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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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2 July 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students

Thank you for your strong support in the first semester for the school programmes and our efforts in nurturing the children's holistic development. We look forward to the same spirit of partnership in the second semester.

### **Teck Whye Primary Niche Programmes**

I am pleased to announce that MOE has approved two niche programmes for the school. We look forward to the full implementation of these programmes beginning this year and rolled out in phases to all levels over the next two-three years. We are glad to be supported with additional funding to enhance the students' learning.

The first niche area is an Applied Learning Programme and the other is a Learning for Life programme. Our Applied Learning Programme entitled "Media Whiz Kids!" will prepare our children to be confident communicators. We aim to develop our digital native students to interact well face to face as well as to be tech savvy in using media and technology to communicate effectively and responsibly. Their critical reading, viewing and thinking will be developed significantly through this programme. This programme will be for all students. For students with specialised interests in media use and communication, they can pursue their interests to greater depth via CCAs such as the Infocomm Club, Speech and Drama Club and iDesign Club.

Our second niche via the Learning for Life Programme is called "I Lead, I Serve". In the volatile and uncertain world we live in, leadership skills and others-centredness will be very critical. In this programme, we aim to nurture all children to be Adaptive Leaders and Model Citizens who will apply what they learn in the service of others. This will be done via targeted leadership development opportunities and values in action contexts. This programme will not only breed confidence but make the children reflect about how they can use their learning to benefit those around them and be true leaders with a heart for others.

### **School achievements and key school events**

#### Accolades

There were many occasions to celebrate the learning and achievements of our students in the second term. These included:

- Singapore Youth Festival 2014 Chinese Dance – Distinction Award
- Singapore Youth Festival 2014 Malay Dance – Distinction Award
- Singapore Youth Festival 2014 Indian Dance – Accomplishment Award
- Speech and Drama Club - Singapore Science Youth Festival 2014 Merit Award and Nasrul Aman bin Zulkefli from P3/1 won a Best Performer Award

We take this opportunity to congratulate their fine work and praise the effort that they had to put in prior to the competitions. We should also thank all staff, student supporters, parents and everyone else who played a part in their success.

#### Sports and Games Carnival

We successfully organised the Sports and Games Carnival on 29 May. Whilst the children had a great time that day, we took time to reflect on why we organised such an event. I want to highlight 3 compelling reasons.

Firstly, sports and games when adopted with the right spirit can help us to develop a core set of values that we can carry with us not just in school but throughout our lives. These include determination to do better, respect for others, excellence in all undertakings, and courage to overcome adversity. We also build lasting friendship through sports and games.

Secondly, we want everyone to take up sports and games for life. Sports and games are not just for elite athletes or sportsmen and women; they are for everybody. We understand that obesity is becoming a global pandemic with over 2.1 billion people overweight or obese. One of the key outcomes that we want for our Teck Whyeans is to be "Healthy Individuals" (the 'H' in our CHAMPs outcomes). When our bodies are healthy, our minds are more likely to be healthy. We can then achieve a lot more in life. When you are often sick or frail, you

will find it more difficult to contribute or achieve to very high standards. We thus need to exercise Responsibility for our health and well-being. My hope is for Teck Whyeans to enjoy sports and games with their friends and families long after they graduate from schools.

Finally, the event was intended to bring the school community closer together as one Teck Whye Primary family. I want all students to know in their hearts and minds that the school cares for them. I want them to feel proud that they have a school that provides them with many learning opportunities that will later help them not just in their secondary schools but their lives. But I also wish to highlight that, as Teck Whyeans, they have a responsibility to the school and this responsibility extends even after they leave us. I wish for the school to inspire them enough to return and share that strong Teck Whyean spirit with the future cohorts of students.

#### Parents' Seminar

The second edition of our Parents' Seminar, with the theme "Empowering Parents, Our Supportive Partners" was organised on 5 April 2014. This year's session was once again very well received by the parent participants. Mrs Sarojini, a senior director at SINDA, delivered the keynote address and shared many practical tips, including by drawing on her personal experiences, on nurturing confident and resilient children. The school's teachers also conducted hands-on sessions across the various subject areas. It was a morning filled with enriching learning for all.

#### **Update on PERI upgrading**

We have been informed that the tender for our upgrading project has been put up and are expecting construction to begin in October 2014. The major part of the noisy work would occur during the year-end school holidays. We can expect some inconveniences over the next two years and seek the kind understanding of the public, especially residents of the neighbouring blocks, during the construction period.

