
LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

16 September 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students

We are approaching the end of another year. Term 4 is often a busy term marked with several important school activities and events. Of these, the year-end examinations may weigh on the minds of parents and students. While it is important to prepare well for these examinations, it is equally important to keep the purpose and context of such examinations in perspective.

Year-end examinations provide another milestone check on the students' academic progress. The results would indicate the possible follow up actions that the students could take in preparation for the next level of study. However, such examinations have their limitations. They do not explicitly test the values that the students have imbibed or the range of other skills and competencies that they would have gathered in their CCA 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. Even as we stress the importance of doing well in the exams, it is more important to emphasise to our children the related values of hard work, responsibility, resilience, integrity and personal excellence. We hope parents will work with us to use this teachable moment to stress such values.

School achievements

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

- Competition Commission of Singapore Animation Contest - 4 teams winning Merit awards in the Pre-Tertiary Category
- National Photography Festival – Champions
- National Junior Sepak Takraw Competition – Quarter-finalists

We also extend our congratulations to the following staff for their National Day Awards.

Mdm Azlina bte Hassan – Long Service Medal

Mrs Ong Lay Khim – Commendation Medal

We congratulate these staff and students for their good work and thank them for their effort and dedication to doing their best. We extend our appreciation to all who have played a part in their success.

The school was also externally validated in July 2014 by MOE HQ for all key processes and results. From the assessors' feedback on 3 September, we are glad to share that they have found our school to have many strengths which will enable it to ride the next wave of progress. We will continue to work hard in the journey of providing the best possible education we can for all our students.

ASPIRE Recommendations

Recently you would have heard the Applied Study in Polytechnics and ITE Review (ASPIRE) recommendations. These recommendations were made in the context of the strong polytechnic and ITE system we have as well as an evolving job environment. Underlying these recommendations is the belief that "Every Singaporean should have the opportunity to progress in life regardless of his or her starting point". It is also important to understand that one of the key

ways to meet the aspirations of our young is to align the skills they have with what the job market needs. Students will, therefore, need to be better informed of education and career choices. After they have entered the workforce, they should be given further opportunities to grow their skills and competencies so that they can excel in their chosen fields, and have clear pathways for their career progression.

For primary schools, what are some implications and the messages that should be reinforced as a result of the ASPIRE recommendations? The following points provide a quick summary:

- Students must value and respect every one and all jobs. Anyone who puts in an honest day's work is a contributor in our society.
- Students through Education and Career Guidance should be made more aware of the choices available to them and how they can access these choices
- Students should think about their futures not along single track routes for progression (e.g. simplistically equating success to obtaining a University degree) or in materialistic terms (e.g. choosing the best paying professions) but to give due consideration to their interest, passion, and commitment.
- Schools should emphasise not just content knowledge but develop other important skills and competencies in areas such as communication, leadership, and technology.
- Schools should continue to emphasise to students the need to put in their best effort to improve themselves.

We request parents to join us in reinforcing the above with their children.

Administrative matters

Please retain the coloured section of this letter for future reference as it contains important information. Read through the section carefully especially on school closure, curtailment of school hours and dates for meeting teachers.

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. As I have often stressed, the school is always in the best position to address school-based concerns, and honest and open conversations can resolve many issues.

Yours sincerely

Suraj Nair

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Health and Safety

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

School Closure and Curtailment of School Hours in Term 4

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

School Closure	Dates	Levels affected	Remarks
PSLE Listening Comprehension	Fri, 19 Sep	P1 – P5	School is closed for P1 to P5 students. P6 pupils to report for examination
Children's Day	Fri, 3 Oct	All	
Hari Raya Haji	Mon, 6 Oct	All	
PSLE Marking	Tue, 14 Oct – Fri 17 Oct	All	School is closed for all levels.
Deepavali	Wed, 22 Oct	All	
Admin Day	Fri, 7 Nov	All	School is closed for all levels.
Home-Based Learning & P1-P5 PTC	Wed, 12 Nov	All	School is closed for all levels. Parents of P1 – P5 students can arrange to meet your children's form teachers.
Honours Day	Fri, 14 Nov	P1 – P4	School is closed for P1 to P4 students. Performers, prize winners, student helpers and P5/P6 students will attend school from 7.30am-11am (see Curtailed Hours below).
Nov Holidays	18 Nov – 1 Jan 2015	All	

