



# CONCORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NOTIFICATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS - FEB 2018

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### A. THE WEEKS AHEAD

Date	Event Description
02.02.2018	Donation Drive
09.02.2018	Gift Market
15.02.2018	Total Defence Day and Chinese New Year Celebrations
23.02.2018	Learning Journey To Farmart Centre (P1)

### B. GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

By now, your children would have fully settled in and adapted to their new classes, teachers, schedule. We endeavour to foster the "Joy of Learning" in Concordians, and develop their 'Entrepreneurial Dare', so that they have the confidence to learn new things and take on new challenges in their life . We will continue to build on the wonderful home-school partnership with you so that we will play an important role in our students' lives together.

My colleagues and I wish all Chinese parents/guardians a joyful Chinese New Year filled with love, peace and good health. And to all non-Chinese parents/guardians, we wish you a refreshing time of family bonding with your children.

### C. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

(Mr David Wang, VP(A))

#### C1 Contract for Group Personal Accident (GPA) Insurance for Students.

It commences on 01.01.2018, for all students, including those attending the Student Care Centre. The product fact sheet and the claim form have been uploaded onto the school website, <http://concordpri.moe.edu.sg/our-partners/our-services-provider>, and you may refer to it for more details.

#### C2 POSB Smart Buddy Programme

Some parents have approached the school to ask about this programme, which was launched in the school since 2017. It is the first in the world wearable tech for kids to make payment digitally and at the same time, allow parents to monitor the children's spending and savings. It's designed to encourage children to embrace technology from young, as an extension to the National School Savings Campaign - enabling students to make payments/purchases digitally. This includes purchasing of meals, stationery and also Saving Stamps which translates into savings in their account. Parents who would like to sign up for their children may do so directly via this website which POSB has created for the school: [www.posb.com.sg/ccps](http://www.posb.com.sg/ccps).

#### **D. SCHOOL SAFETY**

*(Mr David Wang, VP(A))*

Our students' safety is important, and we constantly remind them to practise the kerb drill when they are crossing the road. Kerb drill is, 'to look right, look left, look right again, and if the road is clear, raise hand, walk straight across quickly'. Similarly, we urge parents to convey the same message to them when they are at home. As they are still minors, it is important for them to practise the kerb drill.

We urge parents to make use of Gates 4 and 12 for their children to alight in the morning instead of driving into the school, so as to reduce the risk for students who walk to school. Furthermore, it is a shorter walk from Gates 4 and 12 to the hall where we conduct the flag raising ceremony every morning.

Parents who fetch their children at dismissal should park their cars at the HDB car parks and wait for them at the designated gates. Please do not park your cars near the junction, fire hydrant, road bend, the CPS main gate or the service roads at Gates 4 and 12, as it is an offence to park illegally along public roads. Please note that the Traffic Police patrols these areas regularly. You are also strongly advised against leaving your vehicles' engines on while waiting for your children as it is harmful for the environment.

#### **E. EVACUATION DRILL**

*(Mr David Wang, VP(A))*

To commemorate Total Defence Day and also to be Emergency Ready for any potential safety and security threat, CPS will be conducting an evacuation drill on 14.02.2018. The drill will inculcate in Concordians a sense of urgency when faced with any emergency situation. They will get to know the safe location to proceed to, in an emergency. Our staff will be around to lead the students to the assembly area and look out for the safety of our students during the drill.

#### **F. TOTAL DEFENCE DAY & CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

*(Mdm Yap Huie Yuan, HOD Ma/HOD CCE (Cvrg) & Mrs Leow-Ling Mee Nam, HOD MTL)*

We will be commemorating Total Defence Day and celebrating Chinese New Year on Thu, 15.02.2018. All students will report for school at 7.20 am and be dismissed from school at 10.00 am. Parents/caregivers are strongly advised to be punctual in fetching their children/wards at 10.00 am. School buses will also be informed of the early dismissal. School will resume for all students on Tue, 20.02.2018.

The theme for Total Defence Day 2018 is "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". Singapore has remained safe and peaceful over the past 52 years because of the efforts of all Singaporeans. As we celebrate Chinese New Year, we would like to take this opportunity to remind our students to put Total Defence into action in their daily lives by reaching out to one another, forging new relationships and strengthening the existing ones to keep Singapore strong and resilient because our greatest strength lies in the unity and resilience of our people. To bask in the festive mood of the Chinese New Year, all students will be allowed to come adorned in their festive attire and white school shoes (skirts/dresses should at least be knee length). However, jewellery and accessories are not allowed. We encourage every Concordian to bring a small bag to keep a story book, water bottle, pencil case, and a piece of rag for the classroom spring cleaning.

