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MEMO 6 of 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We extend our warmest greetings to you and hope this memo finds you in good health and spirits after a restful break. We are most happy to welcome your child back to school with open arms, and it was heartwarming to witness their eagerness to reconnect with their teachers and classmates. To all parents whose children have recently joined our school, we wholeheartedly welcome you to our school family.

The new semester brings fresh opportunities for learning, growth, and success, and we are excited to embark on this journey together. As we set our sights on the learning experiences in the coming months, we are thrilled to share that the second semester will be eventful and marked with exciting highlights. While our Primary 6 cohort is diligently preparing for the PSLE, there are numerous engaging activities that our students can look forward to. These include the highly anticipated the National Day and Teachers' Day celebrations, NE show and the P5 cohort camp, many of which promise to be enriching experiences for our students.

Speaking of our Primary 6 students, we are immensely proud of their commitment and dedication as they step up their efforts in preparation for the PSLE. Many of them have sought additional help in their weaker subjects, demonstrating their eagerness to achieve their personal best. As a school community, let us support and empower these students to put in their best efforts during this crucial period. May their hard work be rewarded, and may they surpass their own expectations. We want to also acknowledge and commend all our teachers and staff members for their relentless dedication and hard work in supporting our Primary 6 students. They have invested countless hours in lesson planning, tailored guidance, and mentoring to ensure our students receive the best possible education and support to thrive.

And parents, your continued support and involvement in your child's education are invaluable. Your encouragement, guidance, and unwavering belief in their abilities play a pivotal role in their academic and personal growth. We encourage open lines of communication between you, your child, and their teachers, as it plays a crucial role in your child's overall success. Together, let us foster an environment where our children can thrive academically and emotionally. Lastly, as we conclude this message, we would like to provide you with the following important updates:

1. Achievement, Affirmation and Appreciation

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students/teams for their outstanding achievements:

Name of Student / Team	Award / Recognition
Boys' Brigade	High Distinction for J M Fraser Award for Excellence 2024
Chinese Street Dance Competition	Bronze Award
Brownies	Puan Noor Aishah Award - Silver

Name of Staff	Award / Recognition
Mdm Gui Jean Ee	Asia Pacific Leadership Award for Unit Leaders

2. Character & Citizenship Education

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

Habit 1: Be Proactive: I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods.

Habit 4: Think Win-Win: When conflicts arise, I look for a win-win solution.

Habit 4: Think Win-Win: I can problem solve when an issue comes up with another person.

Habit 6: Synergize: I value other people's strengths and learn from them.

Habit 6: Synergize: I seek out other people's ideas because I know that by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than any one of us alone.

Habit 7: Sharpen The Saw: I take care of my body by eating right, exercising and getting sleep.

For more information on perseverance and building resilience, please refer to the following:

- [Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance](#)
- [How Is Resilience Built?](#)

3. Stretch and Support Schedule

The Stretch-Support-Supplementary (S3) Programme for Primary 3-6 will start from Week 1 of Term 3:

Level	Starting Date	Day
P3 & P4	26 June	Wednesdays
P5 & P6	24 June	Mondays and Wednesdays

4. Temperature Taking Exercise – Wed, 3 July 2024

A temperature-taking exercise is conducted at the start of each semester to ensure that students remain familiar with the procedures. For this semester, it will be conducted on **Wednesday, 3 July 2024**. Please ensure that your child/ward brings a working Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school for the pre-exercise check on **Tuesday, 2 July 2024**.

5. Tinkerlution Challenge – Fri, 12 July 2024

Students will take part in various interesting STEM-related activities that require them to apply thinking and problem-solving skills. They will also learn to apply 21st Century Competencies (21CC) and collaborate effectively in teams to develop the best solutions.

6. Racial Harmony Day – Fri, 19 July 2024

The theme for this year is Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic. Our students will learn more on how the different influences from the diverse cultures shaped Singapore's multi-cultural heritage.

7. Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight – Mon, 22 July 2024 to Fri, 26 July 2024

Part 2 of the Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight will take place this term from 22 July 2024 to 26 July 2024. Students will be engaged in various enriching experiences to deepen their connection to the language and culture.

