
LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

29 June 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students

1. Thank you for your strong support in the first semester and we look forward to the same spirit of partnership and unity in the upcoming one.
2. We take this opportunity to express our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who had lost their lives in the earthquake at Mount Kinabalu on 5 June including the 7 students and 2 teachers from Tanjong Katong Primary School (TKPS). We stand in solidarity with the staff of TKPS in grieving the loss. While we feel the pain of the loss, we must move forward resolutely and confidently in carrying out our mission of nurturing the best in every child.

Strategic Thrusts 2015-2017

3. To recap from the previous letters, our school's strategic thrusts are:
 - i. Providing a **balanced curriculum** that emphasises **strong fundamentals** and **future learning**
 - ii. Creating a **learner-centred school** conducive for teaching and learning
 - iii. Growing a **quality and committed staff**
 - iv. Engaging **community and key stakeholders**
 - v. Strengthening the **TWPS Culture**
4. I have already addressed the first thrust in my previous letter. In this letter I will cover thrusts 2 and 3.
5. Strategic Thrust 2 Creating a learner-centred school is essentially about creating a **supportive environment** for our students to flourish in. This thrust will help us to achieve three key objectives. Firstly, a **transformation of learning spaces** to ensure that our students can effectively engage in learning both in and out of the classrooms, and an **increased emphasis on the safety and security** of students and staff, and those using our premises. Secondly, it requires the **development of student discipline and the relevant character attributes** for effective learning to take place. Finally, it will advance an **innovative, efficient and effective administration** to support learning and teaching.
6. Strategic Thrust 3 I believe we can all appreciate that a high quality and committed staff will enable the school to better realise its goals and maximise the students' potential. The school will, therefore, work on **raising the teaching and leadership competencies** of our staff so that they can better adapt to the complex demands placed on them. We will also **strive to be a great place to work in** so that the staff can be better supported to do their best.

PERI Upgrading

7. You should have received a letter dated 28 May 2015 on our PERI upgrading. The construction work began during the June holidays. The works will include the construction of a building which will house the Indoor Sports Hall (ISH), covered basketball court, dance studio, CCA rooms and Student Care Centre. There will also be refurbishment of other facilities in the school. The project will be **completed in June 2017**. We seek your **understanding and support to bear with the inconveniences and make adjustments to routines**. We will continue to have our **student and staff well-being at the topmost on our minds**, and **minimise disruption to our students' learning**.

Merging of Honours Day 2015 and 2016 with Level Awards Ceremonies

8. In view of the PERI upgrading and to manage the handover of facilities, the school will be merging its traditional Honours Day ceremony this year with the decentralised Level Awards Ceremonies. This year, the Level Awards Ceremonies will be on 17 Nov and 18 Nov 2015. The **last day for this academic year will, therefore, be on 19 November 2015**.

School Achievements

9. The students have done well in the following areas:

Achievements	
YouthChange Voice Up! Challenge 2015 - Champions Xavier Wong Yong Jun Tan Feng Hui Carissa Charmine Ling Wen Xuan Nur Dinie Binte Mohamad Fahmie Low Zhi Yi	56th National Pri School Track & Field Championships (2015) Lee Hong Xian 'A' Boys 600m (3 rd) Lee Hong Xian 'A' Boys 1500m (3 rd) Keeshia 'A' Girls 600m (2 nd) See Huei Teng 'A' Girls 600m (4 th) Mirza Syahrastani 'C' Boys High Jump (4 th) 'A' Girls 4x100m Relay (3 rd) 'A' Girls 4x300m Relay (3 rd)
Green Schools @ South West 2014 - Sustained Achievement Award	West Zone Inter School Sepak Takraw Competition Junior Team – 2 nd Senior Team – 5 th
National Story Challenge 2015 - Semi-finalist	Jurongville Secondary School 3 V 3 Basketball Competition - 2nd Runner up

10. We acknowledge our students' efforts and thank all staff, student supporters, parents and everyone else who played a part in their success.

Parent Engagement Sessions

11. We thank all parents who took the effort to be present on either 23 or 25 May for the engagement sessions. We got encouraging feedback from many parents on the school's efforts to nurture our students. We also discussed areas such as later school start time, setting up a student care centre and technology use in the school. To allow us to gather more views on these topics, all parents can expect to receive a survey form later in the year.

Health and Safety

12. Unwell children during exam/test periods When children are unwell during tests and examinations, please get them to see a doctor to **obtain medical leave**. Whilst we understand the anxiety parents face during this period, we must **exercise social responsibility** and think about other members of the school community and their well-being. Unwell students should not turn up to sit for internal school exams.

