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

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Dear Parents/Guardians

### TERM 4 COMMUNIQUÉ

As term 3 comes to an end in the celebratory mood of our 58th National Day and our own Teachers' Day celebrations, the upcoming Presidential Election 2023 also reminds us that it is a time for us to think and reflect too. In schools, we reflect on our processes so that we can improve and do better. As parents, we should also reflect on how we have developed our children's character because a person's character strength can help him or her to be hopeful and resilient through changes and challenges. The following are 4 parenting strategies for promoting character in children that we can adopt:

- **Modelling:** Being the character we want to see in our children. We should strive to role model the values we want to inculcate in our children through our words and actions, especially in the way we treat others because children learn much from observing us.
- **Induction:** Justifying praise or reprimand by focusing on the consequences of our child's behaviour on someone else's feelings. Through this, we help our child to develop empathy and build social skills.
- **Nurturance:** Care for and about our child. We should strive to build relationships with our child to understand his/her needs and respond when we are needed. Be **P.S.L.E.** - Parents who Show Love and Encouragement because a caring home environment is the foundation for building good character.
- **Demandingness:** Setting and supporting high expectations for our child. We need to have high expectations for our child's behaviour and require that he/she live up to these expectations, which should be developmentally appropriate and realistic based on our child's abilities.

With Teachers' Day just around the corner, we have reminded your child/ward that a simple handmade card/craft will be enough to show their appreciation to teachers. Please help us to reinforce the message to your child/ward that the best way to thank their teachers is through their enthusiasm and effort in learning, the good character they display and the collaborative spirit they build with their classmates every single day!

We also celebrate EAS (Executive and Administrative Staff) Appreciation Day on the last day of term 3. Please encourage your child/ward to express their gratitude to our office staff, our school attendants, our librarian, our lab technician, our digital engineers, our security guards and our cleaners for doing their part behind the scenes, to keep the school safe, secured and conducive for learning.

Finally, I wish you and your family a joyful and restful September break!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chua Choon Hock (Chris)

Principal

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School Values: Kindness, Integrity, Resilience, Responsibility, Creativity

## **I. Administrative Matters**

### **a. Cyber Wellness Tips**

With the growing role of technology in communication, learning and recreation, here are tips on how you can support your child in practising appropriate device usage:

#### **i. Regular Conversations**

Talk to your child about what they feel is an appropriate amount of time to spend on their digital devices per day, given their commitments (e.g., studies, CCA, art class).

#### **ii. Establish Routines Together**

Share your concerns with your child and reach a common understanding on:

- the time they should turn off their devices
- when device usage should be paused, such as during mealtimes and family activities
- when and how often they should take breaks from the screen, or get up to move about
- what they can do online, such as seeking out online entertainment and learning, accessing news and staying connected with peers
- what they should avoid, such as chatting with strangers, sharing personal details (home address, phone number) or sharing of pictures/videos of themselves

Remember, the goal is not to completely restrict your child's online activities, but to help them develop healthy and responsible digital habits that will serve them well as they grow and navigate the digital world.

### **b. General Road Safety Tips for Parents and Students**

Parents/guardians are encouraged to act as positive role models to ensure that your child/ward remains safe and develops road and traffic awareness.

When crossing the road, parents/guardians should remind your child/ward to:

- always cross the road at pedestrian crossings or traffic lights;
- be alert in looking out for potential safety hazards; and
- refrain from dashing out onto the road suddenly.

With your cooperation and support, everyone will have a safe and pleasant experience when sending your child/ward to school.

### **c. Traffic Condition along Alkaff Crescent in the Morning**

We continue to notice an increasing number of parents parking along the bend at Alkaff Crescent to drop off their children during arrival times in the morning. We would like to reiterate that stopping at that stretch of road is against LTA regulations and it is dangerous for everyone, especially for your child because it is a blind spot and oncoming cars are travelling at high speed.

There had been feedback from nearby residents of this situation, and they have made LTA aware of this situation. It is likely that LTA will begin enforcement of traffic regulations along Alkaff Crescent soon.

If you are driving your child/ward to school, please use the main gate and drop him/her off at the school foyer for his/her personal safety.

#### **d. Travel Declaration for September Holidays**

To ensure schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward only if he/she is 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/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by 31 August 2023 (the last day of the term). Only one parent is required to make the declaration. If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required.

When planning your travel, please refer to [ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart](https://ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart) for more information and updates. If there is a change of 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.

## **II. School-Wide Events and Programmes**

### **a. Children's Day Celebration 2023**

This year, we will be celebrating Children's Day on 5 October 2023 (Thursday) and students will be dismissed at 10.30 am on that day. 6 October 2022 (Friday) will be a school holiday.

More details on the celebrations will be shared with the students via morning announcements nearer to the date.

## **III. Level Events and Programmes**

### **a. P2 CCA Try-outs**

CCAs are integral to the holistic development and experience of the students. The P2 CCA Try-outs is a prelude to the CCA Registration Exercise. The Try-outs will provide our Primary 2 students with a sneak preview of the various CCAs offered in our school through hands-on activities. It will be conducted after school in weeks 4 and 5. More details will be provided at the start of Term 4.