Curtailed School Hours	Dates	Levels affected	Remarks
Deepavali Eve	Tue, 21 Oct	Hindu pupils of all levels only	Hindu pupils may leave school at 10.30am. Lower primary Hindu pupils should have a parent/guardian fetching them.
Honours Day	Fri, 14 Nov	Performers, prize winners, student helpers and P5/P6 students	7.30am-11am

Important Dates for Parents

Parents, we hope the information below will facilitate your attendance.

Title of Event	Dates	Times	Remarks
P6 Dedication Tea	Wed, 5 Nov	5pm – 7pm	
P1 and P2 Level Awards and Arts Presentation	Tue, 11 Nov	11.30am-1.30pm	
Parent-Teacher Conference P1-5 for selected students	Wed, 12 Nov	8am - 4pm	You may make an appointment with your child's teacher or your child's teacher may contact you. Students attending with parents are expected to be in school attire.

School 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/ School Programmes	Dates	Time	Teacher i/c	Remarks
P3, P4, P6 Remedial/ Supplementary	Mondays – 15/9, 22/9, 29/9	2.15 - 3.15pm	Respective subject HODs	P6 – 15/9 & 22/9 only
P5 HMT & MT Remedial/ Supplementary	Mondays – 15/9, 22/9, 29/9	2.15 - 3.15pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P6 Maths Plus	Mondays – 15/9, 22/9	3.15 – 5.15pm	Ms Chia Siew Hua	
P6 Self-Study Lessons	Mondays – 15/9, 22/9	3.15 – 5.15pm	Ms Chia Siew Hua	
	Wednesday – 17/9	2.15 – 4.15pm		
P2-P6 Remedial/ Supplementary	Tuesdays – 16/9, 30/9	2.15 - 3.15pm (Session 1) 3.15 - 4.15pm (Session 2)	Respective subject HODs	P6 – 16/9 only
P3-P5 Remedial/ Supplementary	Thursdays – 25/9	2.15 - 3.15pm	Respective subject HODs	
P3 Dyslexia Remediation (Selected students)	Mon – Thurs 15/9 – 18/9, 22/9 – 25/9, 29/9 – 2/10, 7/10 – 9/10, 27/10 – 30/10	2.15 - 3.15pm	P3 – Mrs Elaine Lee, Ms Eileen Tan, Ms Zuraidah	
P4 Dyslexia Remediation (Selected students)	Mon – Thurs 15/9 – 18/9, 22/9, 25/9 29/9 – 1/10, 7/10 – 9/10, 20/10, 21/10, 23/10, 27/10 – 30/10	2.15 - 3.15pm	P4 – Mdm Azlina, Ms Lim Mingli, Mdm Nurwati	
P3 Reading Remediation Programme (RRP) (Selected Students)	Tues and Thurs 23/9, 25/9, 30/9	2.15 – 3.00 pm	Ms Farhanah, Ms Abigail	
P2 & P3 Kids Excel Programme	Mondays 15/9, 13/10, 20/10, 3/11, 10/11	2.00 – 5.15pm	Mdm Joyce Liew	
	Wednesdays 17/9, 24/9, 1/10, 8/10, 29/10, 5/11, Fridays – 26/9, 10/10, 24/10, 31/10	1.30 – 4.45pm		
P1 Choral Singing Enrichment	23/9 – 6/11	Curriculum	Mrs Nicola Ho/ Ms Abigail Teng	
P3 Music Enrichment	18/9 – 25/9	Curriculum	Mrs Nicola Ho/ Ms Abigail Teng	