#### **Are you a gift to your children?**

We often hear the phrase that children are gifts to us. As a point for reflection, I wonder if we should also ask ourselves if we, as parents, are equally precious gifts to our children. Often, a gift that we value and treasure may not be something we had wished for or wanted but it will almost always be something that we needed. It will be something that will give us satisfaction for the long term and not just momentarily. The value of a gift to us is not fully measured in dollars and cents. At times, we may not appreciate a gift's true value until much later. If we are to be enduring gifts to our children, do we know what they really need? How are we being gifts to our children through our daily actions and the words we use? Do we cover up our failures to be enduring gifts by giving them materialistic ones instead? What do we need to do and say today so that when our children look back, they will fully realise that we have been the greatest gifts in their lives? I urge parents to ponder on their relationships with their children and to make necessary changes, if there is a need to, whilst they still can.

#### **Managing haze situation**

The haze situation may affect us in the coming weeks and months. In schools, we will be monitoring the situation very closely and ensuring the well-being of our students and staff. For example, the school will cease outdoor activities as guided by daily health advisories. In addition, we will have rooms equipped with air purifiers for those who have heart or respiratory problems and/or who are not feeling well. There are also processes in place to ensure that we can get necessary medical help from nearby clinics. We will be maximising the use of enclosed indoor spaces such as high-ceilinged rooms (e.g. Hall) and air-conditioned rooms to reduce the impact the haze might have. In the meanwhile, we encourage all children and their family members to seek medical attention promptly when they feel unwell. For important updates, for example, in the event of any announced school closure by MOE, please refer to the school website.

#### **Administrative matters**

Please retain the coloured section of this letter for future reference as it contains useful and important information. Read through the section carefully especially on school closure, curtailment of school hours and dates for meeting teachers. We also seek your understanding and cooperation on the matters raised.

Should you have any queries or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 67691025 or email us at [twps@moe.edu.sg](mailto:twps@moe.edu.sg). I would like to reiterate that the school is always in the best position to address school-based concerns.

Yours sincerely

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## INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

### Health and Safety

Please ensure that children who are **unwell stay home** and seek appropriate medical attention. Students are reminded to **take good care of their thermometers** and to bring them to school when required.

With the haze expected to return, students who require medication should bring it along with them.

### School Closure and Curtailment of School Hours in Term 3

Parents will be informed via a letter and the school website if there are changes.

School Closure	Dates	Levels affected	Remarks
Youth Day	Mon, 7 Jul	All	
Hari Raya Puasa	Mon, 28 Jul	All	
National Day	Sat, 9 Aug	All	Public Holiday
National Day School Holiday	Mon, 11 Aug	All	
PSLE Oral	Thur 14 Aug – Fri 15 Aug	P1 - P5	School is closed for P1 to P5 students
Teachers' Day	Fri, 5 Sep	All	
Sep Holidays	6 Sep – 14 Sep	All	
Curtailment of School Hours	Dates	Levels affected	Remarks
National Day Celebrations	Fri, 8 Aug	All	7.30 – 10.30am

### 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
Parent-Teacher Conference P1-6 for selected students	Wed, 3 Sep	2.15-5.30pm	You may make an appointment with your child's teacher or your child's teacher may contact you. <b>Students attending with parents are expected to be in school attire.</b>

### School Activities for Term 3

Please note that students will be issued with consent forms by the teachers-in-charge for all after- school activities.

