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#### **TERM 3 NOTE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS – June 2022**

30 June, 2022

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

Dear Parents/Guardian

Welcome back!

I hope you had a good time bonding with your child during the June Holidays. With the ease of the safe management measures, I am glad to share with you that the weekly assembly for all levels in Term 2 week 5 has been resumed. Assembly programmes and learning journeys are an integral part of school experiences and it plays an important role in supporting the holistic development of the students. Learning journeys for some levels will be conducted from this term onwards.

The quote for this week is from Michael Jordan "If you quit once it becomes a habit. Don't quit." Resilience is an important character trait that allows an individual to thrive despite challenges. Some suggestions to foster resilience in our children include providing a listening ear, reflect on setbacks together, affirm strengths and efforts and empower them to make decision. As part of home school partnership, it is important that we work together to strengthen our children's social emotional skills and instil in them a positive belief in themselves.

I look forward to yet another new and exciting term working with you and your child.

## (A) <u>Safe Management Measures (SMM)</u>

(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])

While the number of community cases has remained low throughout the mid-year school holidays, it is important that everyone remain vigilant and continue to comply with the prevailing SMMs.

We seek parents' cooperation to:

- 1. ensure your child wear a high filtration face mask to school and has spares
- 2. keep your child at home if he/she is not feeling well
- 3. check that they have a working thermometer in their school bag
- 4. remind them to uphold high standards of personal hygiene by washing their hands frequently

Should they be unwell, they should follow MOH's health protocols as per their website <a href="https://www.covid.gov.sg/">https://www.covid.gov.sg/</a>

While it is no longer a requirement for students to bring their TraceTogether (TT) token to school every day, the TT Token should still be kept properly at home in the event MOH mandates the use of TT tokens again.

#### (B) Daily Attendance

(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])

Parents should inform your child's Form Teacher <u>in advance</u> if he/she is not coming to school. This helps the school's effort to account for every student every morning and improves our follow-up response when necessary.



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## (C) School's Response to Dengue

(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])

We would like to assure you that the school is pro-actively managing the mosquito situation and has taken the following measures to date:

- 1. Twice weekly campus-wide scans for potential breeding spots
- 2. Twice weekly oiling of drains to prevent breeding
- 3. Monthly fogging exercises
- 4. Planting of more lemongrass plants around the school
- 5. Installation of industrial grade anti-mosquitoes devices
- 6. Lighting and ventilation improvement works at all P1 and P2 classrooms

Going forward, we will be working with our pest control contractor to implement more preventive measures.

NEA had noted a surge of dengue cases nationwide this year, so we are not alone in this fight. You may wish to let your child continue wearing mosquito patches during this period as suggested by the Form Teachers during the Parents Symposium. Our students' safety and well-being are our top priorities. We seek your understanding and patience in this matter. Thank you.

### (D) <u>Preparedness for Wet Weather</u>

(Mr Andrew Lee, Vice Principal [Administration])

The Meteorological Service Singapore (MSS) has warned of wet weather over the new few months. (<a href="https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/more-rainy-days-ahead-in-singapore-as-two-weather-phenomena-set-to-bring-grey-skies">https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/more-rainy-days-ahead-in-singapore-as-two-weather-phenomena-set-to-bring-grey-skies</a>)

It was observed that many students were caught unprepared and risk being drenched when coming to school or going home. Parents are strongly encouraged to ensure your child have a rain coat or umbrella in their bag, especially during this rainy season.

## (E) Racial Harmony Day Commemoration 2022

(Mr Tan Kim Keong, HOD CCE)

The school will be commemorating Racial Harmony Day on 18th July 2022. On that day, students are strongly encouraged to come to school dressed in their full ethnic costumes. However, students would need to wear their school shoes. If they have PE lessons on that day, they would need to bring along their PE Attire.

The theme for this year's Racial Harmony Day, "Our Multicultural Mosaic", reflects how each community, while having the space to express its own identity as part of Singapore society, also intertwines with others to depict the unique cultural diversity that characterises Singapore life.

On that day, the school will start the commemoration with an assembly programme that focused on the intertwinement of our unique cultural diversity that have connected us as Singaporeans. A fashion parade by both teachers and students will also be held during the assembly to showcase the different ethnic costumes and during the recesses on 18th to 19th July, students would have the opportunities to participate in interesting games and activities at the booths set up near the school canteen.