13. Haze The haze situation may return and **students who require medication should bring it along** with them. In school, we will monitor the situation closely. 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 get the necessary medical help from nearby clinics. We encourage all children and their family members to take the necessary precautions. **For important updates**, for example, in the event of any announced school closure by MOE, **please refer to the school website or Facebook page**.

School Facebook Page

14. The school has a Facebook page (Teck Whye Primary School). Parents are welcome to like the page. This Facebook page is **not** for enquiries, feedback or suggestions. It is purely **to celebrate and encourage our Teck Whyeans**, and **keep stakeholders informed** about what is happening in the school. Please **read the Notes section of the page to understand the terms of use**. As almost all our students are aged below 13 years, this platform is not intended for them.

15. We also request parents' help to alert us should any inappropriate posts be found or if anything is amiss. Your vigilance and support will allow us to retain this platform as an added way of keeping you updated on what is happening in the school.

16. If you do have enquiries, feedback, suggestions or matters to discuss with the school, please contact us at 67691025 or email us at twps@moe.edu.sg.

Administrative Matters

17. Please retain the coloured section of this letter as it contains important information. Read through the section carefully especially on school closure, and curtailment of school hours.

18. I wish all of you a very meaningful semester ahead.

Yours sincerely

Suraj Nair

INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

Birthday celebrations in school

While birthdays are special occasions, this is a gentle reminder that parents/guardian should avoid giving out gifts or food, or hold birthday celebrations for their children in school. Parents may wish to consider other meaningful ways for your child to appreciate his/her birthday.

General Office Operating Hours

Day	Opening Hours
Monday – Thursday	7.30am – 6.00pm
Friday	7.30am – 5.00pm
Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays	Closed
School Holidays:	
Monday – Thursday	7.30am – 5.30pm
Friday	7.30am – 5.00pm

Payment of School Fees

We encourage all parents to pay school fees via GIRO. In the event that you are paying cash, please note that **cash payments can be made in our General Office at the times listed below**. We seek your cooperation to adhere to these timings.

Day	Time for fees payment
Monday	7.30am – 1.00pm; 1.45pm – 2.15pm
Wednesday	7.30am – 1.00pm; 1.45pm – 2.15pm
Thursday	7.30am – 1.00pm; 1.45pm – 2.15pm

Opening of Bookshop Hours

Our bookshop will be open to parents from:

Mon – Fri: 10.30am to 12noon and 1.45pm to 3.30pm

As our students will be having recess from 9am-10.30am, parents intending to go to the bookshop are requested to wait near the security post during this period.

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 to bring them to school when required. **Temperature-taking exercise will be on 2 July 2015. Please bring along your thermometer.**

School Closure and Curtailment of School Hours

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
Hari Raya Puasa	17 Jul	All	
Youth Day	27 Jul	All	
National Day	7 Aug, 10 Aug	All	
PSLE Oral	20 Aug – 21 Aug	P1 – P5	
Teachers' Day	4 Sep	All	
September Holidays	5 Sep – 13 Sep	All	
<i>Last day of Term 4</i>	<i>20 Nov</i>	<i>All</i>	

Curtailed School Hours	Dates	Levels affected	Remarks
National Day Celebrations cum Pioneer Educators Tribute Event	Thu, 6 Aug	All	7.30am – 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
Arts Showcase (P4) - Ukulele	Fri, 28/8	11.30am – 1.00pm	
PTC for Parents of P6 students	Wed, 2/9	12pm – 5pm	School functions as per normal. Parents of P6 students can arrange to meet your children's form teachers.
Family Matters@School Programmes: Session 1: Helping My Child Make Good Decisions	Tues, 28/7	10.30am – 1.30pm	Registration forms will be made available through your child.
Session 2: Managing Peer Influence, Pressure & Relationship	Tues, 18/8	10.30am – 1.30pm	
Session 3: Winning the Race of Life together (Family Bonding)	Tues, 8/9	9.00am – 2.00pm	

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	Dates	Time	Teacher I/C	Remarks
Mother Tongue Fortnight	29/6 - 3/7	Curriculum Time	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
Temperature Taking Exercise	2/7	Curriculum Time	Mr Sua	
Inter-house Skipping Competition	14/8	Curriculum Time	Mdm Joyce Liew	
Teachers' Day Celebrations cum ACES Day Workout	3/9	Curriculum Time	Mdm Joyce Liew	Normal school hours
P1 Extensive Reading Programme (ERP)	Thursdays – 9/7, 16/7, 23/7, 13/8	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Mdm Chong	
P1 Choral Singing Enrichment Lessons	Term 3	Curriculum Time	Mdm Abigail Teng	6 sessions
P1 LJ to National Museum Singapore	8/7 – P1-1 9/7 – P1-3 14/7 – P1-2 15/7 – P1-5	Curriculum Time	Ms Lee Lu Mei	
P1 Sports Education Programme – Taekwondo	Term 3	Curriculum Time	Mdm Joyce Liew	
P1 Theatre Experience	13/8	Curriculum Time	Mdm Lynn Yeo	All P1 classes
P1 International Student Activity	14/8	1.00pm – 5.00pm	Ms Qiu Yanyun	Selected pupils

