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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As Semester 1 draws to a close, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and partnership throughout the terms. We also take this opportunity to share some updates on our upcoming school events, which we hope will further enrich your child's learning experiences. As the holidays begin, we wish you and your family a safe and restful break. We also encourage you to help your children use this time meaningfully—to read, reflect on their progress, and recharge in preparation for the term ahead.

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
Ng En Yao	Raffles Scholarship
Voh Tuan Minh Jayden	National School Games (25m Backstroke) – 5 th Place
Xu Haixing	Raffles Mathematical Olympiad 2025 – Distinction
Lin Hui Lin Helen @ Kyal Sin Htet Schellner Eliora Yu Claire Kelai	Raffles Mathematical Olympiad 2025 - Merit

2. Updates in Staff Movement

We would like to welcome the following staff who joined the school in May 2025.

Teacher (PE)	Mr Leong Yew Sing Timothy
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3. Citizenship and Character Education

For May, the 'Value of the Month' is Love. Our focus is as follows:

Habit 7: Sharpen The Saw: I take time to find meaningful ways to help people

Habit 7: Sharpen The Saw: I spend time with my family and friends

The school's core value of Love is defined as showing compassion, care, and concern for others. Students are taught to express love through words, actions, and gestures such as helping others, spending time together, and giving. In FTGP lessons, they learn to communicate respectfully and show gratitude.

School programmes such as 'Gift of Love' promote the writing of appreciation notes, while Values-In-Action (VIA) activities offer meaningful opportunities for students to express and practise love within the school and broader community.

Please refer to Annex A-1 to view our past VIA engagements with our partner, Xin Yuan Community Care.

4. Adjustment to Monday Dismissal Time for P3 to P6 Students

We will implement the following adjustments to school hours on Mondays from Semester 2 and will impact mainly the P3 to P6 students.

- To support our P6 students in managing their time and well-being as they prepare for their PSLE, they will stand down from their CCA commitments from August. Teachers will make use of the available time to conduct additional Math lessons, supporting students in strengthening their understanding of key concepts. Attendance for these classes is necessary.
- On days when CCAs cannot take place due to various reasons, students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. Students taking the school bus will be able to continue with the arrangement made with the service provider.

5. Post – Modular Test / Review Matters – Tues, 6 May 2025 to Fri, 16 May 2025

We stress the need for your child to attend school regularly following the Modular Assessments. This period is crucial for them to review their test papers, reflect on their errors, and reinforce their understanding of key concepts taught. As learning will continue until the official school holidays, we strongly encourage families to refrain from making travel plans before that. This is to allow your child to fully benefit from this valuable learning opportunity.

6. Tinkerlution Challenge – Wed, 28 May 2025

Students will engage in diverse STEM-related activities that spark curiosity and challenge them to apply innovative thinking and adaptability. These activities also serve as a platform for developing collaborative skills, as students learn to work supportively and respectfully with others whilst cultivating strategies for conflict resolution. Our PSG representatives will be reaching out to you soon, to ask for parent volunteers to help with this signature school programme.

7. Home-based Learning Day – Thurs, 29 May 2025

As communicated earlier in the Letter to Parents (Mar 2025), 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, 29 May 2025 Tue, 30 Sep 2025
P4	Thu, 29 May 2025 Mon, 29 Sep 2025
P5	Thu, 29 May 2025 Fri, 26 Sep 2025

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

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, 29 May 2025	1.30pm to 4.00pm	e-Meeting via MS Teams	The school dismissal for P1, P2 and P6 levels will be at 12pm. Home-based learning for P3, P4 and P5 levels; students will not attend school. [Refer to booking information below]
Friday, 30 May 2025	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. Your child/ward should be in his full uniform. [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, 29 May 2025	1.30pm to 4.00pm	e-Meeting via MS Teams	Book a slot via PG	Book a slot via PG	Book a slot via Parents Gateway (PG) 2 May 2025 - 15 May 2025
Friday, 30 May 2025	8.00am to 4.00pm	In person	Book a slot via PG	Book a slot via PG	

You may start booking your preferred slot from 2 May 2025 to 15 May 2025. The details of the MS Teams e-Meeting on 29 May 2025 will be sent to you separately by the Form Teachers and Mother Tongue Teachers via Parents Gateway in May 2025.

