

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

11 September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

1. How quickly time flies! We are now into the final term of the academic year. P2-6 students will soon be preparing for their semestral assessments (SAs) and subsequently looking forward to a well-deserved break with you during the year-end holidays.

Staff and Student Movements

2. We welcome new Teck Whyean students and 1 new staff member. Miss Wan Nur Shafika Binte Abdul Ghani, an English Language teacher, will be attached to the school before she attends training at the National Institute of Education. We also bid farewell to students who have left and wish them the best in their future endeavours.

Accolades

3. We are proud of the achievements of the following staff, students and teams. Let's celebrate their efforts and thank everyone who played a part in their success.

Event	Achievement
National Coding Competition 2017	1 Gold 1 Silver
National Photography Festival 2017	Group Special Mention Award Nur Dinie (6/6) - Individual Special Mention Award
Gold Lion Award International Dance Competition	Chinese Dance – Gold
National Day Awards 2017	Dr Ang Kok Cheng Casey – Commendation Medal Mdm Chong Sieh Yern – Long Service Award Mdm M Vennila – Long Service Award
Excellent Service Award	Mdm Alice Teo - Gold

Year-end Examinations

4. As mentioned earlier, the P2-6 students will be taking their SAs soon. For the P2s, this will be their first SA. Year-end examinations provide a milestone check on the students' academic progress. The results would indicate the possible follow up actions that the students can take in preparation for the next level of study. However, such examinations also have their limitations.
5. Written examinations do not explicitly test all that the children have learnt. For example, the values that the students have imbibed or the range of other skills and competencies that they would have developed during their CCAs and other educational pursuits. These values, skills and competencies are equally important in helping our children grow up to be successful and of good character.
6. Even as we stress to our children (not over stress or create stress for the children) about the importance of doing well in the exams, let's also emphasise the related values of hard work, responsibility, resilience, integrity and personal excellence. Our aim should be to encourage the ownership and love for learning. When they love learning, they will eventually pursue life-long learning on their own initiative and this will be critical for their future. Helping children find joy in learning does not rest just in the hands of the school. It also depends on parents, especially in the way parents engage their children and communicate their expectations. This does not mean that we lower our expectations. We have to communicate high yet realistic expectations and provide the support that our children need to attain their best. Expectations can also be discussed with the children so that they can set their targets and goals.

Student Well-Being

7. No Waiting or Parking along Teck Whye Walk In my previous letter, I urged parents/guardians fetching the children after school to refrain from parking along Teck Whye Walk in the interest of the safety of students and

road users. They were advised to park their vehicles at the nearby HDB multi-storey car park (Blk 165) during dismissal time. Drivers were also asked to use the roundabout near Pioneer Junior College and to avoid making 3-point U-turns along Teck Whye Walk.

8. Upcoming Road Works along Teck Whye Walk To improve road safety outside the school, LTA has approved the construction of a centre divider along Teck Whye Walk and the existing zebra crossing outside the school will be converted to a raised zebra crossing to improve the visibility of the students crossing the road. When the construction is completed, vehicles will no longer be able to wait or park along Teck Whye Walk. Also, when exiting from the school, vehicles will only be able to turn left. We will keep you updated on the expected construction start and end dates.
9. Dengue and Zika Prevention. We noted an increase in the number of mosquitoes during Term 3. We were very concerned about this issue and worked very closely with our pest control managing agent as well as NEA. At our request, the NEA officers have been working with us since the issue surfaced. We have implemented their recommendations of conducting weekly misting to get rid of the adult mosquito population. My staff have stepped up the screening of our premises and even our immediate vicinity.
10. As you know there are other surrounding premises outside the school's control including the residents' flats, town council area, army camp and other schools. Rightly, controlling the mosquito population is a whole community effort. Though the situation has improved towards the end of the term, we will continue to do all that we can to keep the mosquito problem under control and adhere closely to any advice given by NEA and our pest control agents.
11. While the school undertakes the efforts outlined above, parents could consider taking some precautionary measures such as using anti-mosquito repellents or patches on their children.