Activities	Dates	Time	Teacher I/C	Remarks
P2 Sports Education Programme – Archery	Term 3	Curriculum Time	Mdm Joyce Liew	
P2 International Student Activity	24/7	1.00pm – 5.00pm	Ms Qiu Yanyun	Selected pupils
P2 Theatre Experience	12/8	Curriculum Time	Mdm Lynn Yeo	All P2 classes
P2 NE/SS LJ to Kampong Glam	1/9 – P2-1, P2-6 2/9 – P2-2, P2-3, P2-4, P2-5	Curriculum Time	Ms Lee Lu Mei	
P2 Buddy Reading	Tuesdays – 7/7, 14/7, 21/7, 18/8	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Ms Estherelda Chin	Please refer to the consent form issued by the teacher
Kids Excel Programme	P2 & P3 Wednesdays - 1/7, 8/7, 22/7, 29/7, 5/8, 12/8, 19/8, 26/8, 2/9	2.00pm – 5.15pm	Mdm Joyce Liew Ms Nur Khalidah (SPE)	Please note that any change in dates will be notified directly by KidsExcel service provider
	P1,P2,P3 Fridays - 3/7, 10/7, 24/7, 31/7, 14/8, 28/8	1.30pm – 4.45pm		
P3 Aboriginal Art Enrichment Lessons	Term 3	Curriculum Time	Mdm Abigail Teng	8 sessions
P3 Sports Education Programme – Archery	30/6- P3-3, P3-5 7/7- P3-2, P3-6 14/7- P3-1, P3-4	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Mdm Joyce Liew	
P3 NE/Math LJ to Little India	21/7	1.15pm – 5.15pm	Ms Lee Lu Mei, Dr Ang, Ms Charmian Chng	All P3 classes
P3 International Chess	28/7	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Ms Charmian Chng	Selected students
P3 Science Centre Visit	4/8	2.15pm – 5.00pm	Ms Gayeathri	
P3 Reading Remediation Programme (RRP) (Selected Students)	Mondays - 6/7, 13/7, 20/7, 3/8 , 17/8	2.10pm – 3.10pm	Mdm Chong	13/7, 20/7, 3/8 – 2.10pm- 4.10pm
	Tuesday – 7/7, 14/7, 28/7, 11/8, 18/8	2.10pm – 4.10pm		

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P3 Dyslexia Remediation (Selected students)	29/6, 30/6, 1/7, 2/7, 6/7, 8/7, 9/7, 13/7, 20/7, 22/7, 23/7, 28/7, 29/7, 30/7, 3/8, 11/8, 12/8, 13/8, 17/8, 18/8, 19/8, 24/8, 25/8	2.15pm – 3.15pm	Ms Sanly Poh, Mdm Vidhya	
P3 & P4 Intensive Math Practices	3/7, 10/7, 24/7, 31/7, 14/8	1.30pm – 2.45pm	Ms Charmian Chng	Selected pupils only
P4 Reading Remediation Programme (RRP) (Selected Students)	Weds & Thurs 1/7, 2/7, 8/7, 9/7, 15/7, 22/7, 23/7, 29/7, 30/7, 12/8, 13/8, 19/8, 26/8, 27/8, 2/9	2.15pm – 3.00pm	Ms Gayeathri	
P4 Dyslexia Remediation (Selected students)	Mon – Thurs 29/6 – 2/7, 6/7 – 9/7, 13/7 – 15/7, 20/7 – 23/7, 28/7 – 30/7, 11/8 – 13/8, 17/8 – 19/8, 24/8 – 27/8, 31/8 – 2/9	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Ms Sanly Poh, Mdm Vidhya	2pm – 4pm 14/7, 28/7, 11/8, 18/8, 1/9
P4 Scratch Programming Enrichment	Tues (P4-3) 7/7, 14/7, 21/7, 28/7, 18/8 Fri (P4-4) 3/7, 24/7, 31/7, 14/8, 28/8 (incl RRP, SDR & 4-2)	2.15pm – 4.15pm 1.30pm – 3.30pm	Ms Lye Sze Yee	28/8 – Include RRP, SDR & P4-2
P4 CPES Programme	15/7	1.30pm – 5.00pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon Ms Qiu Yanyun	For P4 CL Pupils
P4 & P6 NAPFA	3/8, 4/8	2.15pm – 5.00pm	Mr Morris Koh	
P5 National Education Show	11/7	2.00pm – 10.30pm	Ms Lee Lu Mei	All P5 classes
P5 Sports Education Programme – Golf	2/9	2.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Morris Koh	
P5 CL Young Reporters Workshop	Fridays: 31/7, 14/8 Wednesdays: 12/8, 19/8	1.30pm – 4.30pm 2.00pm – 5.00pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P5 LJ to Tea Chapter	24/7	2.00pm – 4.30pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	For P5 CL pupils

