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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Warmest greetings to all of you.

August is a month of National Celebrations. We have much to learn from Singapore's history and development. Undaunted by her physical size, Singapore has developed into a respectable Garden City, with a collage of cultures and languages, coming together as One Singapore.

### **1. Citizenship and Character Education**

For August, the 'Value of the Month' is Responsibility. Our foci are as follows:

Habit 2: Begin With the End In Mind: I look for ways to be a good citizen.

Habit 1: Be Proactive: I take initiative.

To teach responsibility, social skills like listening and being prepared for class are practised across the whole school. In addition, school-wide programmes like Sparkling Canteen and Sparkling Classroom provide ample opportunities for students to practise and showcase their sense of responsibility. Refer to Annex A for more details on the social skills – listening and being prepared for class.

As we celebrate National Day, we remind our students about the importance of being responsible citizens. We review their lessons and experiences in events like Total Defence Day, NE Show and Racial Harmony Day, guiding them to actively seek opportunities to demonstrate good citizenship in their community.

### **2. National Day Celebration – Thurs, 8 August 2024**

We will be celebrating National Day on **Thursday, 8 August 2024**. This year's theme for National Day is "Together, As One United People". It highlights the collective strength of our people and underscores the importance of every citizen rallying together to share our future and uplift those around us.

The theme encapsulates the essence of our Nation's success and resilience. While the road ahead is uncertain, our strength lies within our diversity. It reflects the spirit of Inclusivity, Community and Trust that has enabled us to overcome and flourish in the last 59 years despite the challenges.

Students will wear their House T-shirts with school shorts/skirts and school shoes on that day.

School will function from 7.30am to 10.30am on Thursday, 8 August 2024. The dismissal time for the levels is as follows:

- P1 and P2 at 10.15am

- P3 to P6 at 10.30am

Light refreshments will be provided for the students. The school canteen stalls will not operate on Thursday, 8 August. Students are to bring their water bottles.

Students taking the school bus will be ferried back at 10.30am. The Student Care Centre will operate till 1.15pm.

Please note that **Friday, 9 August 2024** is a Public Holiday. School will resume on **Monday, 12 August 2024**.

### 3. P6 Preliminary Listening Comprehension Examination – Mon, 5 August 2024

The P6 Preliminary Listening Comprehension examination is scheduled for **Monday, 5 August 2024** from 1.30pm to 4.45pm. Candidates not taking Mother Tongue Languages will be dismissed at 3.30pm. All afternoon classes and activities will be cancelled for the day.

As most teachers will be involved in the examination, all afternoon activities for the other levels will be cancelled with the exception of the following:

- P3 and P4 SDR sessions

### 4. PSLE Oral Examination – Tues, 13 August 2024 and Wed, 14 August 2024

The PSLE Oral Examinations will be held from **Tuesday, 13 August 2024 to Wednesday, 14 August 2024**. P6 Students will be informed of their session groupings closer to the date. P1 to P5 students need not report to school on these days.

### 5. P3 Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Screening Exercise 2024 – Thurs, 15 August 2024

The Gifted Education Branch of the Ministry of Education is carrying out the identification of P3 students for the Gifted Education Programme 2024. The identification exercise is conducted in two stages – Screening and Selection. The Screening exercise will be held in the school on **Thursday, 15 August 2024**.

### 6. P6 Preliminary Written Examination – Thurs, 15 August 2024 to Wed, 21 August 2024

The P6 Preliminary Written Examinations will be held from **Thursday, 15 August 2024 to Wednesday, 21 August 2024**. The schedule of the papers is shown below:

Date	Subject
Thurs, 15 August 2024	English Language
Fri, 16 August 2024	Mathematics
Mon, 19 August 2024	Mother Tongue Language
Tues, 20 August 2024	Science
Wed, 21 August 2024	Higher Mother Tongue

## 7. Teachers' Day Celebrations – Tues, 27 August 2024 and Thurs, 29 August 2024

The school will celebrate Teachers' Day on Thursday, 29 August 2024. The Prefectorial Board will be putting together a simple programme consisting of performances and games in honour of our teachers. Students will wear their House T-shirts with school shorts/skirts and school shoes on that day.