Activities/ School Programmes	Dates	Time	Teacher i/c	Remarks
P3, P4, P6 Remedial/Supplementary	Mondays – 30/6, 14/7, 21/7, 4/8, 18/8, 1/9	2.15 - 3.15pm	Respective subject HODs	
P5 HMT & MT Remedial/Supplementary	Mondays – 30/6, 14/7, 21/7, 4/8, 18/8, 1/9	2.15 - 3.15pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P6 Maths Plus	Mondays – 30/6, 14/7, 21/7, 4/8, 18/8, 1/9	3.15 – 5.15pm	Ms Chia Siew Hua	
	Thursdays – 3/7, 17/7, 24/7, 7/8			
P6 Self-Study Lessons	Mondays – 30/6, 14/7, 21/7, 4/8, 18/8, 1/9	3.15 – 5.15pm	Ms Chia Siew Hua	
	Wednesdays – 6/8, 13/8	2.15 – 4.15pm		
	Thursdays – 3/7, 17/7, 24/7, 7/8	3.15 – 5.15pm		
	Fridays – 4/7, 18/7, 25/7, 1/8	1.30 – 3.30pm		
P2-P6 Remedial/ Supplementary	Tuesdays – 1/7, 8/7, 15/7, 22/7, 29/7, 5/8, 12/8, 19/8, 2/9	2.15 - 3.15pm (Session 1) 3.15 - 4.15pm (Session 2)	Respective subject HODs	
P3-P6 Remedial/ Supplementary	Thursdays – 3/7,17/7, 24/7, 7/8	2.15 - 3.15pm	Respective subject HODs	
P6 HMT & MT Remedial/ Supplementary	Thursdays – 3/7, 10/7, 17/7, 24/7, 7/8, 28/8	2.15 - 3.15pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	28/8 – P6 HMT only
P3 Dyslexia Remediation (Selected students)	Mon – Thurs 30/6 – 3/7,8/7 – 10/7, 14/7 – 17/7, 21/7 – 24/7, 4/8 – 7/8, 18/8 – 21/8, 25/8 – 28/8	2.15 - 3.15pm	P3 – Mrs Elaine Lee, Ms Eileen Tan, Ms Zuraidah	
P4 Dyslexia Remediation (Selected students)	Mon – Thurs 30/6, 1/7, 2/7, 3/7, 8/7, 9/7, 10/7, 14/7, 15/7, 16/7, 17/7, 21/7, 22/7, 23/7, 24/7, 29/7, 7/8, 12/8, 13/8, 18/8, 19/8, 20/8, 21/8, 25/8, 26/8, 27/8, 28/8, 1/9, 2/9	2.15 - 3.15pm	P4 – Mdm Azlina, Ms Lim Mingli, Mdm Nurwati	
P3 Reading Remediation Programme (RRP) (Selected Students)	Tues and Thurs 1/7,3/7, 8/7 , 10/7, 15/7, 17/7, 22/7, 24/7, 29/7, 31/7, 5/8, 7/8, 12/8, 13/8	2.15 – 3.00 pm	Ms Farhanah, Ms Abigail	

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P1 NE/SS LJ to National Museum of Singapore	8/7, 9/7, 10/7, 15/7	Curriculum	Ms Lee Lu Mei	Selected classes
P2 NE/SS LJ to National Museum of Singapore	15/7, 16/7, 17/7	Curriculum	Ms Lee Lu Mei	Selected classes
P2 Abacus	3/7	2.15 – 3.45pm	Dr Casey Ang	
P2 & P3 Kids Excel Programme	Wednesdays – 2/7, 9/7, 16/7, 23/7, 30/7, 6/8, 13/8, 20/8, 27/8, 3/9, 10/9	2.00 – 5.15pm	Mdm Joyce Liew	
	Fridays – 4/7, 11/7, 18/7, 25/7, 1/8, 22/8, 29/8, 12/9	1.30 – 4.45pm		
P3 Storytelling Workshop (EL)	1/7, 3/7, 10/7	2.15 – 3.15pm	Mdm Siti Noor	
P3 & P4 Math Trail	28/8	Curriculum	Dr Casey Ang	
P3-P6 Math Olympiad	2/7, 16/7	2.15 – 4.00pm	Dr Casey Ang	
P3 Zoo Trail	22/7	2.00 – 5.00pm	Ms Eileen Tan	
P3 NE/SS Math LJ to Little India	24/7, 2/9	After school	Ms Lee Lu Mei, Mdm Jameela, Dr Casey Ang, Mdm Charmian	
P3 Heuristics Problem-solving for students	14/7, 15/7, 21/7, 22/7	Math Supp	Dr Casey Ang	
P4 Heuristics Problem-solving for students	14/7, 21/7	Math Supp	Dr Casey Ang	
P4 E-Journalism (EL)	30/6, 14/7, 21/7, 18/8	2.15 – 3.15pm	Mdm Siti Noor	P4-2, P4-3 (L7 - 10)
	3/7, 10/7, 17/7, 24/7, 7/8			P4-1, P4-4 (L5 - 8)
P4 E-Journalism (EL) (Dyslexia Remediation Programme Pupils)	3/7, 10/7, 17/7, 24/7, 7/8	3.15 – 4.15pm	Mdm Siti Noor	Lesson 5 - 8
P4 Science HA Enrichment	11/7, 18/7, 1/8	2.00 – 4.00pm	Mdm Janice Leong	
P4 Science Centre Lecture	22/7	2.15 – 4.00pm	Mr Ho Wei Liang	
P4 Road Safety Park Traffic Games	25/7	2.15 – 5.00pm	Ms Chia Siew Hua	
P4 Camp	4/8, 5/8, 6/8	Overnight stay	Mr Morris Koh	
P5 E-Journalism	3/7, 10/7, 24/7, 7/8	1.30 – 3.15pm	Mdm Siti Noor	
P5 Science Centre Lecture	17/7	2.15 – 4.00pm	Mdm Janice Leong	
P1-P5 MT Fortnight	1/9, 2/9, 3/9	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P5 NE Show	19/7	3.15 – 10pm	Ms Lee Lu Mei	
Science Day	31/7, 1/8	Curriculum	Mr Ho Wei Liang	
Racial Harmony Day	21/7	7.30 – 8.00am	Mr Koh Chak Hiang	
W5 Cluster Primary Math Champion Group Workshop	23/7	2.00 – 5.00pm	Dr Casey Ang	
Annual School Health Screening	31/7, 1/8, 4/8, 5/8, 6/8, 7/8, 12/8	Curriculum	Mr Sua Keng Wee	
CCK National Day Observance Ceremony 2014	3/8	6.15 -10.45am	Ms Lee Lu Mei	Selected students
National Day Celebrations	8/8	7.30 – 1030am	Ms Lee Lu Mei	

