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School Vision: Joyful Learners, Responsible Citizens, Creative Leaders in a Connected Community

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

TERM 3 COMMUNIQUÉ

As we approach the June vacation and conclude another enriching term, we are grateful for your partnership in your child's/ward's holistic education and your support for our various student development experiences this semester. Mid-year presents an opportunity for schools to pause reflectively, rest appreciatively, and strengthen our collective resilience for the next exciting semester.

During mid-week mornings, we create an intentional pause for our students through **Well-being Wednesdays**, where we teach and engage students in simple well-being practices to build resilience. Term 1 focused on **Positive Self-talk**, teaching children to encourage themselves through simple affirmations about who they are (I am...), what they can do (I can...), and their support systems (I have...). In Term 2, we introduced **Deep Breathing** as a stress management technique with two key purposes: to help students manage their emotions using the Zones of Regulation framework, and to enable them to calm themselves before applying the Stop-Think-Act method for responsible decision-making in various situations. We encourage you to discuss these practices with your child/ward and reinforce them at home.

For the month-long school holidays ahead, we propose five **GREAT** actions you could do with your child/ward to enhance well-being and create meaningful time together:

- **Give:** Encourage your child/ward to serve others through their time and effort. The ability to contribute brings inner peace and joy.
- **Read and Relate:** Support your child/ward in discovering the joy of reading widely and immersing themselves in books. Remind them to strengthen their resilience by spending time with people who care about them.
- **Exercise:** Promote regular physical activity to strengthen both body and mind, as exercise consistently brings renewed energy.
- **Appreciate:** Guide your child/ward to notice and feel grateful for the beautiful wonders around them —
- from Art and Music to Nature and People.
- **Try:** Encourage your child/ward to embrace new, positive learning experiences. Learning can occur through books, community platforms, and interactions with you and other knowledgeable individuals.

These five actions form the word **GREAT**, and you can find opportunities to engage in these activities at public libraries, parks, local museums, community centres, and charitable organisations throughout the holidays.

I wish you all a truly **GREAT** school vacation that is restful, reflective and resilience-building!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chua Choon Hock (Chris)

Principal

I. **Administrative and Safety Matters**

a. **Travel Declaration for June Holidays**

To ensure that the school continues to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward if they will be travelling for the holidays. To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents Gateway (PG), go to **[SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]** within the app.

Please declare your child's/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, **by 29 May 2026** (the last day of the term). Only one parent is required to make the declaration. If your child/ward is not travelling, no action is required.

When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled. Thank you for your partnership and support to keep our school safe.

b. **Phase 1 Registration for 2026 P1 Exercise**

Phase 1 registration is for a Singapore Citizen (SC) or Permanent Resident (PR) child born between 2 January 2020 and 1 January 2021 (both dates inclusive) and has an older sibling currently studying in our primary school.

Parents who are registering their child under Phase 1 are to register during the **Phase 1 registration period** from **9 a.m. on 30 June 2026 to 4:30 p.m. on 2 July 2026**. Information on the 2026 P1 Exercise has been published on the MOE website.

c. **Cyber Wellness at Home**

As we head into the June holidays, please continue supporting your child/ward in developing healthy and balanced digital habits. While devices can be meaningful tools for learning, entertainment and connection, **setting healthy boundaries around screen time** remains important. Encouraging children to balance their time online with family interactions, physical activity, reading and rest can go a long way in supporting their overall well-being.

Here in school, our Peer Support Leaders have been doing a wonderful job in sharing morning reminders on safe and responsible digital habits, helping to reinforce positive online behaviours among their peers. To continue these important conversations during the holidays, differentiated Cyber Wellness tasks have been made available for students on the Student Learning Space (SLS). These tasks are designed to support students in reflecting on their online habits, making wise choices and staying safe and respectful in the digital space.

As parents/guardians, your guidance and conversations at home continue to play an important role in helping children navigate the digital world with confidence and care. We encourage you to journey alongside your child/ward by discussing healthy screen use and setting family expectations that support **balanced and responsible use of technology**. MOE has put together a helpful parent resource, [Raising a Digitally Smart Child](#), which shares practical tips and strategies to support children in becoming safe and discerning users of technology. Scan this QR to access it:



parked along the railings as the devices make it difficult for pedestrians to pass through and pose a risk of tripping, especially for younger children and elderly caregivers.

Please show a good example to our children by being responsible road users and obeying the traffic rules. Thank you for helping the school to be a considerate neighbour to the residents nearby.

f. Development Around the School and Wet Weather Dismissal Arrangements

A sheltered walkway along Alkaff Crescent to Gate H will be constructed by Jalan Besar Town Council. Construction activities will be carried out from 30 May 2026. The existing unsheltered pavement between Blk 112B Alkaff Oasis and Gate H will be **fully closed from 30 May 2026 to 28 June 2026**. Gate H will remain accessible throughout the construction period.

