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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to welcome our students back to school after the Term 1 school vacation. We hope you have had a restful break with your child/ward. As Term 2 begins, the school would like to update you on the upcoming programmes and activities. We also seek your continual partnership and support in the holistic development of your child/ward.

1. Achievement, Affirmation and Appreciation

We are pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students, CCA groups, staff members and adult volunteers for their valuable contributions and commendable achievements.

i) The Boy's Brigade Best Boy Award (Tan Boon Chiang Medal) 2026

This award recognises outstanding Boys' Brigade members who demonstrate exceptional leadership, serve as role models to their peers, and maintain excellent standards.

Company	Name of Boy
76J Boys' Brigade Company	Shawn Kaiser Bin Farhan

ii) Girls Brigade Award 2025 - Gold

Girls' Brigade 16th P Company has been conferred the **Gold Award** by The Girls' Brigade Singapore in recognition of their outstanding achievements this year. This accolade reflects the girls' strong commitment, leadership, and dedication in their service and CCA involvement.

In addition, we celebrate the individual accomplishments of several Girls who have attained the Junior and Pioneer Brigade Brooch, the highest awards in the Junior and Senior Programmes of The Girls' Brigade Singapore:

Company	Name of Girl	Award / Recognition
16 th P Company	Roseanne Gurung	Junior Brigader Brooch
	Eva Thapa	

Company	Name of Girl	Award / Recognition
16 th P Company	Prarambha Gurung	Junior Brigader Brooch
	Shashini	
	Kimberly Tan Xin Hui	

We warmly congratulate all our award recipients for their outstanding achievements, marked by a strong sense of responsibility and resilience. We also extend our sincere appreciation to our teachers and adult volunteers for their steadfast guidance and support.

iii) MOE Long Service Awards & Promotions

We would like to congratulate the following staff members for their dedicated service to the Ministry of Education and the school. Many have served for 5, 15, or even 40 years, and their commitment has made a lasting impact on our school community and the lives of our students.

We are also pleased to congratulate those who have been promoted to the next grade of service, a testament to their dedication, professionalism and valuable contributions to the school.

Name of Staff	Award / Recognition
Mr Chow Zhaoyu Jaden	Long Service Award (5 years)
Miss Zafirah Binte Abdullah	
Miss Ashwini Prasad Pillai	
Mrs Pandiyan	
Ms Paranjothy Joanne Denise	Long Service Award (10 years)
Mr Tan Hwa Hwa Andy	
Mdm Han Xiaoni (MKE)	
Mr Eng Yan Chen Alvyn	Long Service Award (15 years)
Mdm Liu Yusi	
Miss Ng Ying Mindy	Long Service Award (20 years)
Miss Lam Lai Ngor	Long Service Award (40 years)
Mdm Katherine Teo	Special Appreciation Award
Miss Victoria Niow	MOE Promotion
Mdm Goh Jia Xuan	
Mdm Gui Jean Ee	
Mdm Maybelline Kong	
Mdm Fikir Amin	
Mdm Shirley Lim	
Miss Nor Izawatty	
Mdm Glenice Goh	
Mdm Lucy Wong (EAS)	
Miss Noor Yasmeen Bensmeer (MKE)	

2. Updates in Staff Movement

We welcome the following staff who joined the school in March 2026:

Teacher	Miss Liu Zhe
Teacher	Mr Feng Zheng Yuan Jack
School Counsellor	Ms Ang Wen San

3. Citizenship and Character Education

For April, the 'Value of the Month' is **Respect**. Our foci are as follows:

Habit 5 Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood:

- I listen to others without interrupting
- I listen to other people's ideas and feelings
- I see things from the viewpoint of others
- I listen with my ears, my eyes and my heart

Habit 6 Synergize:

- I get along well with others, even people who are different from me

For Habit 5, they learn to listen attentively, value others' thoughts and feelings and appreciate different perspectives. And for Habit 6, they will learn the importance of working collaboratively with others and exploring creative ways to solve problems together.

At home, your encouragement makes a meaningful difference in helping your child practise these habits. By modelling respectful listening and creating opportunities for simple family conversations where everyone is invited to share ideas, you nurture their ability to appreciate others and work collaboratively. These everyday interactions gently reinforce what respect looks like in action and help your child grow in confidence and empathy.

4. Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC)

We warmly invite you to the Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) as a valuable mid-year pause to reflect on your child's growth, learning and overall well-being. This conversation offers a meaningful opportunity for us to connect, share insights and strengthen the partnership between home and school in supporting your child's journey.

We encourage students to attend the PTSC together with their parents or guardians at the allocated timeslot, so that they can be part of this shared conversation. They will need to be in the school uniform.

PTSC will be held via a hybrid mode on the following days, and you can opt for either mode:

Day/Date/Time	Mode of Meeting	Remarks
Thursday, 28 May 2026 1pm to 4.30pm	e-Meeting via MS Teams	Home-based learning for P1 to P6 - students will not attend school.

Day/Date/Time	Mode of Meeting	Remarks
Friday, 29 May 2026, 8.30am to 4.00pm	In person	There will be no lessons on that day. Students must be in school uniform when they attend the PTSC in person.

Booking slots for both Form Teachers and Mother Tongue Language Teachers (MTL) will be through Parents Gateway (PG).