We ask for your understanding and co-operation to keep your conversation with the teachers to within 15 minutes 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, 30 May 2025, the PTSC will end by 4pm that day to enable our staff and students to return home early.

9. Travel Declaration for Mid-Year Holiday

To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling for the holidays.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS].

- Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by **Friday, 23 May 2025**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required.

When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG if there is a change in travel destination; or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.

Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

10. P6 Remediation Lessons during the June Holiday – Wed, 25 June 2025 & Thurs, 26 June 2025

P6 students will have remediation lessons on the abovementioned dates. A recess break will be scheduled in between the lessons. Please pack a healthy snack for your child to bring to school since not all canteen stalls will be open. Details of the lessons are shown in the table below:

Level	P6
Schedule of Lessons	8.00am to 12.30pm
Recess Break	10.00am to 10.30am
Remarks	Students who do not take Mother Tongue Language will be dismissed at 11.30am

More details will be sent through Parent's Gateway nearer to the date.

11. Supporting Your Child's Development of Personal Responsibility

We seek your partnership in nurturing independence and personal responsibility in our students.

We have observed an increasing trend of parents delivering forgotten items, such as homework, PE attire, and wallet to the General Office during school hours. While we understand your desire to help your child, such practices do not encourage the development of important life skills.

To support your child's growth in personal responsibility, we kindly request that you:

1. Guide your child to pack their school bag the evening before, using their timetable as a reference.
2. Encourage them to maintain a checklist of daily essential items.
3. Allow natural consequences when items are forgotten, as these become valuable learning opportunities.

You may wish to establish a routine with your child where they independently prepare their school materials each evening. This helps build good habits and organisational skills that will serve them well in their future.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping our students develop into self-reliant and responsible individuals.

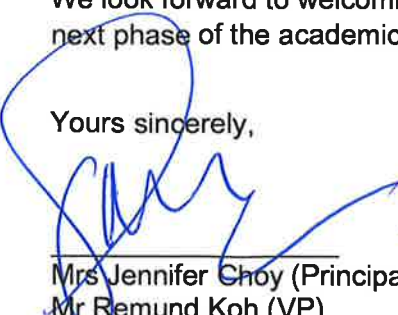
12. School Activities from 2 May 2025 to 7 July 2025

The school will provide further details as necessary closer to the date, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Attachment/ Reply Slips
Mon, 5 May 2025	Designated School Holiday	All	
Tues, 6 May 2025 to Fri, 16 May 2025	Modular Tests	P3 to P5	
Mon, 12 May 2025	Public Holiday – Vesak Day	All	
Wed, 14 May 2025	P5 Language & Cultural Camp	P5 students taking MTL	2pm to 4pm
Wed, 28 May 2025	Tinkerlution Challenge	All	
Thurs, 29 May 2025	Home-based Learning Day	P3, P4 and P5 only	P3, P4 and P5 students do not attend school on that day.
Thurs, 29 May 2025	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) via MS Teams	All	1.30pm to 4.00pm
Fri, 30 May 2025	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) in person	All	8.00am to 4.00pm
Sat, 7 June 2025	Public Holiday – Hari Raya Haji	All	
Mon, 9 June 2025	Public Holiday In-Lieu – Hari Raya Haji	All	
25 June 2025 (Wed) & 26 June 2025 (Thurs)	P6 Remediation Classes	P6	More details will be given on Parents Gateway nearer the date
Mon, 7 July 2025	School Holiday – Youth Day	All	

We look forward to welcoming our students back with renewed energy and enthusiasm for the next phase of the academic year on **Monday, 30 June 2025**. Enjoy the holiday and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Jennifer Choy (Principal)
Mr Remund Koh (VP)
Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)