Emergency Preparedness

12. The school conducts emergency drills from time to time to ensure that we can respond effectively and efficiently in an actual emergency situation. Later, this year, on 14 Nov 2017, we will be working with MOE HQ to conduct an emergency exercise in our school. Any emergency that arises in the community will require a community response and so, you too have a part to play in this. We will share more details about this in a separate letter.

Children's Day

13. Please note that **all students (P1-6) will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Thursday, 5 October**. I wish you and your children a joyous time on Children's Day, a school holiday, on Friday 6 October.

Presidential Elections

14. Please note that if Presidential Elections are held on 23 Sept 2017, school activities planned on 22 Sept 2017 and 25 Sept 2017 could be affected as our school premises may be used as a Polling Centre. We will be able to confirm this only after Nomination Day on 13 Sept 2017.

PERI Upgrading

15. We have finally obtained TOP for the new Annex Building. Students and staff will have access to most of the facilities from Term 4.

Administrative Matters

16. Please keep a copy of the coloured section of this letter as it contains important information. If you should lose it, please go to the school webpage to retrieve the Principal's Letter. Read through the section carefully especially on school closure, and curtailment of school hours.
17. If you have enquiries, feedback, suggestions or matters to discuss with the school, please contact us at 67691025 or email us at twps@moe.edu.sg.
18. As we move towards the year-end, I wish all of you a meaningful and successful term ahead.

Yours sincerely

Suraj Nair

2017 School Closure, Holidays and Hours Curtailment

Parents will be informed via a letter and the school website if there are changes. Please make the necessary care arrangements.

School Closure	Dates	Levels affected	Remarks
PSLE Listening Comprehension	15 Sep	P1-5	School is closed for P1 to P5. P6 students to report for examinations
Children's Day	6 Oct	All	School Holiday
Deepavali	18 Oct	All	Public Holiday
PSLE Marking	19 Oct-24 Oct	All	School is closed for the PSLE Marking Exercise
Admin Day	3 Nov	All	School is closed for students but the General Office is open.
Student-Teacher-Parent Meeting for P1 to P5 cum Home-based Learning Day*	9 Nov	All	School is closed for all students. Parents of P1-5 students can arrange to meet your children's form teachers.
P6 Year-end Holidays	16 Nov – 31 Dec	P6	Last day for P6 Wed, 15 Nov
P1-5 Year-end Holidays	17 Nov – 31 Dec	P1-5	School Holidays Last day for P1-5 Thu, 16 Nov
Curtailed School Hours	Dates and Time	Level	Remarks
Eve of Children's Day	5 Oct	All	School will end at 1.30pm for ALL students.
Eve of Deepavali	17 Oct	Hindu Students of all levels only	Hindu students may leave at 10.30am. Lower Primary Hindu students should have a parent/guardian or older sibling fetching them.

Important Dates for Parents

Parents, we are informing you of these dates early and hope that it will facilitate your attendance where necessary.

Title of Event	Dates	Times	Remarks
Family Matters@School (FMS) Programme: Managing Changes in Secondary One	13 Oct	11.00am – 1.00pm	Registration forms will be made available through your child. For parents of P6 students
P6 Graduation Tea cum P6 Level Awards	8 Nov	4.00pm – 7.00pm	All P6 parents are welcome. A letter will be issued later.
Student-Teacher-Parent Meeting for P1 to P5 cum Home-based Learning Day*	9 Nov	8.00am – 5.00pm	Parents of P1-5 students may make an appointment with your child's teacher. Students attending with parents are expected to be in school attire.
2018 P1 Orientation Day	11 Nov	9.00am – 12.00pm	For parents of 2018 P1 students. Please be seated by 8.50am.
Level Awards Ceremony for P1 – P5	15 Nov 16 Nov	P1-P2: 8.15am - 9.30am P5:12.30pm - 1.30pm P3-P4: 8.15am - 9.30am	Parents of award recipients are welcome.