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P3 International Student Integration Activity	4/11	1.00 – 5.00pm	Ms Qiu Yan Yun	
P4 Manga Art	15/9 – 7/10	Curriculum	Ms Abigail Teng	
P4 CPES Programme	26/9	1.00 – 3.30pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon & Miss Nam Rui Ping	For P4 pupils taking CL
TIMSS for selected P4 students	30/10	Curriculum	Dr Casey Ang	
P5 Music Enrichment	18/9 – 10/10	Curriculum	Mrs Nicola Ho, Ms Abigail Teng	
P5 2D Stop Motion Animation	15/9 – 3/11	Curriculum	Ms Abigail Teng	
P5 Malacca Tour Briefing P5 Surabaya Tour Briefing	30/10	5.00 – 6.00pm	Dr Casey Ang Mdm Janice Leong	
P5 Road Safety Park Game	4/11	1.30 – 5.00pm	Ms Chia Siew Hua	
P5 Malacca Trip	6/11 – 8/11	To be confirmed	Dr Casey Ang	
P6 Bowling Day 1	27/10	Curriculum	Mr Morris Koh & Mr Kenneth Teo	
P6 Bowling Day 2	28/10			
P6 Theatre Experience	4/11	Curriculum	Mdm Intan	
P6 Dedication Tea	5/11	5.00 – 7.00pm	Mdm Lynn Yeo	
Lower Pri Sports & Games Day	2/10	Curriculum	Mdm Joyce Liew	P1 & P2 only
Children's Day Celebration	2/10	Curriculum	Ms Charmian	All levels
P1/2 Level Awards cum Arts Presentation	11/11	P1 and P2: 11.30am-1.30pm	Mdm Janice Leong	Parents are invited to attend the Arts Presentation
Level Awards Presentation	11/11	P3, 5	Mdm Janice Leong	
Home-Based Learning & P1 – P5 PTC	12/11	8am - 4pm	Mdm Jameela	School Closure for all students
Level Awards Presentation	13/11	P4,6	Mdm Janice Leong	
Clean your Class & Promotion Day	13/11	12.30 – 1.30pm	Ms Christine Poon	
Honours Day	14/11	7.30 – 11.00am	Mdm Janice Leong	See School Closure and Curtailment of School Hours on pg 3/6
CCA (P3 – P5)				
Mondays: Selected CCAs	15/9	3.15 – 5.15pm	Mr Morris Koh	
Thursdays: CCAs	18/9	3.15 – 5.15pm		
Tests and Examinations				
PSLE LC	19/9	Curriculum		No school for P1-P5
PSLE EL/FEL	25/9	Curriculum		School functions as usual for P1-5.
PSLE Math/FMA	26/9	Curriculum		
PSLE MT/FMT	29/9	Curriculum		

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PSLE Science/FSC	30/9	Curriculum		P6 students will be dismissed after the paper
PSLE HMT	1/10	Curriculum		
SA2 P2 – P5 EL & MT LC	22/9	Curriculum	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
SA2 P3 Oral	23/9, 24/9	Curriculum		
SA2 P4 Oral	23/9, 24/9	2.00 – 4.30pm		
SA2 P2, P4 EL Paper 1	8/10	Curriculum		
SA2 P3, P5 MT Paper 1				
SA2 P2 Oral	9/10, 10/10	Curriculum		
SA2 P5 Oral	9/10, 10/10	2.00 – 4.30pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
SA2 P3, P5 EL Paper 1	13/10	Curriculum		
SA2 P4 MT Paper 1				
SA2 P5 HMT	20/10	Curriculum		
SA2 P3 MT	24/10	Curriculum		
SA2 P4 Math				
SA2 P5 EL				
SA2 P2 EL				
SA2 P3 SC	27/10	Curriculum		
SA2 P4 MT				
SA2 P5 MA/FMA				
SA2 P2 MA				
SA2 P3 EL	28/10	Curriculum		
SA2 P4 SC				
SA2 P5 MT				
SA2 P2 MT				
SA2 P3 MA	29/10	Curriculum		
SA2 P4 EL				
SA2 P5 SC				
P1 MT Oral			29/9, 30/9, 1/10	Curriculum
P1 MT LC	10/10			
P1 EL Oral	7/10, 8/10, 9/10	Curriculum	Mdm Intan	
P1 EL Individual Writing	20/10			
P1 Mini Tests		Curriculum		
- English	28/10		Mdm Intan	
- Mathematics	29/10		Dr Casey Ang	
- Mother Tongue	30/10		Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
School Holidays				
P5 Surabaya Trip	15/11 – 19/11		Mdm Janice Leong	

Please note that 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