### **b. P4 Museum-based Learning**

As part of a refreshed art education syllabus aimed at making learning more authentic and for exposure to local and international artwork and artists, P4 students will have the opportunity to visit the National Gallery Singapore. Together with the gallery's Education Facilitators, our Art Teachers will help students develop an appreciation for the relationship between art and history and acquire critical thinking skills through stories, role playing and group discussions. More details about the learning journey will be provided to the students nearer to the date.

### **c. P5 Cohort Learning Journey to Indian Heritage Centre**

Cohort learning journeys form one of the key Student Development Experiences (SDE) for primary school students as part of the refreshed Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) curriculum. This cohort learning journey to the Indian Heritage Centre supports students' learning in Social Studies and CCE lessons by deepening their understanding of the heritage and culture of Singapore beyond the classroom context.

The learning experiences will be guided and facilitated by specially-trained museum educators using various artefacts from the heritage centre. More details about the learning journey will be provided to the students nearer to the date.

**d. Primary 5 Camp X<sup>3</sup>**

The P5 Outdoor Education Module in Physical Education (PE) curriculum seeks to build character and social-emotional competencies as well as develop leadership skills in our Primary 5 students. All P5 students will embark on the 3-day residential camp experience from 2 November 2023 (Thursday) to 4 November 2023 (Saturday) at MOE Jalan Bahtera Adventure Learning Centre.

During the camp, students will *Explore, Experience and Exemplify*:

- Explore:* Students will explore possibilities and overcome challenges, and in the process develop themselves cognitively, emotionally and physically.
- Experience:* Students will experience a variety of outdoor learning activities and collaborative tasks and through them, forge stronger friendships with one another.
- Exemplify:* By going through the various challenges and experiences, students will imbibe and exemplify the school values of Kindness, Integrity, Resilience, Responsibility and Creativity.

A separate letter with the camp details will be provided in Term 4.

**e. P6 Values-in-Action (VIA) Project**

As part of the CCE curriculum, our P6 students will be embarking on a VIA project as part of their post-PSLE activities. The students will be visiting places in the community to carry out their project. This experience will help students exercise ownership of the community and initiate ways to contribute back. More information will be given to the students nearer to the date.

**f. P3 to P5 End-of-Year Assessments**

Please refer to the calendar of events for the dates of the different modes of assessment.

**IV. Cedar Primary School Calendar of Events**

**a. Term 4 Calendar of Events**

Date/Day	Events	Remarks
11 Sep, Mon	Teachers' Day in Lieu	School holiday
15 Sep, Fri	PSLE Listening Comprehension	HBL for P1 to P5 students
18 Sep, Mon 19 Sep, Tue	End-of-Year Examination: P5 EL/MT Oral Exam	After curriculum hours
20 Sep, Wed 21 Sep, Thu 22 Sep, Fri	End-of-Year Examination: P3 EL/MT Oral Exam	During curriculum hours

<b>Date/Day</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
25 Sep, Mon 26 Sep, Tue	End-of-Year Examination: P4 EL/MT Oral Exam	After curriculum hours
25 Sep, Mon to 27 Sep, Wed	P6 PSLE Study Break	Please refer to letter given out to Parents of P6 students on 25 Aug.
28 Sep, Thu	PSLE: EL and FEL Paper 1 and 2	
29 Sep, Fri	PSLE: MA and FMA Paper 1 and 2	
2 Oct, Mon	PSLE: MT Paper 1 and 2 and FMT Paper 1	
3 Oct, Tue	PSLE: SC and FSC	
4 Oct, Wed	PSLE: HMT Paper 1 and 2	
5 Oct, Thu	Children's Day Celebration	School ends at 10.30am
6 Oct, Fri	Children's Day	School Holiday
10 Oct, Tue	End-of-Year Examination: P3 to P5 EL and FEL Paper 1	
11 Oct, Wed	End-of-Year Examination: P3 to P5 MT and FMT Paper 1	
12 Oct, Thu	End-of-Year Examination: P5 HMT Paper 1	
13 Oct, Fri	End-of-Year Examination: P3 to P5 Listening Comprehension	
16 Oct, Mon to 18 Oct, Wed	PSLE Marking Exercise	HBL Days
17 Oct, Tue 18 Oct, Wed	P4 Museum-based Learning to National Gallery Singapore	During PSLE Marking Exercise
17 Oct, Tue 18 Oct, Wed	P5 Cohort Learning Journey to Indian Heritage Centre	During PSLE Marking Exercise
23 Oct, Mon	End-of-Year Examination: P3 to P5 EL and FEL Paper 2	
24 Oct, Tue	End-of-Year Examination: P3 to P5 MA and FMA	
25 Oct, Wed	End-of-Year Examination: P3 to P5 MT Paper 2	

Date/Day	Events	Remarks
26 Oct, Thu	End-of-Year Examination: P3 to P5 SC and FSC	
27 Oct, Fri	End-of-Year Examination: P3 to P5 HMT Paper 2	
2 Nov, Thu to 4 Nov, Sat	P5 Camp X <sup>3</sup>	
12 Nov, Sun	Deepavali	
13 Nov, Mon	Deepavali Observed	Public Holiday
17 Nov, Fri	Prize Giving: Celebrating Hopes and Dreams	Only Awardees, Stage Performers and selected Student Leaders are required to report to school
20 Nov to 31 Dec	School Vacation	
1 Jan, Mon	New Year's Day	Public Holiday
2 Jan, Tue	<b>Start of Term 1, 2024</b>	

**b. 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.*