



## From the Year Head's Desk

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Term 3 Week 2

5 July 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Semester 2! We hope you have had an enjoyable June holiday, spending much needed quality time with your children. We also hope that your children are now more relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school term.

In 2020 and 2021, many planned programmes and activities were cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation. A few months ago, the government made an announcement to ease the community Safe Management Measures. This was the good news that we had all been waiting for! With this announcement, the upper primary students can now look forward to many exciting level programmes that are making a comeback!

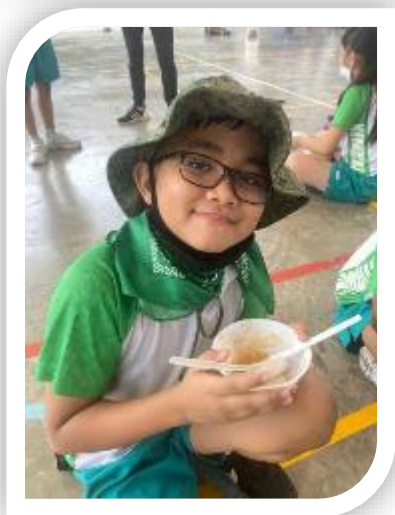
During the June holidays, the P5 students attended their P5 camp in school. The camp was held over 3 days. Even though it was not a residential camp, the students still enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Some of the activities that the students took part in were outdoor cooking, hiking at the nearby neighbourhood park and team bonding games.

In groups of three, students were given bee hoon noodles, some vegetables and seasoning to cook lunch for themselves. The instructors went through fire safety rules with them before they were allowed to begin cooking. There were a few students who have never cooked before so this was an interesting learning experience for them. After that, the students showed the values of care and responsibility by cleaning up after cooking.

During the camp, the students went for a walk at Keat Hong Park with their teachers and instructors accompanying them. At the park, the students had a variety of tasks to complete. They practiced their orienteering skills by looking for directions with a compass. Math skills was also infused during a hike. They had to count the number of dots found on a pole. There were too many to count actually so estimated, they did! During the walk, the students were encouraged to look for a mango tree bearing fruits. They had to use their observation skills to complete this task.

Back in school, the students also participated in numerous team challenges. These challenges aim to inculcate important life values in our students. Students learn about teamwork, confidence, resilience and perseverance. Participating in these activities strengthens mental health by enforcing positive values. All in all, the students enjoyed themselves very much. They gave a two thumbs-up on the success of the camp.

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On Saturday, 2 July 2022, the P5 students attended the NE Show at the Marina Bay floating platform. Each student received an NDP goodie bag and they had an enjoyable time exploring the items that come with the goodie bag. The theme for this year's National Day is "Stronger Together, Majulah!" It is a call for all Singaporeans to forge ahead as a united and strong people towards a better future. The students sang the National Anthem with gusto and were wowed by the dazzling fireworks displays.



The Swimsafer programme is a national water safety program developed to raise the standard of swimming proficiency in Singapore. This programme has not been active for the past two years due to the Covid pandemic. When Covid restrictions were lifted and measures eased, the programme is being offered to our P5 students again. Every week in Term 3, classes are scheduled to attend the lessons at Bukit Batok swimming complex. Students learn to develop confidence and independence in the water, as well as general and deep-end water safety. Techniques taught include the forward and backward movement, safe entry and exit and personal water safety.



That is all the updates that we have for now. Till we meet again in the next newsletter. Have a good week ahead!

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