8. P6 Preliminary Oral Examination – Mon, 22 July 2024 & Wed, 24 July 2024

The P6 will be having their Preliminary Oral Examinations on Monday, 22 July and Wednesday, 24 July 2024. P6 students will be informed of their estimated dismissal times closer to the date. The schedule will closely follow the PSLE sequence of testing to familiarise students with the actual flow of the PSLE Oral Examinations. Hence, students will be grouped into 2 sessions (Session 1 and Session 2) for each testing day, based on their PSLE arrangement.

- Session 1: After being tested, students will move to a Quarantine Room. They will be dismissed only when all Session 1 candidates have been tested and all Session 2 candidates are accounted for.
- Session 2: Students will be dismissed after being tested.

As most teachers will be involved in the examination, there will be NO afternoon classes, CCAs or enrichment activities for all levels. Exceptions are made only for the following:

- Monday 22 July: Diversity of Cells Science Workshop (P5 Integrity only)
- Wednesday 24 July: P5 Swimsafer Programme

9. Travel during Curriculum Time

Curriculum time is important, and students are strongly discouraged from taking leave during term time to go on holiday. Should your child/ward be absent without a reason deemed valid by the school, his/her attendance will be marked 'Absent Without Valid Reason'. In addition, teachers will not be obliged to provide make-up lessons or homework for students who go on holiday during curriculum time.

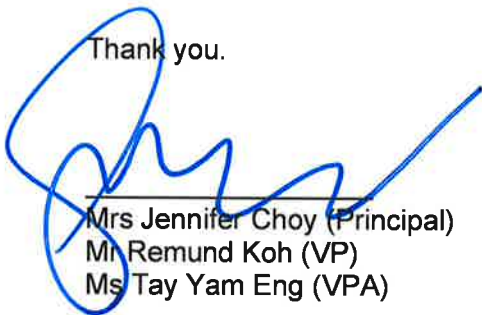
10. School Activities (Mon, 24 June 2024 – Sun, 18 August 2024)

Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Attachment/ Reply Slips
Wed, 26 June 2024 to Mon, 26 August 2024	P5 Swimsafer	P5	<i>Please refer to attachment ref. 108/2024 on Parents Gateway</i>
Thurs, 27 June 2024 to Fri, 5 July 2024	P3 Sports Education Programme	P3	<i>Please refer to attachment ref. 118/2024 on Parents Gateway</i>
Mon, 1 July 2024	School Holiday – Youth Day	All	
Tues, 2 July 2024	Pre-Exercise Check – Students are reminded to bring their Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT)	All	
Wed, 3 July 2024	Temperature Taking Exercise	All	
Sat, 6 July 2024	National Education Show 2	P5	<i>More details will be given on Parents Gateway nearer the date</i>
Fri, 12 July 2024	Tinkerlution Challenge	All	
Thurs, 18 July 2024 to Fri, 19 July 2024	P4 2D1N Outdoor Adventure Camp	P4	<i>More details will be given on Parents Gateway nearer the date</i>
Fri, 19 July 2024	Racial Harmony Day	All	
Mon, 22 July 2024 to Fri, 26 July 2024	Mother Tongue Language Fortnight	All students taking MTLs	

Mon, 22 July 2024 and Wed, 24 July 2024	P6 Preliminary Oral Examination	P6	
Mon, 29 July 2024	NAPFA Test	P4 & P6	<i>More details will be given on Parents Gateway nearer the date</i>
Mon, 5 August 2024	P6 Preliminary Listening Comprehension Examination	P6	
Thurs, 8 August 2024	National Day Celebration	All	
Fri, 9 August 2024	Public Holiday – National Day	All	
Wed, 15 August 2024 to Sat, 17 August 2024	P5 3D2N Outdoor Adventure Camp	P5	<i>More details will be given on Parents Gateway nearer the date</i>

We wish our students an enriching term ahead and thank all parents/guardians for your continual support in your children's learning and development.

Thank you.



Mrs Jennifer Choy (Principal)
Mr Remund Koh (VP)
Ms Tay Yam Eng (VPA)