*** Other than these official slots, do keep in close contact with your children's teachers and make an appointment to meet them where necessary.**

School Student Activities for Term 4

Please note that students will be issued with consent forms by the teachers-in-charge for all after school activities. **Activities on 22/9 and 25/9 may be affected if Presidential Elections are held on 23/9.**

Activities	Dates	Time	Teacher I/C	Remarks
Digital Play @ the library	11/9 - 14/9	Recess Time	Miss Chamayne Yang	
No Cleaners Day in the toilet	13/9	7.30 am – 11.00 am	VIA com	
Cleaners' Appreciation Day 2017	14/9	Assembly Period	Miss Yip	
P1-P4 Teck Whyean Voices	2/11	Curriculum Time	P1-P4 Year Heads	
Primary School Experience - Kindergarten Visit to TWPS	2/11, 6/11	8.00am - 11.30 am	Miss Samantha	Selected P1, P2 & P6 pupils are involved.
Promotion Day cum Clean our School and Classes Day	16/11	Curriculum Time	Ms Charmian Chng	
P1 & P2 International Student Interaction Session	29/9	1.00pm – 5.00pm	Ms Qiu YY	Please refer to consent forms issued
Cluster LSM Games Day (at Clementi Primary School) for P1 & P2 LSM pupils	19/9	12.30 pm – 4.15 pm	Mrs Juliana Loke	Please refer to consent forms issued
P3 Little India Learning Journey	19/9	12.0 pm - 4.15pm	Mdm Farhanah	Please refer to consent forms issued
P3 Reading Remediation (Selected students)	Mon – 11/9, 18/9, 25/9 Tues – 12/9, 26/9	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Mdm Chong	Please refer to consent forms issued
P3 Dyslexia Remediation (Selected students)	Mon- 11/9, 18/9, 25/9 , 2/10, 9/10, 16/10 Tues -12/9, 26/9, 3/10, 10/10, 17/10 Wed- 13/9, 20/9, 27/9, 4/10, 11/10, 25/10 Fri- 27/10	2.00pm -3.00pm	Ms Sanly Poh	Please refer to consent forms issued
P3 GEP Selection Rounds	19/10, 20/10	To be confirmed	Ms Chia	By invitation only
P3 International Student 'Travel with my Local Buddy' to Images of Singapore	1/11	1.00pm-5.00pm	Ms Qiu YY	Please refer to consent forms issued

Activities	Dates	Time	Teacher I/C	Remarks
P4 Reading Remediation (Selected students)	Mon- 18/9, 25/9 , 2/10 Tues- 26/9, 3/10	2.00pm – 2.45pm	Miss Chamayne Yang and Mdm Abigail	Please refer to consent forms issued
P4 Dyslexia Remediation (Selected students)	Mon- 11/9, 18/9, 25/9 , 2/10 Tues- 19/9, 26/9 Wed – 13/9, 20/9, 27/9	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Ms Sanly Poh	Please refer to consent forms issued
P4 E-Journalism	12/9	2.15pm – 4.15pm	Mdm Intan	T3W3 to T4W1
P4 iSparks Science Enrichment (Selected students only)	19/9, 26/9	2.15pm - 4.15pm	Mr River Ho	Please refer to consent forms issued
P4 Theatre Experience : Chicken Little	2/11	10.00am – 11.00am	Mdm Lynn Yeo	Please refer to consent forms issued
P5 Sports Education Programme: Golf	11/9, 12/9	2.00pm – 4.30pm	Mr Morris Koh	Please refer to consent forms issued
P5-P6 Values (Kids Excel) Programme for Selected Students	Mon- 23/10* Tue- 24/10* Wed – 13/9, 20/9, 25/10, 1/11, 8/11, 15/11 Thurs – 19/10* Fri – 20/10*	8.00am-11.15am 8.00am-11.15am 2.00pm - 5.15pm 2.00pm - 5.15pm 8.00am-11.15am	Mdm Joyce Liew and Mdm Janice Leong	Please refer to consent forms issued *non-school day
P5 Malacca Trip	2/11 – 4/11	To be confirmed	Ms Christine Poon	
P5 – P6 International student Bonding session with children with special needs	6/11	1.00pm – 5.00pm	Ms Qiu YY	Please refer to consent forms issued
P6 Self Revision Session (Selected Pupils)	22/9	1.15pm – 3.15pm	Mrs Patricia Toh	Please refer to consent forms issued
P6 Sports Education Programme: Bowling	10/10, 11/10	Curriculum Time	Mr Morris Koh	Please refer to consent forms issued
P6 ICT: Digital Making with Microbits	9/10 – 27/10	Curriculum Time	Miss Lye Sze Yee	
P6 Theatre Experience : Chicken Little	26/10	Curriculum Time	Mdm Lynn Yeo	Please refer to consent forms issued
P6 Gardens by the Bay Learning Journey	31/10	Curriculum Time	Mdm Farhanah	Please refer to consent forms issued