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With that in mind, the school has come up with videos, classroom activities and lesson packages to help our students to appreciate the importance of protecting that common space so that we can continue to come united as one, regardless of race, language or religion, in our battle against COVID-19.

# (F) <u>National Day Celebration 2022</u>

(Mr Tan Kim Keong, HOD CCE)

The school will be celebrating National Day on 8th August 2022. There will be no formal lessons on that day and students will be dismissed at 10 am. The theme for this year's National Day is "Stronger Together, Majulah!". The theme is a call for all Singaporeans to forge ahead as a united and strong people towards a better future. "Stronger Together" reminds Singaporeans that unity in our diversity is what makes us stronger. Communities, families and friends coming together form the bedrock of our nation's strength and resilience, and enable us to overcome challenges. "Majulah", which means "onward", encapsulates our hopes and spirit as a nation since our independence 57 years ago, and is a rallying call for Singaporeans to strive for a better future, and grow from strength to strength as we emerge from COVID-19.

The celebration consists of an observance ceremony, an assembly programme in the hall and several NE-related activities in the classrooms. Students may wear their usual school uniform or put on a red t-shirt with their school shorts/skirt. Do take note that there will be no recess on that day as students will be dismissed by 10 am. However, students may bring snack to school as there will be a 10 minutes snack-break in the classroom from 9 am to 9.10 am.

#### (G) P5 National Education (NE) Show 2022

(Mr Tan Kim Keong, HOD CCE)

The annual National Education (NE) Show, a full dress rehearsal of the National Day Parade, has been a common NE Experience for all P5 students since 1997. This year's NE Show for Concord Primary School will be held at The Float@ Marina Bay on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 (Saturday).

P5 students would need to report to the school at 2 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. Dinner will be provided before the start of the NE Show. To ensure the speedy dispersal of students, parents will not be allowed to drive into The Float@ Marina Bay area to pick up their child. Parents can expect their child to arrive at school around 9.50pm. The school will make arrangements for parents to be informed of the estimated arrival time once the bus departs from the venue. Parents who will be driving are advised to park their cars at the nearby public carparks to prevent obstructing the road outside the school.

#### (H) P4 Social Studies Learning Journey 2022

(Mr Tan Kim Keong, HOD CCE)

The Primary 4 students will be going to the Former Ford Factory for their Cohort Social Studies Learning Journey on 2<sup>nd</sup> August (Tuesday). The objectives of the learning journey are for the P4 students to find out what is life like during the Japanese Occupation and for them to reflect and appreciate the peaceful life they are enjoying now. More details will be shared via Parents Gateway closer to date.

#### (I) P1 Learning Journey 2022

[Mrs Noelle Chong, Year Head (Lower Pri)]

On-site learning journey has been planned for our P1 in Term 3 and P2 in Term 4. This is to provide the opportunities for our pupils to learn beyond school with their peers. The pupils will navigate through learning activities in teams, and collaborate and support one another to acquire new knowledge. As an extension of the LJ, the learning experience is integrated into the curriculum of different subjects.





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More information will be sent out via Parent Gateway to P1 parents in Week 2 and we would be asking for parent volunteers to accompany and assist the class for the trip.

Level	Venue	Date	Class	Time
P1	Singapore Zoo	25 July, Mon	All P1 Classes	8.00am – 1.00pm

## (J) P6 Motivational Day

[Mdm Nur Jihan, Asst Year Head (Upp Pr)]

The P6 Motivational Day will be held on Monday, 25 July 2022. This programme aims to develop a positive and resilient mindset in our graduating students by providing them with the relevant skills so that they can face life challenges confidently.

On this day, the school have invited our alumni to speak to the P6 students. These ex-students will be sharing their life experiences, as well as tips and insights on how they cope and manage with the stress leading up to the PSLE examinations.

#### (K) Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Exercise

(Mrs. Lau Bee Ha, Year Head/Middle Pri)

The school will be conducting the annual GEP Screening Exercise for Primary 3 pupils who have registered to participate. Please refer to the information below:

Date: 17 August 2022, Wednesday

Time: 8.00 am – 12.00 pm Venue: Own Classroom

Papers: English Language & Mathematics

The school will send out registration forms to all P3 pupils in July 2022. Please note that this exercise is **optional** for P3 pupils.