**The school canteen stalls will not operate on Thursday, 29 August 2024.** Students are to bring their own snacks, water bottles, lesson materials (until 9 am) and stationery.

On Tuesday, 27 August 2024, all teachers will be hosted to a Teachers' Day Lunch. Students will be dismissed earlier on that day.

The school hours on Tuesday, 27 August 2024 and Thursday, 29 August 2024 are as follows:

Day / Date	Tues, 27 August 2024	Thurs, 29 August 2024
Reporting Time:	By 7.15am	By 7.15am
Dismissal Time:	12.00pm	P1 to P2 students – 10.15am P3 to P6 students – 10.30am

Kindly note the adjusted dismissal time for transport arrangements for your child. The Student Care Centre will operate as per normal on both days.

Please note that Teachers' Day falls on **Friday, 30 August 2024** which is a School Holiday. Student Care Center will be closed on this day. School will resume on **Monday, 9 September 2024**.

## 8. End-of-Year Examination – for P3 to P5 students only

Please refer to Annex B/C/D for the dates and durations of the End-of-Year Examination, as well as for the End-of-Year Examination topics and formats.

## 9. School Activities (Thurs, 1 August to Sun, 15 September 2024)

The following school activities will be held from Thursday, 1 August 2024 to Sunday, 15 September 2024. The school will provide further details as necessary, nearer the dates, otherwise the schedule below serves as a notification.

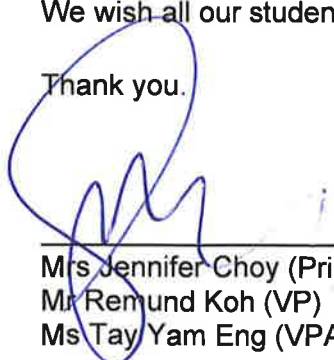
Date	Activities	Levels & Classes Involved	Attachment/ Reply Slips
Thurs, 1 August 2024	P2 Learning Journey to the National Orchid Garden	P2	<i>More details will be given on Parents Gateway</i>
Mon, 5 August 2024	P6 Preliminary Listening Comprehension Examination – Examination will be held in the afternoon	P6	
Thurs, 8 August 2024	National Day Celebration – <i>P1 &amp; P2 students will be</i>	All	

	<i>dismissed at 10.15am while the remaining students will be dismissed at 10.30am.</i>		
Fri, 9 August 2024	Public Holiday – National Day	All	
Tues, 13 August 2024 to Wed, 14 August 2024	P6 PSLE Oral Examination	P6	
	P1 to P5 students need not report to school	P1 to P5	
Thurs, 15 August 2024	P1 Learning Journey to Jacob Ballas Children's Garden	P1	<i>More details will be given on Parents Gateway nearer the date</i>
Thurs, 15 August 2024	P3 GEP Screening Exercise	P3	<i>Details provided to parents on Parents Gateway on 19 Feb 2024 and 16 July 2024</i>
Thurs, 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>
Thurs, 15 August 2024 to Wed, 21 Aug 2024	P6 Preliminary Written Examination	P6	
Tues, 20 August 2024	P5 Social Studies Learning Journey to Indian Heritage Centre	P5	
Tues, 27 August 2024	Teachers' Day Celebration - Students will be dismissed at 12pm	All	
Thurs, 29 August 2024	Teachers' Day Celebration - Students will be dismissed at 10.30am.	All	
Fri, 30 August 2024	School Holiday – Teachers' Day	All	
Sat, 31 August 2024 to Sun, 8 September 2024	September School Holidays	All	

Fri, 13 September 2024	P6 PSLE Listening Comprehension	P6	
	P1 to P5 students need not report to school	P1 to P5	

We wish all our students and their families a Happy 59<sup>th</sup> National Day.

Thank you.



Mrs Jennifer Choy (Principal)  
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