#### **G. VALUES IN ACTION - GIVE AND TAKE PROGRAMME**

*(Miss Kanmani, SH CCE)*

This year, as part of the Gratitude Project, the CCE Department and Environment Club will continue our collaboration with Keat Hong CCC's 'Give and Take Corner' which was launched by Mr Zaqy Mohamad (Member of Parliament for Chua Chu Kang GRC) in 2015.

Objectives of this programme:

1. To enable Concordians to demonstrate Values in Action through donation to the needy
2. To raise the awareness of environmental conservation as Concordians learn to reduce the waste around them by exchanging and reusing the items which are still in good condition and giving them a new lease of life

Please refer to the table below for more information on the Give and Take Programme, made up of the Donation Drive and the Gift Market.

Programme	Collection Date	Target Level	Remarks
Donation Drive	02.02.2018	Primary 5 and 6	Please encourage your child to donate items which are still in good condition. Some examples include stationery, storybooks and soft toys.
	05.04.2018	Primary 3 and 4	
	19.07.2018	Primary 1 and 2	
Gift Market	09.02.2018	Primary 5 and 6	Students who are keen will choose the re-used items, depending on their individual preference. Thus, it is <b>not</b> compulsory for the students to take these items.
	12.04.2018	Primary 3 and 4	
	26.07.2018	Primary 1 and 2	

We look forward to your support and cooperation in encouraging your child/ward to role model the school core values and the iGIVE culture.

#### H. LEARNING JOURNEY TO FARMART CENTRE (P1)

(Mr Chan Chok Seng, YH LP)

The school will be organising a learning journey for all Primary One students to Farmart Centre Singapore on Fri, 23.02.2018, during curriculum time. The programme aims to provide students with some 'out of the classroom' learning experiences about the farming industry in Singapore. The learning journey includes show and tell by the guides, farm tour, animal feeding and learning reflection. Please pack for your child a small bag with a story book, pencil case, snacks, wet wipes/tissue paper.

#### I. CODING PROGRAMME (P2)

(Mr Ow Kah Leong, SH ICT)

In line with the Smart Nation initiative as well as our efforts to nurture Concordians with a passion for learning, a P2 Coding programme has been organised. The programme aims to

- develop students' computational thinking concepts, practices and perspectives to solve problems through coding
- ignite students' interest in coding

We strongly encourage your child to sign up for the programme. Please provide your response via SNAC by **Fri, 02.02.2018**. For non-SNAC users, please complete and submit the hard copy to your children's **Form Teachers**, by the same date.

Programme Cost		School Subsidy			Co-payment By Student	
\$80		\$40			\$40	
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session 7
Fri, 23.03.2018	Fri, 06.04.2018	Fri, 13.04.2018	Fri, 20.04.2018	Fri, 11.05.2018	Wed, 16.05.2018	Fri, 18.05.2018
Time: 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm						

#### J. MEDIA LITERACY PROGRAMME (P4)

(Mdm Ee Peck San, HOD ICT)

Media is used daily for various purposes. It enhances learning, improves communication and has the ability to influence users in their daily decision making process. Therefore, it is important for our students to be media literate as they are engaged in learning in a digital society. The P4 Media Literacy Programme aims to

- equip P4 students with essential new media literacy skills in preparation for a future where online and media play an important role both in their social and work environments;
- nurture students who can critically assess and evaluate print and non-print media in a variety of forms, such as interpreting sources in newspapers, social media, websites, creating a blog or webpage, posting original artwork, photography, stories and videos online, or using online content to create media on their own.

We strongly encourage your P4 child to sign up for the programme. Please provide your response via SNAC by **Wed, 07.02.2018**. For non-SNAC users, please complete and submit the hard copy to your children's **Form Teachers**, by the same date.

Programme Cost		School Subsidy		Co-payment By Student	
\$90		\$45		\$45	
Session 1 – Tue, 06.03.2018		Session 2 – Wed, 07.03.2018		Session 3 – Thu, 08.03.2018	
Time: 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm					

## K. THE SKYWALKER CHALLENGE (P4)

(Mrs Sharon Yeo, HOD PE/CCA/Aes)

Outdoor Education Programme is one of the key focus in every Concordian's learning. It provides rich learning experiences beyond the four walls of the classroom. It is a platform that builds confidence, tenacity and ruggedness in our students.

We are organizing an outdoor enrichment programme for P4 students using "The Skywalker", the outdoor adventure centre in CPS. The students will get to experience the high rope elements as well as the auto descent zipline. These experiences will cultivate in them the values of courage, respect, trust and resilience. We hope to challenge our students to overcome their fear of heights and provide them with opportunities to motivate one another.