For an alternative pedestrian route to reach Gate H during the full closure of the unsheltered pavement, please refer to the diagram below:



In addition, to facilitate dismissal in the event of wet weather, please note the following:

- Provided that there is sufficient reaction time, the usual staggered dismissal time for wet weather will apply, beginning with Primary 1 students at 1:15 p.m. from Mondays to Thursdays and 12:45 p.m. on Fridays.
- For dismissal at Gate H, in particular:
 - Parents/guardians are encouraged to pack raincoats for the children, particularly those in Primary 1 and 2, and teach them how to put them on. Teachers will remind students to put their raincoats on while lining up outside the classrooms.
 - Dismissal for Primary 1 students will follow this order:

1.	1 Kindness
2.	1 Integrity
3.	1 Resilience
4.	1 Responsibility
5.	1 Creativity
6.	1 Respect
7.	1 Care
8.	1 Harmony

This will be followed by students in Primary 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

- Parents/guardians fetching students from the later P1 classes or other levels, please stand further away from the immediate Gate H exit to avoid overcrowding and ensure a clear path for students to exit the school smoothly and safely.
- A loudhailer will be used to announce the classes that are being dismissed. Please move forward to the Gate H exit only when your child's/ward's class is called.

g. Singapore Police Force Crime Prevention Advisories

The Singapore Police Force (SPF) has issued crime prevention advisories that serve as a timely reminder for our students to behave responsibly and to steer clear of any criminal activity during the extended school holidays. Please refer to the two advisories attached and reinforce the crime prevention messages with your child/ward.

II. School-Wide Events and Programmes

a. Read @ CPS and Racial Harmony Commemoration Week

Racial Harmony Day is commemorated on 21 July. The theme for this year is *Our People, Our Tapestry*. The theme reminds us that Singapore's strength and beauty come from the many different cultures, experiences and stories woven together to form one community.

We will commemorate Racial Harmony Day over two weeks to provide students with more opportunities to develop a deeper appreciation of the diverse cultures and communities that shape Singapore, while nurturing empathy, respect and a stronger sense of belonging.

This year, the Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) Department, together with the English Language (EL) and Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Departments, will collaborate to organise Read @ CPS and Racial Harmony Commemoration Week from **13 to 24 July**. Through stories, literature and shared experiences, students will explore themes such as identity, resilience, belonging and community through different voices and perspectives.

Students can look forward to meaningful classroom conversations, reading experiences and engaging recess activities that encourage them to reflect on their own experiences, appreciate the stories of others and engage in respectful conversations with their peers.

It is our hope that through these shared experiences, our students will come to better understand and appreciate one another, and continue strengthening the shared tapestry that makes Singapore home.

b. National Day Celebrations – SG61

National Day, which falls on 9 August, marks the date when Singapore achieved independence. Moving forward after celebrating our diamond jubilee, Singapore continues to strengthen its social compact and build a sustainable future for the next generation. The theme for this year's National Day is *Majulah Singapura, Go Beyond!* and it captures our Singapore Spirit of continually progressing, with a deeper purpose to do better for Singapore and Singaporeans and showing care and concern for one another and our wider community.

This year, we will be conducting the National Day observance ceremony and celebrations on **7 August (Friday)**. Through a variety of learning platforms including the much-anticipated National Day concert, students will go through the following learning experiences:

- **Recollections:** Learning about our past and the contributions of our key leaders and the pioneer generation.
- **Reflections:** Exploring the question of what it means to be a Singaporean and how we can show care and concern for one another.
- **Commitment:** Pledging to do something for Singapore.

c. Teachers' Day and Staff Appreciation Day Celebrations

This year, we will be celebrating Teachers' Day and Staff Appreciation Day on **3 September (Thursday)**. Students will be dismissed at **10:30 a.m.** on that day. More details will be provided to students closer to the date.

Teachers' Day and Staff Appreciation Day is a day for all Cedarians to show their appreciation for our teachers, allied educators, school administration team and support staff. We strongly encourage Cedarians to only present hand-made cards or gifts to our teachers and staff, instead of purchased gifts. We would like to thank all parents/guardians in supporting their child/ward to show their appreciation for our teachers and staff.

d. P3 to P6 Weighted Assessment Matters

Details regarding the topics assessed for the P3 to P5 Class Tests Three and the P6 Preliminary Examinations have been sent via PG. Please refer to the letter dated **25 May 2026**.

e. 2026 Annual Photo-taking

Our school will be having our annual class photo-taking from **3 to 5 August**. Each class will be scheduled for a photo-taking session on one of these dates. We seek your kind support to ensure that your child/ward is ready for their session by having a neat haircut and wearing the appropriate school attire. More information will be provided via PG nearer to the date.