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P6 LJ to Tea Chapter	3/7	2.00pm – 4.30pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	For P5 CL pupils
P3, P4, P6 Remedial/Supplementary	Mondays – 29/6, 6/7, 13/7, 20/7, 17/8, 31/8	2.15pm – 3.15pm	Respective subject HODs	Please refer to consent forms issued by the respective teachers 2/7* - P4 to P6 only. No P3 Supp.
P5 HMT & MT Remedial/Supplementary	Mondays – 29/6, 6/7, 13/7, 20/7, 17/8, 31/8	2.15pm – 3.15pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P2-P6 Remedial/Supplementary	Tuesdays – 7/7, 14/7, 21/7, 11/8, 18/8	2.15pm – 3.15pm (Session 1) 3.15pm – 4.15pm (Session 2)	Respective subject HODs	
P3-P6 Remedial/Supplementary	Thursdays – *2/7, 9/7, 23/7, 13/8	2.15pm – 3.15pm	Respective subject HODs	
P6 HMT & MT Remedial/Supplementary	Thursdays – 2/7, 9/7, 23/7, 13/8	2.15pm – 3.15pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
CCA (P3 – P5)				
Mondays: Selected CCAs	29/6, 6/7, 13/7, 20/7, 17/8, 31/8	3.15pm – 5.15pm	Mr Morris Koh	
Thursdays: CCAs	2/7, 9/7, 23/7, 13/8	3.15pm – 5.15pm	Mr Morris Koh	
Tests and Examinations				
P1 Holistic Assessment - English - Mathematics - Mother Tongue	12/8, 18/8	Curriculum Time	Mdm Intan	
	31/7, 27/8		Ms Charmian Chng	
	4/8, 5/8, 19/8, 21/7 – 23/7		Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P2 Holistic Assessment - English - Mathematics - Mother Tongue	13/8, 25/8	Curriculum Time	Mdm Intan	
	5/8, 26/8		Ms Charmian Chng	
	18/8, 21/7 – 23/7		Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
P6 Prelim Oral (EL/FEL & MT/FMT)	29/7 - 30/7	2.00pm – 4.30pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon & Mdm Intan	
P6 Prelim LC (EL/FEL, MT/FMT)	19/8	Curriculum Time	Mdm Tan Wan Foon & Mdm Intan	
PSLE Oral (EL/FEL & MT/FMT)	20/8 – 21/8	Morning	Ms Chia Siew Hua	No sch for P1 to P5
CA2/Prelim - P3 SC - P4 MT - P5 MA/FMA - P6 Prelim EL/FEL	24/8	Curriculum Time	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	

Activities	Dates	Time	Teacher I/C	Remarks
CA2/Prelim - P3 EL - P4 SC - P5 MT - P6 Prelim MA/FMA	25/8	Curriculum Time	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
CA2/Prelim - P3 MA - P4 EL - P5 SC - P6 Prelim MT/FMT	26/8	Curriculum Time	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
CA2/Prelim - P3 MT - P4 MA - P5 EL - P6 Prelim SC/FSC	27/8	Curriculum Time	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
CA2/Prelim - P3 GEP Screening Test (EL, MA) - P5 HMT - P6 Prelim HMT	28/8	Curriculum Time	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	
School Holidays				
Term 3 Holidays	5/9 – 13/9			
Kids Excel	9/9, 11/9	8.15 – 11.30am	Mdm Joyce Liew Ms Nur Khalidah (SPE)	Please note that any change in dates will be notified directly by KidsExcel service provider
P6 Supplementary Lessons	8/9 – 9/9	8.00am – 12.00pm	Mdm Intan	
P4 Mother Tongue Language and Cultural Camp	8/9	9.00am – 4.00pm	Mdm Tan Wan Foon	