Details of the scheduled sessions assigned to the classes –

Class	Day & Date	Time Frame	Venue	Attire / Equipment
4A	Mon, 05.02.2018	2.00 pm to 5.00 pm	School Canteen (Attendance taking & Safety Briefing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long pants or track pants (compulsory)</li><li>• PE T-shirt</li><li>• School shoes or sports shoes</li><li>• Small towel</li><li>• Water-bottle</li></ul>
4D	Tue, 06.02.2018			
4B	Thu, 08.02.2018			
4F	Mon, 12.02.2018			
4E	Tue, 13.02.2018			
4C	Wed, 14.02.2018			

This programme is fully-subsidised by CPS. Students will be required to attend a safety briefing prior to the actual activity on site. The Outdoor Adventure Facilities Licensed Instructors will be on duty to assist in the smooth running of the programme, ensuring safety is observed at all times. CPS teachers will also be deployed to monitor the students throughout the session.

Please provide your response via SNAC by **Fri, 02.02.2018**. For non-SNAC users, please complete and submit the hard copy to your children's Form Teachers, by **the same date**. We hope that your child/ward will gain a positive and enriching experience from this Outdoor Education Programme.

## L. KAMPUNG EXPERIENCE @ KAMPUNG BUANGKOK (P5)

(Mrs Leow-Ling Mee Nam, HOD MTL)

To provide opportunities for students to learn and encourage the love for Malay Language (ML), we have planned for a half-day kampung experience at Kampung Buangkok for our P5 ML students. Your child/ward will be introduced and exposed to the background and rich history of kampung life at Kampung Buangkok.

Date	Time	Venue
Wed, 07.03.2018	12.45 pm to 5.00 pm	Kampung Buangkok
Total Programme Fee: \$50; Amount <b>Subsidised</b> by School: \$40; <b>Amount payable per student: \$10</b>		

Through the experience, we aim to

- expose students to Malay culture, traditional art, food and architecture through outdoor learning experience in alignment with MOE's initiative 'Arif Budiman';
- provide students with a platform to express their creativity outside classroom setting through 'batik painting';
- enrich students' language acquisition in an authentic environment (kampung life).

We strongly encourage you to allow your child to take part in the programme. Please provide your response via SNAC by **Wed, 07.02.2018**. For non-SNAC users, please complete and submit the hard copy to your children's ML Teachers, by **the same date**.

## M. CHINESE CREATIVE THINKING & WRITING PROGRAMME (P6)

(Mrs Leow-Ling Mee Nam, HOD MTL)

To enhance the writing skills of Concordians, the Mother Tongue Languages(MTL) Department is organising the above programme from March to May. Enrolment in the programme is **not** compulsory. However, we encourage P6 Concordians taking CL to participate so as to benefit from the extra exposure to various themes to further enhance their creative thinking and written expressions.

We have engaged Best Education Pte Ltd to conduct the programme. If you allow your child to take part in the programme, please provide your response via SNAC by **Wed, 07.02.2018**. For non-SNAC users, please complete and submit the hard copy to your children's CL Teachers, by **the same date**.

To ensure that your child benefits from the programme, and to reinforce the school values of responsibility and resilience, we seek your assistance to ensure that your child is present for all sessions. The details of the programme are as follows:

Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5	Lesson 6	Lesson 7	Lesson 8	Lesson 9	Lesson 10	Lesson 11	Lesson 12
05.03.2018	19.03.2018	26.03.2018	02.04.2018	9.04.2018	14.05.2018	21.05.2018	25.06.2018	09.07.2018	16.07.2018	23.07.2018	20.08.2018
2.45 pm - 4.15 pm											
<b>Total Duration: 18 hours / Fee: \$72.00</b> (Concordians to assemble at the canteen 5 minutes before lesson commences)											

**N. MOE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS - THE GROWING YEARS (GY) PROGRAMME (P5 & P6)**  
(Miss Kanmani, SH CCE)

Sexuality Education (SEd) in schools is about enabling students to understand the physiological, social and emotional changes they experience as they mature, develop healthy and rewarding relationships including those with members of the opposite sex, and make wise, informed and responsible decisions on sexuality matters. SEd is premised on the importance of the family as the basic unit of society. This means encouraging healthy, heterosexual marriages and stable nuclear family units with extended family support. The teaching and learning of SEd is based on respect for the values and beliefs of the different ethnic and religious communities in Singapore on sexuality issues.

In CPS, our teachers who have been trained, will facilitate the SEd lessons for P5 and P6 students.

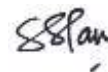
Please visit the school's Sexuality Education webpage (<http://concordpri.moe.edu.sg/others/sexuality-education-programme-18>) for more information on the Sexuality Education Programme for 2018.

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