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International Student-Parent-Teacher Interaction Session	8/8	11.00am – 1.30pm	Ms Qiu Yanyun	
Tennis Road Show	20/8	Curriculum	Mr Morris Koh	
Sarawak Trip – Tour Briefing	27/8	4.30 – 5.30pm	Mdm Christine Poon, Mdm Juraida	
Teachers' Day Celebration; ACES Day	4/9	Curriculum	Mdm Farhanah	
<b>CCA (P3 – P5)</b>				
Mondays: Selected CCAs	14/7, 21/7, 18/8, 1/9	3.15 – 5.15pm	Mr Morris Koh	
Thursdays: CCAs	3/7, 17/7, 24/7, 7/8	3.15 – 5.15pm	Mr Morris Koh	
<b>Tests and Examinations</b>				
P6 Prelim Oral (Day 1)	30/7	2.15 – 4.30pm	Mdm Intan & Mdm Juraida	
P6 Prelim Oral (Day 2)	31/7	2.15 – 4.30pm	Mdm Intan & Mdm Juraida	
P6 Prelim LC – EL/FEL, MT/FMT	4/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
PSLE Oral	14/8, 15/8	Morning	Ms Chia SH	<b>No school for P1-P5</b>
P6 Prelim – EL / FEL Paper 1&2	21/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P6 Prelim – MA / FMA Paper 1&2	22/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P6 Prelim – MT / FMT Paper 1&2	25/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P6 Prelim – SC / FSC	26/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P6 Prelim – Higher MT Paper 1&2	27/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
CA2 P3 SC	21/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
CA2 P4 MT				
CA2 P5 MA/FMA				
CA2 P4 SC	22/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
CA2 P5 MT				
CA2 P3 MA	25/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
CA2 P4 EL				
CA2 P5 SC				
CA2 P3 MT	26/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
CA2 P4 MA				
CA2 P5 EL				
CA2 P3 EL	27/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
CA2 P5 HMT Paper 1&2				
P1 MT Show & Tell	23/7, 24/7, 25/7	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P1 Math Mini Test	1/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P1 MT Reading Aloud	5/8, 6/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P1 EL LC	13/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P1 Mini Tests		Curriculum		
- English	19/8		Mdm Intan	
- Mother Tongue	20/8		Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
- Mathematics	27/8		Dr Casey Ang	

<b>Activities/ School Programmes</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Teacher i/c</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
P2 MT Show & Tell	22/7, 23/7, 24/7	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P2 EL LC	13/8	Curriculum	Mdm Intan	
P2 Mini Tests - Mother Tongue - Mathematics - English	19/8	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
	26/8		Dr Casey Ang	
	27/8		Mdm Intan	
P3 GEP Screening Exam - English, Mathematics	22/8	Curriculum	Mr Morris Koh	
<b>School Holidays</b>				
Sarawak Trip	7/9 – 11/9	Overnight stay	Mdm Christine Poon	
P6 Supplementary	8/9, 9/9	8am -12.30pm	Dr Casey Ang	
P3 & P4 CCM Programme	8/9, 9/9	8am -12.30pm	Ms Yip LK	