Please take note of the following:

- Students are to wear the school attire according to their class timetable for the day. For example, if your child/ward has Physical Education (PE) scheduled on the assigned date of their photo-taking session, they should come dressed in their PE attire. All other students who do not have PE scheduled are to wear their standard school uniform.
- There will be no retaking of the class photograph should your child/ward be absent.

III. Level Events and Programmes

a. Primary 2 Field-based Learning Journey to National Orchid Garden

Field-based cohort learning journeys (LJ) allow students to contextualise their learning in a real-world setting and help them develop close observation, reflection and critical thinking skills.

Our Primary 2 students will be going to the National Orchid Garden in Term 3. The National Orchid Garden is housed in the Singapore Botanic Gardens, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This, along with the Vanda Miss Joaquim, our national flower, are two iconic symbols of Singapore that students learn about in Social Studies. Through this hands-on learning experience, students will learn to gather and process relevant information from different sources and show curiosity about the world they live in. The learning journey will take place during curriculum time and more details will be provided nearer to the date.

b. Primary 4 Learning Journey to Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery

Cohort learning journeys (LJ) form one of the key Student Development Experiences (SDE) for primary school students as part of the refreshed CCE curriculum. In these cohort learning journeys, students visit heritage sites and learn about their national identity as Singaporeans.

For this learning journey to Kreta Ayer Heritage Gallery, the students will learn to:

- Recognise the contributions made by the Chinese community in Singapore's development.
- Understand the importance of knowing Singapore's history, our multicultural heritage, the stories of the different people who came to Singapore to make up our society, and the stories of our families.

More details about the learning journey will be provided nearer to the date.

c. Primary 4 SwimSafer Programme

The SwimSafer Programme will be conducted for Primary 4 students throughout Term 3, during curriculum time. The SwimSafer Programme is a highlight in the PE curricular experience. Through SwimSafer, students will develop water confidence, understand the principles of water safety, and learn techniques to prevent drowning. In addition, it will build their physical and mental strength and cultivate determination and resilience.

The programme will commence in Term 3, Week 1. Please refer to the letter dated **13 May 2026** for more details.

d. Primary 5 National Education Show

Every year, all Primary 5 students are given the opportunity to attend the National Education (NE) Show, which is a preview of the actual National Day Parade (NDP). Through this experience, we hope to evoke a sense of patriotism amongst our students and encourage them to appreciate the significance of National Day. This year, our Primary 5 students will be attending the NE Show at the National Stadium on **11 July (Saturday)**. More details will be provided at a later date.

IV. Cedar Primary School Calendar of Events

2026 Term 3 Calendar of Events

Date/Day	Events	Remarks
6 Jul (Mon)	Youth Day	School Holiday
11 Jul (Sat)	P5 NE Show	
13 Jul – 24 Jul	Read @ CPS and Racial Harmony Commemoration Week	
14 Jul (Tues)	P6 Preliminary Examinations: EL & MTL Oral	P1 to P5 students do <u>not</u> report to school
3 – 4 Aug	P2 Field-based Learning Journey to National Orchid Garden	During curriculum time.
3 – 5 Aug	Class Photo-taking Session	Students should have a neat haircut and wear appropriate school attire.
7 Aug (Fri)	National Day Celebrations	Students will be dismissed at <u>10:30 a.m.</u>
9 Aug (Sun)	National Day	Public Holiday
10 Aug (Mon)	National Day Public Holiday	School will be closed, including the General Office, Student Care Centre and KCare Centre
12 Aug – 13 Aug	PSLE Oral Examination	P1 to P5 students do <u>not</u> report to school
14 Aug (Fri)	P6 Preliminary Examinations: EL & MTL Listening Comprehension	
14 Aug (Fri)	P4 Cohort-based Learning Journey (4KN and 4CT)	LJ will end after curriculum.
21 Aug (Fri)	P4 Cohort-based Learning Journey (4IT and 4RP)	LJ will take place after curriculum.
28 Aug (Fri)	P4 Cohort-based Learning Journey (4RS and 4RT)	LJ will take place after curriculum.
17 Aug – 24 Aug	P3 to P5 Class Tests Three / P6 Preliminary Examinations: Written	Refer to the letter (dated 25 May 2026) in PG for specific dates and subjects tested
3 Sep (Thur)	Teachers' Day and Staff Appreciation Day Celebrations	Students will be dismissed at <u>10:30 a.m.</u>
4 Sep (Fri)	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
5 Sep – 13 Sep	Term 3 Holidays	
Term 4 begins on 14 Sep 2026 (Monday)		

Policy on Photography and Videography at School Events

We would like to inform you that photograph(s) and video image(s) of you and/or your child/ward may be captured at our school activities and events. We may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other official school communication channels.