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Dear Parents/Guardians.

As Term 3 draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you the upcoming events and activities in September 2025. Looking ahead, Term 4 will be a more demanding term with major examinations taking place. We encourage our students to strive for excellence while also caring for their well-being. To our Primary 6 students preparing for the PSLE, we wish them every success. This is a time for them to demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges, responsibility in their learning, and excellence in doing their best. We believe that with your strong support, positivity and perseverance, every child can finish the year strong. Just like the walnut I used in my address to motivate them, it holds great potential within its hard shell, we believe every child has the strength and ability to unlock their best when they stay positive and persevere. "Excellence is not about being the best, but about always giving your best."

1. Achievement, Affirmation and Appreciation

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

| Name of Student / Team | Award / Recognition | |
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| Huang Wanbin | 8 th National Text Recital Competition 2025 (Lower Primary Category (Individual)) – Silver Award | |
| Liu Jiawei Emily Hua Menghan Guo Yahuayi Ma Yiyang lan Xin Ruoxuan Hannah Ling Xin Le | 8 th National Text Recital Competition 2025 (Lower Primary Category (Group)) – Silver Award | |
| Joy Lee Ann Gostelow Hoong Jun Wei Tee Yee Xuan | 8 th National Text Recital Competition 2025 (Upper Primary Category (Group)) – Bronze Award | |

| Name of Staff | Award / Recognition | |
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| | National Day Awards 2025 - The | |
| Mdm Fikir Amin Binti Md Said | Commendation Medal | |
| Ms Ang Mei Ling | National Day Awards 2025 - The Long Service | |
| Ms Lee Jo-Anne | Medal | |
| | AWWA's Community Integration Service (CIS) | |
| Mr Ong Chong Tiang | Awards 2025 - Outstanding Educator Award | |

2. Citizenship and Character Education

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

Habit 4 Think Win-Win:

• I think about what other people want and not just what I want

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

- I try to see things from the viewpoint of others
- I listen to others' ideas and feelings

Step In, Step Back, Reflect and I-Message are skills taught to our students in their FTGP lessons. These skills are also in line with Habit 4: Think Win-Win and Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood and help students to understand and practise empathy and respect. Please refer to Annex A-1 for resources on exploring the concept of respect as well as Habit 4 and 5 with your child at home.

3. Travel Declaration for September Holidays

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 Wednesday**, **3 September 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 or inform the school of the changes.

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

4. P1 Home Helper Programme

Values in Action (VIA) are learning experiences that support our students' development as socially responsible citizens. As part of our VIA Programme, our Primary One students will take part in the 'I am a Home Helper' Programme from Monday, 8 September 2025 to Friday, 12 September 2025. This is a platform for our students to learn to be responsible as being responsible is part of our Habit 1: Be Proactive. They take an active role in being a home helper by doing simple household chores.

For more details, please refer to Annex A-2.

5. Teachers' Day Holiday and School Holidays

Please note that Teachers' Day falls on **Friday**, **5 September 2025** which is a School Holiday. Student Care Centre will be closed on this day. School will resume on **Monday**, **15 September 2025**.

6. PSLE Listening Comprehension Examination

Please note: All P1 to P5 students need not attend school on Tuesday, 16 September 2025.

The reporting times for P6 students are as follows:

- Students taking Mother Tongue Language: 8.00 am
- Students not taking Mother Tongue Language: 10.15 am

If your child is sick, please call to inform the school office (Tel: 6256-7822) by 7.30 am. A Medical Certificate (MC) is required and should include the following information from the doctor:

- Certify that the child is not fit to take the examination
- Diagnosis of the illness
- Duration of the illness
- Information on how the illness would affect / has affected the performance of the candidate

There will not be a make-up for PSLE Listening Comprehension if your child misses the examination. In the event of a train service disruption, please inform the school as quickly as possible, and your child should continue to make his/her way to school to sit for the paper. Please plan the journey to school earlier so that he/she has enough time to settle down.