Activities	Dates	Time	Teacher I/C	Remarks
P5 – P6 Teck Whyean Voices	6/11	Curriculum Time	Mdm Janice Leong	
P6 Graduation Tea cum P6 Level Awards	8/11	4.00pm -6.30pm	Mr Dennes Tai & Ms Lye Sze Yee	Please refer to consent forms issued
P3 - P5 Remedial/ Supplementary	Mon – 11/9, 18/9, 25/9	2.15 pm - 3.15 pm	Respective subject HODs	Please refer to consent forms issued *19/9 excludes P3
	Tue- 12/9, 19/9*, 26/9	2.15 pm - 4.15 pm		
P6 Additional Support Lessons	Mon – 11/9, 18/9, 25/9	2.15 pm - 3.15 pm	Respective subject HODs	Please refer to consent forms issued
	Tue- 12/9, 19/9, 26/9	2.15 pm - 4.15 pm		
	Wed – 13/9 , 20/9	2.15 pm - 3.15 pm		
	Thu – 21/9	2.45 pm - 4.45 pm		
CCA (P3 – P5)				
Official CCA day for all CCAs	Thursdays- 14/9, 21/9	2.45pm – 4.45pm	Mr Morris Koh	Please refer to consent forms issued On Thursdays without CCAs P3-6 dismissed at 2.30pm.
	Monday - 25/9	3.15pm – 5.15pm		
Tests and Examinations				
PSLE Listening Comprehension	15/9	Curriculum Time		
PSLE English / Foundation English	28/9			
PSLE Math / Foundation Math	29/9			
PSLE MT / Foundation MT	2/10			
PSLE Science / Foundation Science	3/10			
PSLE HMT	4/10			
P1 Holistic Assessment - Mother Tongue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral • Listening Comprehension • Mini Test - English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral • Individual Writing • Mini test - Math	27/9, 28/9, 29/9 13/10 27/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
	2/10, 3/10, 4/10 25/10 1/11			
	10/10, 30/10			

Tests and Examinations				
SA2 - P3 EL Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension - P4 MT Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	9/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 P2 Oral (EL & MT)	9/10, 10/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 P5 Oral (EL & MT)	9/10, 10/10	2.15pm – 4.30pm	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 - P3 MT Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension - P4 EL Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	10/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 P3 Oral (EL & MT)	11/10, 12/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 P4 Oral (EL & MT)	11/10, 12/10	2.15pm – 4.30pm	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 - P2 MT Listening Comprehension - P5 EL Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	11/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 - P2 EL Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension - P5 MT Paper 1 & Listening Comprehension	12/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 - P4 EL - P5 HMT	16/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 - P3 MT - P4 MA - P5 EL	25/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 - P2 EL - P3 SC - P4 MT - P5 MA / FMA	26/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 - P2 MA - P3 EL - P4 SC - P5 MT	27/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
SA2 - P2 MT - P3 MA - P5 SC	30/10	Curriculum Time	Respective subject HODs	
Students who are absent for SA2 or P1 Mini Tests are to produce a medical certificate (MC) for record of their absence with valid reasons. No marks will be awarded for absence without MC and there will not be any make-up examination.				
School Holidays				
Term 4 Holidays	P6: 16 Nov – 31 Dec P1-5: 17 Nov – 31 Dec			