You may start booking your preferred slot from 4 May 2026 to 15 May 2026. The details of the MS Teams e-Meeting on 28 May 2026 will be sent to you separately by the Form Teachers and Mother Tongue Teachers via Parents Gateway in May.

If there are specific areas you would like to discuss, we warmly encourage you to share them with your child's form teachers ahead of time so that the conversation can be as meaningful as possible. We also seek your kind understanding in keeping each conversation to about 15 minutes, so that all parents can have the opportunity to connect with the teachers.

Since 'Eat with Your Family' day is also on Friday, 29 May 2026, the PTSC will end by 4pm that day to enable our staff and students to return home early to connect with their family.

We would also like to remind parents that travel arrangements should be made during the designated school holidays, to minimise disruption to your child's learning.

5. 2026 PSLE Timetable

Below is a summary of the examination dates:

Date	Paper
Wednesday, 12 August 2026 & Thursday, 13 August 2026	Oral Examinations
Tuesday, 15 September 2026	Listening Comprehension Examination
Thursday, 24 September 2026 to Wednesday, 30 September 2026	Written Examinations

For more details, you may refer to [Annex P6](#).

6. Parents Support Group (PSG)

As parents, you are our important partners in education as we strive towards the holistic development of our students. Our PSG is an excellent platform for parents and guardians to collaborate with the school and contribute meaningfully through volunteering.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the parents who have stepped forward to serve on the PSG Exco. We deeply appreciate their willingness to give their time and energy in support of the school, and their partnership plays an important role in strengthening our community and enriching the experience for our students.

The Executive Committee (PSG EXCO) consists of the following parents:

Chairperson: Ms Thresiana Lie
Members: Ms Aileen Tan
Ms Hafiza Binte Yasir
Ms Hwee Chui Ngo
Mr Kyaw Zeya Kyaw (Nash)
Dr Poonam Nagar Singh
Ms Sambridhi Gurung

If you have not joined the PSG and would like to so, do indicate your interest in this form: <https://go.gov.sg/ftppspsgregistrationform>.

7. International Friendship Day – Fri, 10 April 2026

The school will be commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD) in the third week of Term 2. IFD offers our students the opportunity to:

1. Understand our region and the world;
2. Understand Singapore's view of the world; and
3. Foster people-to-people international friendships.

This year's theme, "*Singapore: Forging Friendships in a Complex World*," reflects the importance of working together globally to address challenges and seize new opportunities. As part of the observance, students will engage in activities introducing them to the cultures and traditions of ASEAN countries, helping to strengthen regional understanding, cooperation, and international friendship.

In conjunction with this commemoration, our school is delighted to host a group of students from Cornell Bilingual School in Taoyuan City, Taiwan, as part of their visit and immersion programme on the 8th and 9th of April. This timely exchange provides our students with a meaningful opportunity to interact and learn from one another, and appreciate diverse perspectives and cultures. More importantly, it underscores the value of building friendships and fostering mutual understanding in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

8. Earth Day – Wed, 22 April 2026

In conjunction with World Water Day (22 March 2026), Earth Day (22 April 2026), and Biodiversity Week (23–31 May 2026), the school will be organising activities to provide students with the opportunity to appreciate the importance of caring for the environment and understand the role each individual plays in protecting our planet.

9. Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS)

Please be informed that the Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS) will be implemented from 1 April 2026. This national initiative aims to increase the recycling of beverage containers, promote responsible recycling habits, and reduce contamination in recycling bins.

Under the scheme, eligible beverage containers (metal cans and plastic bottles between 150ml and 3L) will carry a 10-cent refundable deposit. Containers with a Deposit Mark can be returned at designated “Return Right” machines located at supermarkets and community spaces, where the deposit may be refunded digitally (e.g. via student concession cards).

Please note the following:

1. Only containers with the Deposit Mark are eligible for refund.
2. Containers should be emptied before return.
3. Containers should not be crushed.
4. Labels and barcodes should remain intact.

During the transition period from 1 April to 30 September 2026, both containers with and without the Deposit Mark may be available. However, only those with the Deposit Mark will be eligible for a refund.

Students are encouraged to support this initiative by adopting good recycling practices and playing their part in caring for the environment.

More information can be found on the NEA website.

10. School Activities (1 April 2026 to 29 May 2026)

The school will provide further details as necessary closer to the date, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Remarks
Fri, 3 April 2026	Public Holiday – Good Friday	All	
Mon, 6 April 2026	Start of P3 Swimsafer (Total of 8 sessions, every Monday)	P3	More details will be given on PG nearer the date
Fri, 10 April 2026	International Friendship Day	All	
Fri, 1 May 2026	Public Holiday – Labour Day	All	
Mon, 4 May 2026 to Fri, 15 May 2026	Modular Tests	All	
Tue, 19 May 2026 to Sun, 24 May 2026	Overseas Learning Journey to Shanghai & Suzhou	Selected P5 & P6 Students	
Thu, 28 May 2026	Home-based Learning (HBL)	All	
Fri, 29 May 2026	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC)	All	

Sat, 30 May 2026 to Sun, 28 June 2026	School Holiday*	All	
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*Please be informed that the General Office will operate from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. during the June holidays. Should you require any assistance, please feel free to contact the General Office during these hours.

We wish all our families a restful and meaningful long weekend as we observe Good Friday. May this time bring you peace, joy and quality moments with your loved ones.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jennifer Choy (Principal)
Mrs Cheryl Lim (VP)
Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)