The message below is a reminder to the parents:

The GEP Identification Exercise aims to identify suitable pupils with high intellectual potential. Test-preparation activities could inflate pupils' scores and not reflect their actual potential. Pupils who are not ready to handle the intellectual rigour and demands of the programme will struggle with the enriched curriculum and not benefit fully from it. This would put undue stress on the pupils, and may even cause them to lose confidence and impact their self-esteem.

## (L) <u>Home-Based Learning (HBL) during PSLE Oral 2022</u>

(Mdm Rozianah Ibrahim, HOD ICT)

All Primary 1 to 5 students will <u>not</u> be reporting to school on the days of the PSLE Oral 2022 – 15 and 16 August 2022. They will be having their Home-Based Learning (HBL) on those 2 days. Apart from students from Big Heart, <u>no</u> other student will be allowed to come to school to complete their HBL tasks.

Do ensure that your child knows of his / her login details to the Student Learning Space (SLS) <u>prior</u> to the actual days of the HBL so as to minimize the need for password reset or unlocking of account. More details on the tasks assigned will be shared nearing the date.



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You may email Mdm Rozianah Ibrahim at <u>rozianah\_ibrahim@moe.edu.sg</u> if you need any clarification or for a loan of school device to support your child during the HBL period. There will be terms and conditions involved. Thank you.

# (M) <u>Modular CCA (MCCA) Programme Term 3</u> (Primary 3 to P5 students only) (Mr Zhang Kaixin, SH PE)

The Primary P3 to P5 classes will be having Modular CCA according to the schedule below while the P6s will be stepping down from their CCA commitments to prepare for their PSLE. This term, the Outdoor & Sports team will be collaborating with the Science Department to develop our students' interest in environmental education, particularly in the area of outdoor planting and sustainable food resources. Students will have the opportunity to work together as a class to grow, take care and harvest the plants they will grow from a seed.

We want to encourage parents to continue engaging your children to discuss and complete their SLS activity near the end of each module. Through this, we envision that students will be able to apply their newly learnt skills and knowledge in the module, beyond the school environment, to make a positive impact in their family and community.

**P3** 

Мо	dule								
Week	Date	3A	3B	3C	3D	3E	3F	Remarks	
1	29-Jun								
2	6-Jul		١/٨						
3	13-Jul		VA			OE & S	VA: Visual Art - Play		
4	20-Jul						with Light Clay		
5	27-Jul		00.0						
6	3-Aug	OE & S				VA	OE & S: Outdoor &		
7	10-Aug		Na	tional Day S	School Holida	у	Sports - Little		
8	17-Aug			-				Farmers Programme	
9	24-Aug		OE & S			VA			
10	31-Aug								

**P4** 

Мс	odule		9	Soar For Life	e/ Lifeskills			
Week	Date	4A	4B	4C	4D	4E	4F	Remarks
1	29-Jun							
2	6-Jul					LSK		
3	13-Jul		Soar For Life	)				
4	20-Jul							
5	27-Jul					Coor For Life		
6	3-Aug		LSK Soar For Life					
7	10-Aug	National Day School Holiday						
8	17-Aug	·						
9	24-Aug		LSK		Soar For Life			
10	31-Aug							



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**P5** 

Mo	dule	Soar For Life/ PA (M)								
Week	Date	5A	5B	5C	5D	5E	5F	Rem	arks	
1	29-Jun									
2	6-Jul	PA (M)								
3	13-Jul	(	Soar For Life	)	PA (M)					
4	20-Jul						DA (14) D. (			
5	27-Jul				PA (M): Performir					
6	3-Aug		PA (M)		3	oar For Life	Music - Chinese  Drumming			
7	10-Aug		Na	tional Day S	School Holida	у				
8	17-Aug									
9	24-Aug		PA (M)		Soar For Life					
10	31-Aug									

P6

Мс	dule							
Week	Date	6A	6B	6C	6F	Remarks		
1	29-Jun							
2	6-Jul							
3	13-Jul							
4	20-Jul							
5	27-Jul			D6 MCCA	Suspension			
6	3-Aug			PO IVICCA (	Suspension			
7	10-Aug							
8	17-Aug							
9	24-Aug							
10	31-Aug							

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I am not afraid of storms for I am learning to sail my ship ~Louisa May Alcott