Day | P3 and P4 only | |

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| 23 May 2024 (Thu) | Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) via ZOOM | All | |
| 24 May 2024 (Fri) | Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) in person | All | |

** To allow our P6 students to experience the flow of the oral examinations, we would be conducting a P6 Mid-Year Review (Oral) in the afternoon of 15 and 18 April 2024. This exercise is **only for practice** and is not a weighted assessment. Students will only be dismissed once they have completed their practice for that day thus the dismissal time of the students will vary depending on the order they are scheduled for the review. Their estimated dismissal time will be given to them before the day of the review. Students may request to use the telephone in the General Office to contact their parents after the exercise, if needed.*

Yours in partnership,



Mrs Jennifer Choy (Principal)

Mr Remund Koh (VP)

Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)