The estimated dismissal time for the P6 students taking the examination is 12 noon.

7. 2025 Edusave Character Award (ECHA)

Since 2012, the Ministry of Education (MOE) has introduced the Edusave Character Award (ECHA) to enable schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions.

We would like to invite parents / guardians to nominate students with consistent and exemplary character who are good role models for their peers. Please refer to <u>Annex A-3</u> for the criteria and the selection process. Nomination can be done through the online form at https://go.gov.sg/ftpps2025echa by Friday, 26 September 2025.

8. Home-based Learning

As communicated earlier in the Letter to Parents (March 2025), Primary 3, 4 and 5 students will not attend school and will do home-based learning via the Student Learning Space on the following days:

| Level | Date | |
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| P3 | Tue, 30 Sep 2025 | |
| P4 | Mon, 29 Sep 2025 | |
| P5 | Fri, 26 Sep 2025 | |

9. Children's Day Celebration

The Children's Day Celebration will be held on **Thursday**, **2 October 2025**, from **7.30 am to 12.00 pm**. The Student Care Centre will operate from **12.00 pm to 7.00 pm**.

This year's theme is "Little Dreams, Big Hearts", encouraging students to think about their future aspirations and how they can make a positive impact. Students are to come dressed in their Red Corporate T-shirt.

Please note that Friday, 3 October 2025, is Children's Day and a school holiday.

10. School Activities - Fri, 29 August to Sun, 2 November 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 | Remarks |
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| Wed, 3 September 2025 | Teachers' Day Celebration - Students will be dismissed at 12pm | All | |
| Thurs,4 September 2025 | Teachers' Day Celebration - Students will be dismissed at 10.30am | All | |
| Fri, 5 September 2025 | School Holiday – Teachers' Day | All | |
| Sat, 6 September 2025 to Sun, 14 September 2025 | September School Holidays | All | |
| Tues, 16 September 2025 | P6 PSLE Listening Comprehension | P6 | |

| | P1 to P5 students need not report to school | P1 to P5 | |
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| Wed, 17 September 2025 to Thursday 18 September 2025 | P5 EYE Oral Examination (PM) | P5 | |
| Mon, 22 September 2025 | P4 EYE Oral Examination (PM) | P4 | |
| Tues, 23 September 2025 | P3 EYE Oral Examination (PM) | P3 | |
| Mon, 22 September 2025 to Wed, 24 September 2025 | Pre-PSLE Study Break | P6 | |
| Thurs, 25 September 2025 to Wed, 1 October 2025 | PSLE Written Examinations - P6 students who are not taking the Mother Tongue Language PSLE exam need not report to school on Mon, 29 September 2025 P6 students who are not taking the Higher Mother Tongue Language PSLE exam need not report to school on Wed, 1 October 2025. P6 students will be dismissed after their PSLE papers unless requested by their teachers to stay back for extra lessons. (The dismissal time is estimated to be about half hour after the paper ends.) | P6 | |
| | School will function as normal for P1 to P5 students during the PSLE written exams. (Note: Some levels will be on Home-based learning) | P1 to P5 | HBL Days: P5: Fri 26 Sep P4: Mon 29 Se P3: Tue 30 Se |
| Fri, 26 September 2025 | Home-based Learning Day | P5 only | |
| Mon, 29 September 2025 | Home-based Learning Day | P4 only | |

| Tue, 30 September 2025 | Home-based Learning Day | P3 only | |
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| Thurs, 2 October 2025 | Children's Day Celebration Students will be dismissed at 12pm | All | |
| Fri, 3 October 2025 | School Holiday – Children's Day | All | |
| Tues, 7 October 2025 to Thurs, 30 October 2025 | End-of-Year Examination (Please refer to EYE Timetable for details) | P3 to P5 | Ref to LTP dated 31 Jul 2025 (Annex A(P3)/B(P4)/C(P5)) |

We wish all our students and their families a fruitful and restful September holiday break.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jennifer Choy (Principal) Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)