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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 would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lu Yi Zhe for receiving The Boy's Brigade Best Boy Award (Tan Boon Chiang Medal) 2025 in recognition of his exceptional contributions. This award recognises outstanding Boys' Brigade members who demonstrate exceptional leadership, serve as role models to their peers, and maintain excellent standards.

Name of Student	Award / Recognition
Lu Yi Zhe	The Boy's Brigade Best Boy Award (Tan Boon Chiang Medal) 2025

We would like to congratulate Mr Alvyn Eng for receiving the Excellence in Teaching Commendation 2024 in recognition of teaching excellence. This award conferred by the National Institute of Education recognizes the dedication and achievements of faculty members who display excellent teaching practices and enrich the learning experiences of their students.

Name of Staff	Award / Recognition
Mr Alvyn Eng	Excellence in Teaching Commendation 2024

We would like to extend our deep appreciation to the following staff members for their dedicated services to the Ministry of Education and school. Many have served 5, 10 or even 25 years and their tireless work has not only touched countless lives but has also paved the way for a brighter tomorrow. We want to commend them for their passion and steadfast commitment to nurturing the future generations.

Name of Staff	Award / Recognition
Mrs Jennifer Choy	Long Service Award
Mr Goh Kai Yang, Timothy	

Mdm Stephanie Toh Bao Zhen	
Mdm Ng Xin Yee Lydia (Huang Xinyi)	
Mr Noel Goh Guan Hock	
Mdm Fikir Amin Binti Md Said	
Mdm Lim Ming Yuek Shirley	
Mr Wong Ngian Khee	
Ms Ang Mei Ling	
Ms Lee Jo-Anne	

We would like to congratulate our staff who are promoted to the next grade of service. Their hard work and contributions to the school have been invaluable and they well deserve the recognition:

Name of Staff	Award / Recognition
Miss Seng Siok Kuan Anne	MOE Promotion
Miss Chia Hui Siang	
Mdm Chiam Pick Ling Janet	
Mdm Whey Ai Ling Rina	
Mr Joel Prathiev Vinson	
Mdm Siti Nur Radhiahtun Bte M S	
Mdm Liu Yusi	
Mdm Ng Xin Yee Lydia (Huang Xinyi)	
Mr Tan Hwa Hwa Andy	
Miss Nurul Irdina Binte Agos Sadi	
Mrs Balaraman Deepa	
Mr Ignatius Mario Doli Sentosa	
Miss Saleha Ahmadi Binte Mirza Quayam Ali	
Miss Ashwini Prasad Pillai	
Mdm Nurul'Ain Farhanah Binte Abdul Halim	
Ms. Stephanie Toh Bao Zhen	
Miss Tan Xiao Hui	
Mdm Jainah Binte Basir	
Mdm Athena Goh Si Yun	

2. Updates in Staff Movement

We would like to welcome the following staff who joined the school in March 2025.

Teacher	Ms Nowell Ng
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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

Respect means caring for the dignity of others in what one says or does. In line with that, students are taught social skills like using an appropriate voice level and listening. These skills are essential to Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood and Habit 6: Synergize

For resources on Habit 5 and Habit 6, please refer the videos found in Annex A-1.

4. International Friendship Day – Fri, 11 April 2025

The school will be commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD) in the third week of Term 2. IFD is an opportunity for our students 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, the theme for IFD is **Singapore: Forging Friendships in a Complex World**. The rapidly evolving global landscape offers Singapore both opportunities and challenges. International cooperation remains vital for us to address global issues collectively and seize new opportunities. By fostering an appreciation of different cultures and perspectives, students will be better equipped to contribute to a cohesive and globally connected society.

Our youth can forge meaningful connections with our neighbours and help Singapore to remain relevant in a complex world. In addition, they can embrace openness and opportunities for international cooperation, while deepening their understanding of Singapore's geopolitical realities and national interests.

In collaboration with the Parents Support Group, we have planned activities during recess to help our students to be acquainted with the diverse and colourful cultures and traditions of ASEAN and nurture in them the spirit of friendship and collaboration.

5. Earth Day – Tues, 22 April 2025

Many activities will be organized to mark World Water Day (22 March 2025), Earth Day (22 April 2025) and Biodiversity Week (24 May 2025 to 1 June 2025). The purpose of these activities is to help our students understand the importance of everyone playing a part in protecting the environment.

6. Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC)

We would like to invite you to the PTSC to discuss your child's holistic development and foster a stronger home-school partnership. Students should attend the PTSC with their

parents/guardians at the allocated timeslot. Students must be in full school uniform when they attend the PTSC in person.

This year, the 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, 29 May 2025	1.30pm to 4.00pm	e-Meeting via MS Teams	The school dismissal for P1, P2 and P6 levels will be at 12pm. Home-based learning for P3, P4 and P5 levels; students will not attend school. [Refer to booking information below]
Friday, 30 May 2025	8.00am to 4.00pm	In person	There will be no lessons on that day. However, students should attend the PTSC with their parents/guardians at the allocated timeslot. Your child/ward should be in his full uniform. [Refer to booking information below]

The details of the booking information for **PTSC** are as follows:

Day/Date	Time	Mode of Meeting	Meeting with Form Teachers	Meeting with Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Teachers	Booking Date
Thursday, 29 May 2025	1.30pm to 4.00pm	e-Meeting via MS Teams	Book a slot via PG	Book a slot via PG	Book a slot via Parents Gateway (PG) 2 May 2025 - 15 May 2025
Friday, 30 May 2025	8.00am to 4.00pm	In person	Book a slot via PG	Book a slot via PG	

You may start booking your preferred slot from 2 May 2025 to 15 May 2025. The details of the MS Teams e-Meeting on 29 May 2025 will be sent to you separately by the Form Teachers and Mother Tongue Teachers via Parents Gateway in May 2025.

We ask for your understanding and co-operation to keep your conversation with the teachers to within 15 minutes to allow other parents to also have the chance to meet with the teachers.

As the designated 'Eat with Your Family' day is also on Friday, 30 May 2025, the PTSC will end by 4pm that day to enable our staff and students to return home early.

7. 2025 PSLE Timetable

The 2025 PSLE Timetable is attached in Annex P6. [Information is taken publicly from Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) Website, with a link from MOE website]

Below is a summary of the examination dates:

Date	Paper
Wednesday, 13 August 2025 & Thursday, 14 August 2025	Oral Examinations
Tuesday, 16 September 2025	Listening Comprehension Examination
Thursday, 25 September 2025 to Wednesday, 1 October 2025	Written Examinations

8. Changes to School Uniform with effect from 2026

We would like to keep you informed of the upcoming changes made to our school uniform, with effect from next year. These would include a redesigned PE T-shirt and school shirt/blouse, both featuring our new school crest. Additionally, the current skirt will be replaced with a more practical skirt for female students.

The new uniform will be available for purchase starting in September 2025. To ease the transition, a gradual phase-in period will allow parents ample time to make the switch.

9. 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 will have the opportunity to collaborate with the school and contribute through volunteering.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our PSG Executive Committee (PSG EXCO), and they are:

Chairperson: Ms Thresiana Lie
Members: Ms Aileen Tan
Ms Sambridhi Gurung
Ms Hafiza Binte Yasir

We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the parent volunteers who had taken time to volunteer in our recent school programmes – Total Defence Day Commemoration, Sports for All, Hari Raya Pop-up Exhibition and P3 Interdisciplinary Learning Journey to the Singapore Zoo.

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

10. School Activities (1 April 2025 to 30 May 2025)

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	Attachment/ Reply Slips
Wed, 2 April 2025	Hari Raya Celebration	All	
Mon, 7 April 2025	Start of P3 Swimsafer (8 sessions)	P3	More details will be given on PG nearer the date
Wed, 9 April to Fri, 11 April 2025	P5 3D2N Outdoor Adventure Camp	P5	<i>More details will be given on PG nearer the date.</i>
Fri, 11 April 2025	International Friendship Day (IFD activities will be carried out throughout Week 3)	All	
Fri, 18 April 2025	Public Holiday – Good Friday	All	
Thurs, 1 May 2025	Public Holiday – Labour Day	All	
Mon, 5 May 2025 to Fri, 16 May 2025	Modular Tests	P3 to P5	
Mon, 12 May 2025	Public Holiday – Vesak Day	All	
Wed, 14 May 2025	P5 Language & Cultural Camp	P5 students taking MTL	2pm to 4pm
Thurs, 29 May 2025	Home-based Learning Day	P3, P4 and P5 only	P3, P4 and P5 students do not attend school on that day.
Thurs, 29 May 2025	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) via MS Teams	All	1.30pm to 4.00pm
Fri, 30 May 2025	Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC) in person	All	8.00am to 4.00pm

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jennifer Choy', written over a horizontal line.

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

